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It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that we present to you the 2022 annual report for Ocean County Library. As we move forward from the pandemic years, our library system provides a vibrant and inclusive space for learning, discovery, and community engagement to help people reconnect with each other.

Reading is a core mission of a public library. Our library has expanded its collections and resources to meet the diverse needs and interests of our community. We have added a wide range of books, e-books, audiobooks, DVDs, and other materials to our catalog. These endeavors have empowered our patrons to explore new subjects, enhance their skills, and engage in lifelong learning. We hope you enjoy the section in this report on the most popular books in print and digital in 2022.

We have been committed to offering dynamic programs and events that promote literacy, creativity, and cultural enrichment. These programs have fostered a sense of belonging and connectedness among our community members.

We are honored to lead this remarkable institution and work alongside dedicated individuals who share a common passion for knowledge, learning, and community engagement.

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude and deepest appreciation to our library staff for their tireless efforts, commitment, and passion in serving our community. A special thanks to the dedicated members of the Ocean County Library Commission, whose guidance and support have been instrumental in achieving these accomplishments. Last, but certainly not least, thank you to our wonderful volunteers – without you, we wouldn’t be complete. You are champions, and we are grateful for you.
2022 Ocean County Library Commission
Ruthanne Scaturro, Chairperson
Christopher J. Mullins, Vice Chairperson
Susan L. Hutler, Ocean County Library Foundation Liaison
Henry J. Mancini
Timothy McDonald
Bonnie R. Peterson
Paul F. Wolleon

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.

Ocean County Library Administration
Susan Quinn, Library Director
Sara Siegler, Assistant Library Director
Deborah Blackwell, Training Officer
Joseph Cahill, Maintenance Supervisor
Barry DePaul, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor
Jenn Doderer, Director of Human Resources
Michael Erickson, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor
Rebecca Leopold-Bunucci, Chief Librarian, Toms River Branch
Timothy Mailley, Technology Manager
Rita Oakes, Chief Librarian, Branch Services
Kelly-Ann Pennell, Chief Librarian, Branch Services
Melissa Rutowski, Chief Librarian, Branch Services
Todd Simmons, Assistant Technology Manager
Jennifer Woodman, Budget Officer
Total Number of Visitors: 1,314,975

That’s enough people to fill Yankee Stadium over 25 times.

Total Circulation: 3,929,394

If Library items were (1ft) stepping stones, you could walk from the Toms River Branch to Bermuda.

New Patrons: 21,046

That’s enough people to fill Madison Square Garden.
## Circulation Statistics 2022

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¹All eMaterials: OverDrive, hoopla, Kanopy, Flipster, Creativebug, and FreegalMusic+.
The summer of 2022 marked an important milestone for the Library as we embarked on our first year back to fully in-person programs and the celebration of Summer Reading season. Summer is always busy in our libraries but this year a new sense of excitement was brought to summer programming across the system that had been missed over the years following the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Thousands of programs were held throughout our branches for children, teens, and adults. Nearly 60,000 patrons visited our libraries to enjoy our summer programs, from concerts to live animal shows and escape rooms these individuals and families were able to find something free at the library that added excitement to their summer.
Our teen summer volunteer program, Service and Achievement in the Library (S.A.I.L.) returned in person for the first time since 2019. Our teens were excited to return to this collaborative program and completed invaluable work, culminating in over 5,000 volunteer hours, the equivalent of 724 working days.

Overall, the success of this momentous summer exceeded staff expectations and made the first summer back to normalcy special.
Top Titles of
2022
Print and Digital

Fiction

[Images of book covers]

Adult  Teen  Children

Digital Fiction

[Images of book covers]

Adult  Teen  Children
Non Fiction

Adult:
- Educated by Tara Westover

Teen:
- I’m Glad My Mom Died by Jennette McCurdy

Children:
- Garfield: Easy as Pie
- The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank
- Guinness World Records 2022
- Guts by Raina Telgemeier

Digital Non Fiction

Adult:
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Teen:
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- The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

Children:
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Fiction

Adult:
- Steal by James Patterson/Howard Roughan
- The Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave

Teen:
- TinTin
- The Summer I Turned Pretty by Jenny Han

Children:
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Big Shot by Jeff Kinney
- Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets by J.K. Rowling
- The Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave

Non Fiction

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**Barnegat Branch**

The Friends of the Barnegat Library is a growing group, and they hosted a "Book & Boutique Sale."

