The Joseph H. Vicari Sensory Space at the Toms River Branch provides a calm, relaxing atmosphere designed to relieve stress and anxiety. The equipment within the Space is visually stimulating, tactile, soothing, and interactive. It is a welcoming space to all members of our community.

Innovative features include:
• IRiS Musical Touch Wall
• IRiS Qube and IRiS Recordable Speaker
• Sensory Canopy
• LED Illuminators
• LED Play Light Cube
• LED Chromatherapy Fiber Optic Softie Sensory Beanbag Chair
• Fiber Optic Color-Changing Light Waterfall
• Vibroacoustic Long Easy Chair
• Colorful Crawley Mat with Matching Cubes

For more information, see page 7.
A Message from the Director

In 2021, Ocean County Library continued to further our mission of Connecting People, Building Community and Transforming Lives during the second year of the global COVID-19 pandemic. Our library staff worked in creative and innovative ways to live our library values of Community, Respect, Integrity, Excellence and Customer Service to connect our community with library services, ease isolation and bring joy and happiness to people.

Ocean County Library not only reestablished library services in 2021, but we expanded library services. This included expanding library service hours at our library branches by 3,848 hours annually over previous years; becoming a “Fine Free” Library; writing a winning proposal that was awarded $4.8 million dollars to build a new Stafford Library branch in the second round of the New Jersey State Library Construction Bond Act grant; celebrating the grand opening of our new Sensory Space, the first of its kind in New Jersey; continuing to further Discover Ocean County Library: An Education Initiative; running a successful Summer Reading program “Tales and Tails”; easing senior isolation and bridging the digital divide through innovative new programs and services; and providing unique programs and events at all library branches both virtual and in-person.

Ocean County Library staff shared a quote with me by the writer Ryūnosuke Akutagawa that goes “Individually we are one drop, together we are the ocean.” They explained the meaning of this as follows:

You are part of something greater than yourself.  
Yet without you, we’d be less, just as the ocean is less without each drop.  
It takes our combined skills, talents, and intelligence to be all we can be.  
Together we make a powerful difference.  
Let’s make waves!

I could not be prouder of our Ocean County Library staff and their unwavering and dedicated service to our community.

Welcome

It is an honor and privilege to serve as Chair of the Library Commission, and I continue to be extremely proud of the Library staff members who work tirelessly to provide such vital resources to the various communities within Ocean County. Ocean County Library always evolves with the ever-changing needs of the community, offering so many wonderful things, such as digital resources, outstanding programming and events, a comprehensive Sensory Space, support for our educators through the Education Initiative, and community partnerships, just to name a few. Ocean County Library exemplifies their mission statement of Connecting People, Transforming Lives, Building Community in everything they do. The past few years have proven to be exceedingly difficult facing the Covid-19 epidemic, and dealing with the aftermath of such a tumultuous time in our nation’s history. Every member of the Ocean County Library team has stepped up to play such a huge part in keeping the Library, and in turn, the community, at the forefront of innovation and perseverance during these times. I look forward to the future and seeing what remarkable things continue to emerge from Ocean County Library.
The governing body for Ocean County Library is the seven-member Ocean County Library Commission. Commissioners are unpaid volunteers, appointed for 5-years, who are responsible for the oversight of Library funds, property, and equipment, as well as determining the policies and rules governing Library services in promotion of the Library’s interests.

I am proud to serve as liaison to Ocean County Library. Our librarians and staff are an essential and talented part of the communities they serve. Our libraries truly offer something for everyone, from books and movies to digital services and a therapeutic sensory space for all of our residents.
Fine Free

This year, Ocean County Library was thrilled to join the vanguard among library systems nationwide, in instituting a fine-free policy.

“Eliminating overdue fines makes the experience of coming to the library much more enjoyable for both customers and staff. We welcome our entire community into the library to borrow materials and enjoy them.”

–Sara Siegler
Ocean County Library Assistant Director

“Our Ocean County residents are very responsible about taking care of their Library books and materials and returning them. As a result, the Ocean County Library Commission decided to make the suspension of late fines permanent.”

–Susan Quinn
Ocean County Library Director
“Nothing is more important to the Library than maintaining a healthy relationship with patrons. Saying ‘farewell to fines’ is another step in the right direction.”

–Ruthanne Scaturro
Ocean County Library Commission Chair

“It will make using our services more convenient for our patrons who lead busy lives, and for those living with limited resources.”

