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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## Ocean County Library Barnegat Branch to Present Pushcart Players' *Cuentos de Árbol*

**BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP** – The Ocean County Library Barnegat Branch is pleased to host the New Jersey Theater Alliance's Pushcart Players presentation, *Cuentos de Árbol,* at 1 PM Saturday, April 1.

Cuentos de Árbol is designed for youngsters aged 3 to 12, bringing Spanish heritage to life, and engaging families and individuals for whom English is a second language.

At the center of a story is a tree that has sheltered, shielded and nurtured countless passers-by over many years. The tree's caretaker, Arbolita, shares its stories with Tomás, a storyteller seeking new tales for his collection.

The tales include "The Garden of the Golden Oranges," "Brothers Who Were Both Wise and Foolish," "Juan Bobo (Silly John)," and "Caperucita Roja (Little Red Riding Hood)," with a spirited finale to send viewers home with "dancing feet, clapping hands and happy hearts."

This event is part of the <u>New Jersey Theater Alliance 2023 Stages Festival</u>, made possible by support from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts; The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey; Oceanfirst Foundation; Fund for the New Jersey Blind; New Jersey Manufacturers; and Customers Bank. See more about the Festival at <a href="https://www.njtheatrealliance.org/stages">www.njtheatrealliance.org/stages</a>.

The Stages Festival, New Jersey's largest theater festival for all ages, takes place annually in March, April and May, with more than 70 live and virtual performances, workshops, classes, and events designed to encourage interest in professional theaters through affordability, accessibility, and fun.

Please register at <a href="www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events">www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events</a> to attend this free program. For more information, visit the OCL Barnegat Branch, 12 Burr Street, or call (609) 698-3331. See the full schedule of the Stages Festival at <a href="www.njtheatrealliance.org/stages">www.njtheatrealliance.org/stages</a>.

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