**Beachwood Branch**

Traveling Literary Theater performed "Your Ghost Story." This program featured professional actors reading classic horror stories.

**Bay Head Reading Center**

The comic performer David Engel delighted the Bay Head School students and staff with his ecology show Captain Nemo’s Adventure Academy.

**Berkeley Branch**

The Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Ocean County presented Coastal Stewardship: Saving and Protecting Barnegat Bay.

**Brick Branch**

Adults with special challenges gathered each month to create beautiful works of art and socialize.

**Island Heights Branch**

"I very much love going to the Island Heights Branch of the Ocean County Library. The Staff is so friendly, helpful, and outgoing. It's like visiting friends. A peaceful setting."

– Debbie, Patron
MOMENTS

Jackson Branch

Mr. Schantz presented an educational event for Juneteenth by customizing musical selections that highlighted the early roots of jazz in the African American community.

Lakewood Branch

The Lakewood Branch connected 460+ middle school students with library books and services through the Contact-Free Classroom Collection program.

Lacey Branch

Plunder and Song with The Sea Dogs presented to patrons about the tales of the famous pirates that prowled the Eastern coast of New Jersey and the Delaware River.

Little Egg Harbor Branch

Little Egg Harbor staff attended Frog Pond Elementary School’s Art and STEAM Fair where students contributed their self-portrait. This patron’s project encouraged self-expression and “about me” discussions with peers.

Long Beach Island Branch

The Youth Garden Club hosted by the Garden Club of Long Beach Island hosted a program on how to create a festive autumnal arrangement.
Manchester Branch
Using recycled materials and old newspaper, children made an Earth, colored it with watercolor paints and then used double-sided tape to attach the Earth to paper.

Pt. Pleasant Boro Branch
A young patron, Bria, wanted to have her own book at the library so everyone could enjoy it. Bria shared her first work as an author with the branch, titled “Be Happy”. Staff made mock barcodes and stickers and kept it on display at the Reference Desk.

Pt. Pleasant Beach Branch
The book bike was used during the summer to visit Pt. Pleasant Beach’s summer camp.

Plumsted Branch
Iron Fox Typewriters installed an interactive display at the Plumsted Branch. The display featured a refurbished 1963 Smith Corona typewriter and an informational poster with a QR code linking customers to an instructional video.

Stafford Branch
With a meet and greet of local first responders, adults and children alike climbed into the police car, fire truck, and ambulance. This hands-on experience helped our young visitors learn that first responders are approachable and safe to talk to, especially during an emergency situation.
**Toms River Branch**
The Toms River Branch held the first in-person Youth Art Month Reception since 2020. The reception brought in over 1,100 attendees to view student artwork. This is one of our biggest partnerships with the Toms River Regional Schools and it was a great opportunity to continue that partnership.

**Upper Shores Branch**
Upper Shores Branch hosted multiple adult day programs where participants loved to read books, play games, and take part in fun activities.

**Tuckerton Branch**
Tuckerton’s children’s librarian hosted an outdoor storytime featuring the title *All My Stripes* by Shaina Rudolph and Danielle Royer, in honor of Autism Awareness Month.

**Waretown Branch**
Waretown had its 40th Anniversary, embracing the theme “Growing Together: The Waretown Branch and Waretown Friends”. The Friends of the Waretown Library purchased a tree that was hung behind the reference desk. Patrons wrote what they love about the branch, and these were hung as well.

