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### Time-Travel Through Popular Music with Phil Bruschi at The Ocean County Library



**TOMS RIVER** – Tin Pan Alley, stage and screen soundtracks, teen idols, pop icons – [Phil Bruschi](#)'s performances will stir warm memories of timeless American popular songs and singers during the month of May at eight Ocean County Library branches.

- **“The Unforgettable Nat ‘King’ Cole”** – 2 PM Monday, May 1, Point Pleasant Boro Branch, 834 Beaver Dam Road, (732) 295-1555. Recall the legendary singer’s warm baritone and rise to stardom through tunes such as *Mona Lisa*, *Nature Boy*, and more.
- **“As Time Goes By: A Tribute to the Best Movie Songs”** – 2 PM Wednesday, May 3, Upper Shores Branch, 112 Jersey City Avenue, Lavallette, (732) 793-3996. Hear songs chosen as among the best by the American Film Institute, including *Moon River*, *The Way We Were*, and *Over the Rainbow*, and enjoy music trivia.
- **Friends Adventure: “The Bobby Darin Story”** – 2 PM Friday, May 5, Stafford Branch, 129 North Main Street, Manahawkin, (609) 597-3381. Discover Darin’s dynamic range of pop, rock, folk, and country, and learn how he conquered recordings, films, television, and nightclubs. Sponsored by the Friends of the Stafford Library.

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- **“Up Tempo: Big Band Standards”** – 2 PM Saturday, May 6, Long Beach Island Branch, 217 South Central Avenue, Surf City, (609) 494-2480. Revel in songs that thrilled everyone from bobbysoxers to teenyboppers, made famous by such as Frank Sinatra, Michael Bublé, Harry Connick, Jr., and many others.
- **“Neil Diamond: Singer, Songwriter”** – 2 PM Tuesday, May 9, Barnegat Branch, 112 Burr Street, (609) 698-3331. Explore more than 45 years in the life and art of the Brooklyn Baritone, performer and author songs that have sold over 125 million copies worldwide, and whose concerts have drawn millions of fans.
- **“Melodies of Bobby Vinton & Engelbert Humperdinck”** – 2 PM Saturday, May 13, Toms River Branch, 101 Washington Street, (732) 349-6200. Experience the successes and struggles of two of popular music’s most polished, romantic singers, and hear their triumphs including *Blue Velvet*, *Mister Lonely*, *Release Me*, *The Last Waltz*, and more.
- **“I Wanna Be Around: The Talented Tony Bennett”** – 2 PM Tuesday, May 16, Plumsted Branch, 119 Evergreen Road, New Egypt, (609) 758-7888. Marvel at the rags-to-riches story and songs of the most indomitable talent in music, and follow his career arc from its heights in the ‘50s through its resurgence in the MTV generation.
- **“The Day the Music Died”** – 2 PM Wednesday, May 17, Point Pleasant Beach Branch, 710 McLean Avenue, (732) 892-4575. Relive the glory years of artists taken from us too soon, including Buddy Holly, Richie Valens, the Big Bopper, Jim Croce, Harry Chapin, John Lennon, and Rick Nelson.

Known for decades as a multi-talented singing jazz and rock drummer, Phil moved to center stage with a unique style of tunes and tales known as “Edu-tain-Ment.” He has taught at the University of North Carolina and remains involved in continuing education. Fans old and new stay current with Phil through his [website](#), [YouTube](#) catalog, and [Facebook](#).

Please register at [www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events](http://www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events) to attend any of these free programs. For more information, visit any participating Library branch, or call (732) 349-6200.

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