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Trailblazing Female Aviators to Take Spotlight at Ocean County Library Toms River Branch

TOMS RIVER – To mark Aviation History Month, the Ocean County Library Toms River Branch is pleased to present historian Carol Simon Levin's presentation, "Nobody Owns the Sky: Fascinating Stories of Forgotten Female Aviators," 6:30 PM Tuesday, November 29.

Levin will portray Elinor Smith Sullivan, who at age 16 in 1928 became the youngest licensed pilot in America. Smith achieved fame as a test pilot, and for setting speed, altitude and endurance records.

Amelia Earhart is the enduring symbol of daring women who took to the skies in the 1920s and '30s. Their audacious acrobatic aerial maneuvers, solos across the English channel, barnstorming, and buzzing beneath New York's bridges ensured a place in aviation for succeeding generations of women.

Carol Simon Levin, a professional storyteller and independent historian, specializes in portrayals of "fascinating women history forgot." She is the author of *Remembering the Ladies: From Patriots in Petticoats to Presidential Candidates*.

Levin holds a BA in history, focusing on women's history and the history of technology, from Cornell University, and a Masters in Library Services from the University of Arizona.

Registration at www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events is required for this free program. The Toms River Branch is located at 101 Washington Street. For more information, visit the Branch or call (732) 349-6200.

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