**Whiting Reading Center**
The Winter Reading Contest Winner for the branch volunteers his time by completing five to ten Adult Book Reviews per month, and they are well written and thoughtful.
The Ocean County Fair is a time-honored tradition that brings together communities for a delightful blend of entertainment, food, and educational experiences. Among the array of attractions, the Ocean County Library table stands out as a treasure trove of knowledge. Staff share their enthusiasm and wealth of knowledge creating a welcoming atmosphere that draws fair attendees. These dedicated individuals are eager to engage visitors, answer their questions, and foster a love for books and learning. The vibrant presence of the library at the fair make it an essential stop for fairgoers of all ages.
This comic con style event featured a cosplay contest, scavenger hunts, crafts, an escape room, and more!
New Kid on the Hawk

The Ocean County Library Toms River Branch’s most distinctive guest in 2022 didn’t present a program, did not speak, and actually avoided patrons and staffers. It was a young hawk, which found its way into the Branch and roamed the rafters for the better part of two weeks. Word spread throughout the region, even reaching televised newscasts in New York. Library officials conferred with Master Falconers Bob Glass and Richie Ross of the New Jersey Falconry Club, as well as Don Bonica, a certified wildlife rehabilitator, of Toms River Avian Care. After a 12-day stay, the raptor was convinced to come out of its hiding spot by Mr. Glass. Later that day, it was seen soaring above the nearby rooftops.
Star Wars fans, collectors and book lovers were invited to swap their Ocean County Library cards for new, special-edition cards featuring “The Child,” featured in the Disney+ series The Mandalorian. OCL joined systems across the country in offering the unique items under the aegis of the American Library Association. The Library’s supply of cards moved briskly into patrons’ hands, from inception just before National Library Week 2022 through year’s end. By the close of December, OCL distributed 7,268 “Baby Yoda” cards.
In November of 2022, the Ocean County Library offered a new borrowing opportunity for patrons with the debut of our Launchpads. Launchpads are easy to use pre-loaded tablets with free games for adults, teens, and children without the need for Wi-Fi. Filled with puzzles, word games, number challenges, and tests of speed and logic, this collection helps train the mind by challenging memory, reaction time, problem-solving and observation skills, attention span and more.
In April 2022, Vega Discover launched, a new intuitive catalog designed to enhance the search experience for users as they browse for materials. The new catalog presents a cleaner, modern look while streamlining the virtual browsing process. Patrons can now easily find both physical and digital materials in one location with the ability to place holds on digital items directly from the catalog without needing to navigate to additional screens or apps.

**Chromebooks**

In 2021 the Ocean County Library began loaning HotSpots and Chromebooks to patrons with the support of the Ocean County Library Foundation. This initiative sought to make steps toward addressing the digital divide in our County. Since their launch Chromebooks and HotSpot have circulated nearly 2,000 times.

**AWE**

In 2022 the Children's Department in every branch received new AWE Bilingual Early Literacy Stations. These new stations have over 85 STREAM (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art, and Math) aligned educational software titles. Our AWE stations have become increasingly popular with our younger patrons, who look forward to jumping onto these specialized computers whenever they visit the Library.

**NJ Courier**

Our New Jersey Courier historical newspaper database covers a wealth of information on local and state history, including newspaper articles detailing the development of the library system from its inception as funded by Nathaniel Bishop. In 2022, a new server and website was developed and launched to improve the usability of the site and make it more accessible both within the library and from home.
Here are just a few examples of the beautiful displays our staff put together this year to help patrons find their next great read!

For more great displays by our staff visit our Pinterest:
In her series, *Crafting with Miss Chris*, Chris takes you along as she completes some of her favorite crafts. A crafting extraordinaire, Chris's video programs bring you unique projects for all skill levels. Nearly 1,000 viewers crafted with Chris at home this year, completing a variety of projects from creating home décor with items already on hand to impressive DIY gifts.

*Cooking with Miss Joanne* is not only delicious, it's easy! With seasonal recipes the whole family can make and enjoy, Joanne brings you a catalog of her favorite meals in a fun format for you to follow along. Check out Miss Joanne's top video of the year, a versatile recipe for Irish Potato Bread that you can make sweet or savory with household staples.