–Christopher Mullins
Ocean County Library Commission Vice Chair
Expansion of Library Services and Resources

Expanded Library Hours
In 2021, Ocean County Library expanded open hours by 3,848 per year, providing additional access to in-house library services to the communities in which we serve.

Museum Pass Program
The following 5 museums were added to our Museum Pass Program in 2021:

• Battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial
• Newark Museum of Art
• New-York Historical Society Museum and Library
• The Jewish Museum
• The Historic Village at Allaire
On July 21, 2017, Governor Chris Christie signed the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act, P.L. 2017, c. 149, which authorized the issuance of $125 million in general obligation bonds to finance capital projects at public libraries. The State Library developed the rules to implement the Act for the construction, reconstruction, extension, improvement, and furnishing of New Jersey’s public libraries.

In 2021, Ocean County Library applied for $4,824,000 in funding in Round Two of the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act to build a new Stafford Library with the County of Ocean and the support of Stafford Township. Round Two of the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act passed both the Assembly and the Senate on January 10, 2022. It was signed by Governor Phil Murphy on January 12, 2022. The second round of funding for the Library Construction Bond Act allocated $37 million to 36 library projects from 13 counties across New Jersey, including $4,824,000 in matching grant funds for the construction of a new Stafford Library.

The construction of a new Stafford Branch of the Ocean County Library will provide needed social infrastructure in southern Ocean County for library services, community partnerships and interpersonal connections to support population growth and to provide resiliency in times of natural disasters and emergencies. The new library will be 19,700 s.f. and built on land owned by the County of Ocean located at the nexus of state roads serving as coastal evacuation routes. The library will serve as the community anchor in the Ocean County Southern Service Center complex and have a full-building generator, needed community spaces, state-of-the art technologies, public computers, shelving for 40-50% more books and new services including teen area, study rooms, maker space and sensory space.
Sensory Space Grand Opening

The Joseph H. Vicari Sensory Space officially opened to the public on September 1, 2021. Created for people of all ages and abilities but primarily for those with sensory processing challenges, the Sensory Space provides a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere for all members of our community. “The purpose of creating this space is to provide an environment that develops the senses, encourages communication and social interactions, relieves stress and anxiety, and produces a feeling of calm and well-being,” said Sara Siegler, Assistant Library Director.

Many patrons have said that a visit to the Library now also includes a visit to the Sensory Space and it is becoming an integral part of a productive and enjoyable experience while at the Toms River Branch.

The success of the space is evident, and is echoed in the words of Ocean County Commissioner Joseph Vicari: “The Ocean County Library is a leader in recognizing a need and addressing it in an effort to make sure the library is a place that everyone can visit.”

Front Row – Library Commissioner Bonnie R. Peterson, Library Commission Chair Ruthanne Scaturro, Library Assistant Director Sara Siegler.

Back Row – Ocean County Commissioner Joseph H. Vicari, Director of the Ocean County Board of Commissioners Gary Quinn, Library Legal Counsel Ed Feury, Esq., Library Foundation member Douglas J. Hull, Esq., Library Commissioner Paul F. Wolleon, Library Commissioner Henry J. Mancini, Library Director Susan Quinn.
Podcasts

Podcasts became the Library’s newest method of internet-based engagement with the debut of “OCL Sound Waves” on Spotify. Library staffers presented discussions that focused on new literature, OCL archives, crafts, films, COVID-19, sports, aging, video gaming, mental health and more, and introduced listeners to novelists, illustrators, health experts, artists, collectors, and community leaders. From its April inception through the end of 2021, “OCL Sound Waves” amassed 1,243 plays among 41 podcasts, drawing audiences in the US and Europe.

Temple Grandin

On April 17, Dr. Temple Grandin presented the keynote address at the library’s annual Autism Resources Fair, held virtually in 2021.

“Dr. Grandin, who was diagnosed with autism at an early age, is an inspiration to individuals with autism and their caregivers,” said Wendi Smolowitz, Co-Chair of the Library’s Autism Resources Committee. “Like many people with autism, she was a late speaker, experienced behavioral issues, and was uncertain in social situations. Today, she is a widely-respected autism advocate, designer of livestock handling facilities, and a Professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University.

“In sharing her story with the Ocean County Library community, Dr. Grandin helped us achieve the goal of the Fair – which is to demonstrate that given the proper resources, those with developmental disabilities have the opportunity to live their best, most-fulfilling lives.”

