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Multimedia Concert 'Harlem Grooves' Coming to Ocean County Library Brick Branch

BRICK TOWNSHIP – Time-travel back to the Harlem Renaissance era during "Harlem Grooves," a multimedia concert performance by Philadelphia-based Key Arts Productions, 2 PM Saturday, February 11, at the Ocean County Library Brick Branch.

The presentation, in honor of Black History Month, will depict the blossoming of African American culture during the literary and arts movement that emerged in uptown Manhattan and grew to national importance during the 1920s.

The lively narratives, projected videos, and live music highlight notable people of letters including Langston Hughes, Jean Toomer, and Zora Neal Hurston, sculptor Augusta Savage, visual artists Romare Bearden, Aaron Douglas, and others, and music legends such as Duke Ellington, Billie Holiday, Louis Armstrong, Fats Waller, and Cab Calloway.

On its <u>website</u>, Key Arts Productions outlines its mission as "to create quality programming that inspires, challenges, and enriches the lives of our viewers, on stage and in the classroom." Its more than 20 presentations celebrate diversity through iconic figures in world culture, civil and women's rights, politics, and the arts.

Please register at www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events to attend this free program, sponsored by a generous donation from the Ocean County Library Foundation. For more information, visit the Brick Branch, 301 Chambers Bridge Road, or call (732) 477-4513.

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