Watch & Create crafts and creative snacks for kids! In this series, Children's Librarian Jen brings some of her favorite in-person programs to you at home with her videos of fun seasonal activities.
National Pet Day is celebrated every year on April 11th. We put out a call to our followers on social media to share their favorite photos of their furry, feathery, and scaly friends with us. Over a hundred photos were shared with us throughout the month of March. On April 11th, our staff took to social media and shared all the delightful submissions we received on our accounts, reaching over 4,000 viewers!
Sturdy, utilitarian totes have long been offered for sale to Ocean County Library patrons, many years before the New Jersey law that bans single-use plastic bags. In 2022, OCL introduced a roomy tote with a new, colorful, lively look that spreads the Library’s mission anywhere they’re used. Bearing the legends “The Original Recyclers,” “Small Acts Change the World,” “Say Yes to Eco-Friendly Bags,” and “Got Books?” the reinforced totes boast a larger weight capacity and size dimensions that accommodate oversized books.
THE SENSORY SPACE PROVIDES A WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE ATMOSPHERE FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY...

...while also providing a calm, relaxing atmosphere designed to relieve stress and anxiety and to help develop coping skills for those with sensory processing challenges.

In September 2022, the Sensory Space at the Toms River Branch celebrated its one-year anniversary. As the first Sensory Space in a public library in New Jersey, visitors are amazed and appreciative of this valuable resource. Many have said that a visit to the Ocean County Library now also includes a visit to the Sensory Space and it is quickly becoming an integral part of a productive and enjoyable library experience.

We look forward to opening our Sensory Space @ the Jackson Branch in 2023 and a third Sensory Space in 2024 at our new Stafford Branch.
“Diversifying Your Library Services Through Sensory Spaces,” was presented at the American Library Association Annual Conference by OCL’s Sensory Space Team: Gigi Hayes – Librarian 4, Branch Services, Sara Siegler – Assistant Director, Meredith Silvestri – Sensory Space Library Assistant, and Wendi Smolowitz – Librarian 2, Chair of the Library’s Autism Resources Committee. The program was held in conjunction with staff from the Louisville Public Library in Ohio, the first public library in the country to create a Sensory Space.
The Steering Committee began collaborating on an Ocean County Library Friends Handbook, which will include a speakers list, a guide for starting business memberships, newsletter examples, fundraising ideas, and event checklists. The Steering Committee continues to foster communication and idea sharing amongst Friends groups and is exploring new avenues to collaborate. Friends groups across the library system helped to fundraise with events such as open houses, book & bling sales, and restaurant week fundraisers. These fundraisers allowed them to sponsor programs, summer reading prizes and more for their branches throughout the year. Ocean County Friends groups across the library system had 916 membership renewals and 266 new members join.
**Grants**

**Library Services and Technology Act 2022 (LSTA) Grant:** Ocean County Library received $7,900.00 in federal grant funds through a highly competitive grant process to provide literacy support for neurodiverse children from birth to age 5. **Milestones in Neurodiversity & Literacy to Grow** was conceived and developed by Kate Sanchez, Children’s Librarian and Leslie Karvan, Information Services Librarian, both of the library’s Little Egg Harbor Branch and administered by Kelly-Ann Pennell, Chief Librarian. The Library Services and Technology Act 2022 (LSTA 22) grant is administered by the New Jersey State Library, an affiliate of Thomas Edison State University. LSTA 22 funds are awarded to library projects that address literacy needs and funding is made possible by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Programming was hosted at the Brick, Stafford, and Little Egg Harbor Branches.

