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Ocean County Library's "Dive into YA" Virtual Author Series To Welcome New Jersey's Megan McCafferty

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TOMS RIVER – Ocean County native Megan McCafferty, creator of the best-selling "Jessica Darling" series, will take part in the Ocean County Library's "Dive Into YA: It's Not Just for Teens" virtual author chats, 6 PM Thursday, July 8.

The discussion series aims to show how real issues, vivid writing, diverse characters and imaginative concepts propel Young Adult literature beyond traditional age categories.

Ms. McCafferty published two novels in 2020, *Be True to Your Selfie* and *The Mall*. Her literature has been translated into 14 languages.

The "Jessica Darling" series is being reissued this year to mark its 20th anniversary. The initial title, *Sloppy Firsts*, was adapted to the stage by the Roundhouse Theater in 2018.

The first volume of the middle-grade prequel series that debuted in 2013 became the Netflix production *Jessica Darling's It List*, starring Chloe East.

The series is presented in partnership with Booktowne, Manasquan, NJ. Attendees will receive a 10% discount for Booktowne that can be used through their website.

Registration for this free program is required at www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events. Registrants will receive a link by email to join the program.

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Megan McCafferty

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