Sponsored by OceanFirst Foundation Arts and Cultural Grant and the Ocean County Library Foundation.
Senior Services proved to have an exciting year that included the implementation of several new initiatives and community partnerships, as well as the resumption of delivery services to 38 life care centers in Ocean County.

The department conducted two system-wide awareness campaigns, Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and National Family Caregivers Month.

Ocean County Library partnered with The Alzheimer's Association to offer a virtual community forum to learn firsthand what resources are available and what is needed for caregivers of those with Alzheimer's and Dementia.

The partnership with Meals on Wheels of Ocean County was revitalized in 2021, which allowed Ocean County Library's Books by Mail services to be offered to Meals on Wheels clients. The department also worked closely with the Ocean County Office of Senior Services to coordinate Medicare Counseling and Enrollment Sessions at five branches, and worked with the Ocean County Health Department to distribute 560 Senior Wellness Kits among the Library Branches.

Homebound and Volunteer Services and Collections collaborated to establish a community collection of CDs and DVDs at the life care centers we serve.
Hotspot and Chromebook Lending launched in September.

In September 2021 OCL started a pilot program, lending Chromebooks and Hotspots for a 4 week borrowing limit via word of mouth only. The library decided not to do a PR campaign, looking instead to attract only those library customers who regularly seek out technology assistance at their local branch. Throughout the system, there are 75 Chromebooks and 150 Hotpots available. The Ocean County Library Foundation provided $10,000 toward the funding of this project.

>This project was funded in part by a generous donation from the Ocean County Library Foundation.
Discover Ocean County Library: An Education Initiative is an ongoing partnership between Ocean County Library and our schools. Our goal is to put a library card in the hand of every student and to better serve the curriculum needs of educators, students, and their families. Our librarians can provide professional development hours for educators. We can also visit classrooms to promote reading and demonstrate online resources for research and enrichment. These resources are free to access with your library card.
Ocean County Library hosted a season full of excitement and fun, while keeping readers of all ages entertained and reading with the 2021 Summer Reading Theme, Tails & Tales. Readers had the opportunity to track their books through the Beanstack app and were then entered to win some great prizes.

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In 2021, Teen Services hosted Dive into YA: It’s Not Just for Teens, A Virtual Author Series. Aimed at educators, parents, and teens, this series introduced attendees to 17 well-known authors in the world of Young Adult Literature. The international authors, of diverse backgrounds, and writing genres, spoke upon their writing process, their work, and held Q & A sessions with the audiences. Among those participating were notable, New York Times Best Selling authors, A.S. King, Steve Sheinkin, Julie Murphy, and Ibi Zoboi.
With the absence of most in-person programming, Ocean County Library staff found creative ways to fill the gap. One of these ways was to offer Take & Make projects for adults, teens, and children. These projects were designed to be useful, novel and decorative.

During the month of January, patrons had choices among 45 “Take & Make” projects available at Ocean County Library branches.
Noteworthy Stats of 2021

1,063,609
Library Visits

4,470
Library events held in 2021

803,706
Website Visits
10,280
Library Programs Held in 2021

940,316
Reference Questions Answered

Our Facebook page reached 10,000 lifetime Likes on July 17
National Pet Day

With an incredible response from Ocean County Library’s community, staff compiled adorable pet photo submissions from patrons to celebrate National Pet Day and Dress Your Pet Day. Nearly 100 patrons submitted photos to share their cute companions on social media to reach over 2000 viewers.

We asked our followers to submit photos of their favorite furry, feathery and scaly friends, and they did not disappoint. Here are just some of the wonderful photos that we featured on our social media.
You’re One in a Million

On Friday, April 16, all branches celebrated “You’re One in a Million” – A recognition of our one-millionth self-check kiosk use since the re-opening of our library branches in July 2020 after the Coronavirus closure earlier in the year. At each branch location, a customer was surprised with an OCL goody bag and a commemorative “One in a Million” thank you certificate. Thank you to Ocean County Library’s customers for supporting the library during these challenging times.
Getting Social with OCL

1,244 combined hours of video were watched on YouTube and Facebook

In 2021, 1,084 posts were made on Facebook
- Total Reach: 1,125,435
- Total Shares: 3,839
- Total Likes: 15,278
- Total Comments: 1,056

Top performing Facebook post in 2021?
Fine-Free Announcement with 14,360 reach!
- It was also the most shared (113), liked (632), and commented (93)

Our YouTube Channel had 38,905 impressions in 2021, a 76% increase from 2020
OCL is on Social Media!