**New Jersey Council for the Humanities Democracy Conversations Project (DCP):** Ocean County Library received a $500 award to host a program related to democracy and civic engagement in the United States. The DCP program is part of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities (NJCH) Voices and Votes: Democracy in America Tour, a Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibit. Ocean County Library staff selected the NJCH program Civic Participation in Cancer Alley with Thomas Belton, Independent Author, Journalist, and Environmental Scientist. Through the lens of human-interest stories and environmental events, participants discussed the environmental history of the state and how citizens can be informed and empowered to act.
New Stafford Library Branch

New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act Grant: The Ocean County Library was selected to receive $4,824,000 in grant funding through a highly competitive process for construction of a new library facility in Stafford Township, NJ in the second round of funding for the Library Construction Bond Act (LCBA). The LCBA awarded $37 million to 36 library projects from 13 counties across New Jersey. The new 19,700 square feet Stafford Library will be built on property owned by the County of Ocean at the Ocean County Southern Service Center location. The new library will provide educational resources and community spaces, state of the art technologies, public computers and shelving for 40-50% more books and materials. The new library will have a large children's area, an intergenerational space for senior citizens for socialization, a new teen area, study rooms, a maker space for STEAM activities and a sensory space to provide a welcoming environment for people with sensory processing needs.

This project is supported by funds from the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act, administered by the New Jersey State Library.
In 2022, the Ocean Library Foundation recommitted to supporting the Ocean County Library’s return to in-person library programs after a 2-year hiatus due to the pandemic. Library programs help our community reconnect with each other, by confronting social isolation. The Foundation was also pleased to provide materials, programs, and resources beyond the library’s budget for all 21 of our library locations.

The Ocean County Library Foundation funded the following projects at the library in 2022: equipment for STEAM and Maker Programming, Arts and Cultural Programs, gaming programs and equipment, support for Reading and Literacy, Special Library Projects, and Ocean County Library’s annual Autism Resources Fair.

2022 Ocean County Library Foundation Board Members:

Michael R. Beck, Esq., Chair
Douglas J. Hull, Esq., Vice Chair
Elaine H. McConnell, Treasurer
Michele Eventoff, Secretary
Susan L. Hutler, Library Commission Liaison
James F. Fosbre, Jr. (In Memoriam)
Jonathan Z. Petro, Esq.
Kate Krier
Mary O. Malagiere
Kathryn Oles
Angela Palumbo
Patricia Siciliano
Barbara York
Susan Quinn, Library Director*

*Ex Officio
In Memory of Mary Archibald  
Pieceful Shores Quilters Guild

In Memory of Clem Boyers  
Dagmar and Stephen Finkle

In Memory of Robert Bratton  
Megan, Kate & MaryEllen McCann

In Memory of Catherine Chrvala  
Meghan and Chris Bunting, Carol Kelly, Kimberly Kelly, Heather Kelly, Peggy Thorne and Jim Thorne, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Kelly, Jr.

In Memory of Melanie Cottrell  
The Brigantes, Blair Green, Barbara & Edward Herbert, Karen C Porcell

In Memory of James M. Curley  
Jack Curley, Patricia Johnson, Sharon and Larry McCloskey

In Memory of Mayor Ronald Dancer  
Cindy Taylor-Lisenby

In Memory of Rita DeClesis  
Thomas & Mary Lou Gill, Robert & Kathleen Kelly and Ana & Carlo Cueller, Nancy Matt

In Memory of Alice Dolan  
William and Patrice Fiore, Kostas Georgiou, The Hon Family

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Lana Carnecchia

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Dyan Simms

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Bonnie McDonald

In Memory of Eileen Novak  
Denise M Cullen

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Beth Miller

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Patrick Romano Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund

In Memory of Marion Sargeant  
Harold Sargeant

In Memory of Kathy Suchodolski  
Allison Buzzanga, Wayne & Carol Dickinson, Schille/Ashenfelder Family, Wayne & Susan Thress

In Memory of Stephen “Ken” Sullivan  
James and Janice Gibson, Diane Lane, Frank Passaro, Jr. and, Laurenzia Trowbridge, Jon and Jane Lawson, Osborn Island Residents Association

