

## OCEAN COUNTY LIBRARY

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## Learn 'Hidden Dangers' of Special Needs Individuals: POAC Program at Ocean County Library Brick Branch

**BRICK TOWNSHIP** – Families, guardians, parents, and professionals who interact with children and adults with autism, developmental challenges, and special needs can discover effective safety steps at the Ocean County Library Brick Branch, 6:30 PM Monday, March 20.

Brick Township-based POAC's "Hidden Dangers" program will offer potentially-lifesaving information and recommendations for a wide range of special needs and independence levels, including:

- Wandering how to address it, and use of high-tech tracking devices
- Home and classroom modifications
- Emergency and disaster preparedness and fire safety practices
- Personal safety regarding sexuality, the Internet, and bullying
- Behavioral interventions such as social stories, visual cues, activity schedules
- School and transportation matters
- Ongoing support and assistance resources

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Please register at <u>www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events</u> to attend this free program. The Brick Branch is located at 301 Chambers Bridge Road. For more details, call, (732) 477-4513.

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