Ocean County Library
@oceancountylibrarynj
@oceancountylib
@oceancountylib
@oclNJ
/oclvideo
OCL Sound Waves
Branch Moments

Barnegat Branch
Black History Month was honored with a virtual program on YouTube about the life and accomplishments of traffic light inventor, Garret Morgan. This program received more than 1,400 views.

Island Heights Branch
In early July of 2021, the Island Heights Branch was able to offer its first in-person program since the pandemic, Stories in the Park. Children, parents, and caregivers were able to reconnect at a local park for songs, stories, dancing, and lots of library giveaways.

Jackson Branch
Staff members attended Jackson Night Out on August 3. They connected with new patrons, gave out library card applications, and distributed giveaways to over 250 people.

Lacey Branch
A staff member created a virtual program titled, Adinkra Symbols and Meanings, where viewers learned about West African culture. This YouTube video has over 3,300 views.
Little Egg Harbor Branch
A Little Egg Harbor staff member visited the Robert C. Wood Senior Early Childhood Center as part of the Education Initiative. Ninety-four library card applications were processed after the event.

Manchester Branch
The Manchester Branch furthered the Library’s Education Initiative through a Database Challenge program, offered to elementary schoolers. Youth Services staffers made video tutorials of Scholastic TrueFlix, World Almanac for Kids, and CultureGrams.

Plumsted Branch
Plumsted staff offered their patrons a fun Take & Make craft titled Paper Mache Mushrooms.

Pt. Beach Branch
Stan Mennuto, a 9/11 survivor, shared his story of that fateful day with the Point Pleasant Beach community to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.
**Stafford Branch**
In partnership with the Stafford Township Historical Society, staff attended the wildly popular outdoor Summer Concert Series at Manahawkin Lake Park. Community members signed up for library cards, took programming calendars, learned about digital resources, and completed crafts while listening to music.

**Toms River Branch**
Toms River kicked off in-person programming for adults with a performance by Alborada Spanish Dance Theatre in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. Approximately 45 people attended and many remarked how happy they were to be back at the library for a program.

**Tuckerton Branch**
On June 8, the 46 preschoolers who attend classes in Tuckerton Elementary School walked to the Tuckerton Branch for an outdoor story time.
Upper Shores Branch
The Upper Shores Branch collected over 140 handmade and store-bought cold weather accessories to donate to Simon’s Kitchen in Seaside Heights. A Giving Tree was displayed on the main floor of the library and community members dropped off donations.

Waretown Branch
Waretown Branch partnered with Just Kil’n Time, a local business, for a winter tree ceramic craft.

Virtual
On August 26, award winning children’s book author, Dan Gutman, joined us on Zoom for a live virtual author visit. Those in attendance learned more about his books, heard some hilarious stories, and received some tips and tricks on how they can become authors. Gutman took great care to answer all the children's questions during the event and provided encouragement to those expressing an interest in writing.
9/11 Exhibit

For the month of September, Ocean County Library was honored to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of 9/11 by hosting the poster exhibit “September 11, 2001: the Day that Changed the World.”

The exhibit was developed by the 9/11 Memorial and Museum for public library display and was made possible in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities: Democracy Demands Wisdom.

Told across 14 posters, this exhibition included archival photographs and images of artifacts from the Museum’s permanent collection. The exhibit explored the consequences of terrorism on individual lives and communities at the local, national, and international levels, and encouraged critical thinking about the legacies of 9/11.
Community Partners

Alzheimer’s Association Greater New Jersey Chapter
Barnegat Communities that Care (CTC)
Barnegat Township School District
Berkeley Township School District
Brandywine Living at The Gables
Brick Township Senior Outreach Services
Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey
Community Resource Advancement Workgroup, Barnegat
Complete Care at Shorrock Gardens
Easterseals
Filipino-American Community Development Center of Ocean County Inc.
The Friends of the Island Beach State Park
Hunger Foundation of Southern Ocean
Island Heights School District
Jackson Alzheimer’s Caregivers Support Group
Jackson School District
Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve
John F. Peto Studio Museum
Lacey Township School District
Lakewood Public School District
Latinas in Business Inc.
Lavallette School
Lehmann School, LADACIN Network
The New Lexington Manor
Little Egg Harbor School District
Long Beach Island Consolidated School District
Manchester Township School District
Meals on Wheels of Ocean County
Division of Developmental Disabilities for the Department of Human Services of New Jersey
NJCares
North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority
Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission
Ocean County Health Department
Ocean County Homeless Prevention and Assistance Coalition’s Outreach Subcommittee
Ocean County Human Relations Commission
Ocean County Office of Senior Services
Ocean County Soil Conservation District
Point Pleasant School District
Point Pleasant Beach School District
Sadie Vickers Resource Center
Sea Breeze at Lacey
ShopRite
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - Education
St. Dominic School
Stafford Township School District
Stafford Township Historical Society
The American Red Cross
Bay Head Elementary School
The Mental Health Association in New Jersey – New Jersey Hope and Healing
Toms River Regional School District
Township of Ocean
Tuckerton School District
Village Resources NJ
9/11 Memorial and Museum and the National Endowment for the Humanities
Foundation and Friends