In Memory of Martin C. Unfried, Jr  
Thomas Bechler

In Memory of Pamela Valentine  
C. L. Taylor-Lisenby

In Memory of William “Bop” Wilson  
The Crites Family

In Memory of Elvia “LaLa” Wilson  
The Crites Family
Donations

Brandon Aaronson
Doug, Donna Aaronson and Family
Allied Construction Group, Inc.
Gary Aulffo & Zack Painting Co.
Susan Barrow
Daniele Breyta
Kathryn Cronin
Deauville Beach & Bay Association
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Leslie Dickinson
Edward Diller Jr & Janet Diller
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Flow Assessment Services
Jeraldine Forell
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Friends of Jackson Library
Friends of the Ocean County Library - Toms River
Friends of Ortley Beach
Friends of the Point Pleasant Boro Branch
Friends of the Plumsted Library
Friends of the Waretown Library
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Emilie Gay
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Ocean County Genealogical Society
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Romalo Quiambao
Diana Rodriguez and Family
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Sauereisen
Chris, Karen and Earl Schoener
Edward J Smerecki
Bob and Nancy Stannard
The Stokes Family
Catherine and June Such
Kate Tallon
Toms River Police Foundation
Anne and Will Trevena
The Vandemeulebroeke Family
Curtis Watts
The Williams Family
Richard and Donna Wilson
Anonymous – 24 Donors
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Angelc Health
Alzheimer’s Association of Greater New Jersey
Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey
Basically Ballet Studio
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Berkeley Township School District
Berkeley Township Senior Services Department
Brick Township Senior Services Department
Brick Township Public Schools
Cassville Nursery School
Central Regional School District
Community Food Bank of NJ
Deep Run Retirement Community
Eagleswood Township School District
Family Planning Center of Ocean County
Fawn Lakes Women’s Club
Garden State Community Bank
Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore
Hackensack Meridian Health
Hunger Foundation of Southern Ocean
Italian Cultural Society of LBI
Island Heights First Aid
Island Heights School District
Jackson Chamber of Commerce
Jackson School District
Jacques Cousteau Center
John Bon Jovi (JBJ) Soul Kitchen
Kearny Bank
Kiwanis Club
Lacey Township School District
Lakehurst School District
Lakehurst Historical Society
Lakewood Public School District
Lavallette School District
Little Egg Harbor Police Department
Little Egg Harbor Township
Lions Head South 55+ Community
Long Beach Island Garden Club
Manchester Township School District
Master Gardeners
Joint Base MDL
Meals on Wheels of Ocean County
Mental Health Association of NJ (MHANJ)
Mercer County Community College
Mirage Women’s Club
M&T Bank
Mystic Island Fire Department
New Horizons in Autism, Inc.
New Jersey Falconry Club
New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired
New Jersey Council for the Humanities
PARTNERS

New Jersey Historical Commission
New Jersey Natural Gas
New Jersey State Council on the Arts
New Jersey State Library
O.C.E.A.N., Inc.
OceanFirst Bank
OceanFirst Foundation
Ocean Township Senior Services
Ocean County Board of Commissioners
Ocean County College
Ocean County Consumer Affairs
Ocean County Genealogical Society
Ocean County Health Department
Ocean County Office of Senior Services
Ocean County Parks Department
Ocean County Prosecutor's Office
Ocean County Residential Emergency Rental Assistance Program
Ocean Monmouth Health Alliance
Performing Arts Academy
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Point Pleasant Beach School District
Point Pleasant Borough Environmental Commission
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ReClam the Bay
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Stafford Women's Club
Stafford Township EMS
Stafford Township Police Department
Stafford Township Volunteer Fire Company
Stockton University
Sunbeam Christian Preschool
The Raptor Trust
Toms River Avian Care
Toms River Area NAACP
Toms River Police Department
Toms River Regional School District
Towns Square Media 94.3 The Point / 105.7 The Hawk
Tuckerton Borough School District
Adopted 2022 Ocean County Library Budget

2022 Anticipated Revenue
Total Anticipated Revenue: $47,058,259

2022 Anticipated Expenditures
Total Anticipated Expenditures: $47,058,259
## OCEAN COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION
### Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Regulatory Basis

For the year ended December 31, 2022

(With comparative totals for December 31, 2021)

(A Component Unit of the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey)

### Financials

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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