The Foundation undertakes a variety of fundraising and grant writing activities, using their skills at raising private and public funds to provide support for non-traditional Library programs and services not covered by tax dollars or budget.

The Ocean County Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization that aims to enhance the services and opportunities offered to all Ocean County Library users. They support and believe in Ocean County Library’s mission of “Connecting People, Building Community, and Transforming Lives.”

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Franklin H. Berry, Jr., Esq.
& Edward T. Feurey, Esq.,
Berry, Sahradnik, Kotzas & Benson, Counsel

Ocean County Library Friends and Friends Steering Committee

Ocean County Library Friends Steering Group, led by Rochelle Blum, Karen Roselli, Kathi Moon and Linda Lafer, was active in supporting several Friends activities throughout 2021 including a membership drive and dine-out fundraising opportunities. The membership campaign was very successful in gaining 51 new memberships and 337 renewals system-wide for our Friends groups. The combination of membership and fundraising revenue allowed Friends to continue supporting branch needs. A Friends of the Library webpage was developed to be more easily accessible, and added to the Library’s website under the “Support Us” drop down menu.
Donations

Ann Bosch
Anthony J. Horan
Beth Schriever
Bocce Boyz Club-Metedezonis
Curtis Watts
Domenic (Tom) Testa
Dorothea Kenul
Eleanor and Steven Mantone
Emelia Sturgis
Frank Funke
Fred and Carol Balbo
Girolamo and Grace Roselli
Hecht Family Foundation
Heritage Bay Book Club
Italian Cultural Society of LBI
Jackson Friends of the Library
Jesse Alberda
JoEllen Gabriel
Lorilynne Franc
Lucia and Frank Ludica
Monika Sisbarro
Nancy Zimmerman
Ocean Acres Civic Association
Ocean County Library Foundation
Patricia R. Smith
Patty Erlandsen
Regina Yokavous
Richard and Phyllis Miller
Richard Ronnow
Richard and Donna Wilson
Robert P. Mantone and J. Anthony McGlone
Sheldon Goldstein
Sylvia Ioime
Stokes Family
Whiting Volunteer First Aid Squad
Yolanda Franklin

Grants

KearnyBank Foundation
National Endowment for the Humanities
OCCARES Grant
**Adopted 2021 Ocean County Library Budget**

**2021 Anticipated Revenue**
Total Anticipated Revenue: $46,362,255

- Library Dedicated Tax: $38,983,243
- Fines & Fees: $112,000
- Carry Forward & Other: $7,267,012

**2021 Anticipated Expenditures**
Total Anticipated Expenditures: $46,362,255

- Salaries and Fringe Benefits: $33,234,000
- Library Materials and Public Programs: $4,975,000
- Equipment and Supplies: $690,000
- Maintenance and Utilities: $3,310,000
- Technology: $2,550,000
- Other Operational Expenses: $592,500
- Future Development: $1,010,755
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<td><strong>43,417,122</strong></td>
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| Excess revenues over expenditures         | 821,854      | 1,120,593    | 1,942,447  | 4,290,493                   |

| Fund balance, January 1                   | 11,069,663   | 8,746,343    | 19,816,006 | 15,525,513                  |
| Transfers to unreserved funds             | 1,207,794    | (1,207,794)  | -          | -                           |
| Transfers to reserved funds               | (75,000)     | 75,000       | -          | -                           |
| **Fund balance, December 31**             | $13,024,311  | $8,734,142   | $21,758,453| $19,816,006                 |
## Circulation Statistics 2021

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¹All eMaterials: OverDrive, hoopla, Kanopy, Flipster, Creativebug, Freegal, RBdigital AudioBooks and Magazines.
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Branch Manager: Steven Copp

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Branch Manager: Brooke Basista

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Assistant Branch Manager: Givane Hayes