

"ALWAYS WORTH A BROWSE" FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN TOWNSHIP LIBRARY NEWS NOVEMBER 2025



Important News

(1) All branches of the Monmouth County Library will be closed on:

- **November 4, 2025** in observance of Election Day
- **November 11, 2025** in observance of Veteran's Day
- **November 27 and 28, 2025** in observance of Thanksgiving

(2) Membership Drive is Underway -- Don't Miss Our Special Prize Giveaway! -- With just eight weeks left in the year, please take a moment to renew your membership in the Friends of the Township of Ocean Library. And, as a special thank you, anyone who joins or renews between now and February 15, 2026 will be automatically entered in a special prize basket giveaway!

Our 100% volunteer-driven, member-supported, non-profit 501(c)(3) group relies on fund raising efforts and membership dues (**our annual dues are only \$5.00**) to provide services and fund programs to support our library, promote literacy, and keep you informed of what programs, events and services are available to you.

But, we need your help if we are to continue to provide these services going forward. It's easy to do...

(A) If your membership has lapsed, please renew today (remember it only costs \$5.00 annually). If your membership is current (memberships run from January to December of each year), plan ahead and pay your 2026 membership dues now. Membership Renewal Forms are available online at our

website: <https://www.friendsofoceantwplibrary.org>

or directly by clicking on this link:

https://www.friendsofoceantwplibrary.org/files/ugd/ebfcd1_1e5079c9d7d224e45a0aa9ca1f2248cbe.pdf

(B) If you love our library and find the services we provide helpful, let your friends, family and neighbors know about the Friends of the Ocean Township Library and ask them to consider becoming a member. Simply print out a copy of our membership form -- located on our website:

<https://www.friendsofoceantwplibrary.org> -- and ask them to return it to the address provided on the form. **And, be sure to let them know they will be automatically entered into our special prize basket giveaway when they sign up!**

Please note: For your convenience you can choose to pay your \$5.00 annual membership dues either by check/money order or via our electronic payment option (which allows you to pay with PayPal or with a Debit or Credit Card). Simply go to our website to renew: <https://www.friendsofoceantwplibrary.org>

We appreciate your support and thank you!

(3) **VOTE!!!** -- **Election Day is November 4, 2025.** Be sure to exercise one of your most important rights as an American. For more details on this year's election, please see item one in the "Happening Around Town" section below.

(4) **Coming This Month** -- Book club and short story discussions, wonderful movies, fun children's programs, a lecture about the Allied invasion in North Africa during World War II, and a piano concert that captures the fall season perfectly. **Be sure to check out the "Updates From the Township of Ocean Library" section below for details about these and other wonderful programs coming in November to our branch. You won't want to miss out!**

(5) **It's NOT Too Late to Step Up and Make a Difference** -- Our town's Department of Human Services is collecting food items to help make Thanksgiving a wonderful day for our neighbors in need. Help fight hunger and spread thankfulness by participating. **For more information see item two in the "Happening Around Town" section below.**



Keeping Up With The Friends

(1) **Thunderous Response** -- If we were to sum up the results of our book donation day last month in one word we would say -- **INCREDIBLE!** Our heartfelt thanks go out to the many members of the Friends and other town residents who took a moment on a beautiful, crisp fall day to stop by our library with their unwanted books, DVDs, and vinyl records. We'd also like to thank the many Friends volunteers and students from our town's high school who staffed our donation day event. We are happy to report that now our book room is literally filled to the brim. Over the next few months our Book Inventory Committee, chaired by Lynn Librizzi, will be hard at work categorizing and organizing the donations we received to ensure a wonderful shopping experience for you at our next sale (tentatively planned for April of next year).

(2) **"Sprucing Up"** -- Back in our July newsletter we mentioned that **members of the Friends of Township of Ocean Library were super busy with another exciting project -- working with our library's staff and town officials to update the children's activity room.** As you'll recall, this project is made possible by a thoughtful bequest from Dr. Sheldon H. Berger who wanted to create special quiet spaces at our library. While the library already has a quiet room, his gift will help enhance areas throughout the building, spreading his generosity across the entire library.

We are excited to provide you with an update on this work. The activity room has been painted in a lovely shade of blue (to match the paint we selected for "Mrs. Fyfe's Cozy Corner"). We'd like to thank our town's talented Department of Public Works for painting this large space.

In addition, a bright new area carpet and blackout window shades (perfect for when movies are shown) are ordered and awaiting delivery. We hope to soon have other aspects of this project in place (including signage, a fun decal, and cheerful & effective sound-dampening tiles).

We will keep you posted on this project's progress in future newsletter editions.

(3) Have a Favorite Book? -- Then consider letting us know so that we can feature your selection in our newsletter as a "A Friend's Pick". Our members love getting book recommendations, so your submission will be much appreciated. And, submitting a book recommendation is easy to do. Simply reply to this email with the name of the book, the author, and 1 - 2 sentences about why you enjoyed the book. That's all there is to it. So please consider sharing your favorite book with other Friends members. Thank you!



Updates from the Township of Ocean Library

(1) Book Club -- The Ocean Township Library Book Club will meet on November 6, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. to discuss "*Never Let Me Go*" by Kazuo Ishiguro. This book tells the story of three children Kathy, Ruth, and Tommy -- all students at Hailsham, an exclusive English boarding school. It is a place of cliques and mysterious rules where teachers constantly remind their charges of how special they are. Now years later, Tommy and Ruth reenter Kathy's life. And for the first time she is beginning to look back at the past and understand just what it is that makes them special and how that gift will shape the rest of their time together. **The discussion will be moderated by librarian Adam Rule.** Copies of the book are available for pick up at our library's circulation desk. **Please note: No registration is required to participate.**

(2) In-person Short Story Discussion -- A short story discussion, moderated by Branch Manager Mary Patterson, will be held on November 13, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. The story is "*Neighbors*" by Raymond Carver. Join other book lovers for a lively discussion of this short story where Bill and Arlene Miller agree to house-sit for their neighbors, a routine favor that turns into a quiet, intriguing exploration of curiosity and human nature. **Registration is required.**

To register simply go to the Monmouth County Library Calendar site by clicking on [this link](#) Select the date from the drop down box at the top of the page and then click search. When the event/program/discussion you are interested in appears, click on it and you'll see a full description as well as a button to push for registration.

(3) World War II Lecture -- Join other town residents on November 10, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. for "Operation Torch: Allied Invasion-North Africa 1942 -- a compelling lecture by Paul

Zigo presented by the World War II Institute. Under the direction of Lt. General Eisenhower, assisted by the British, an Anglo-American force landed in French Morocco and Algeria with the aim to gain complete control of North Africa and defeat General Rommel's German-Italian army. This informative lecture will shed light on Operation Torch, the first successful Allied combined operation, including how and why it did succeed. **Don't miss this opportunity to gain firsthand insights from a distinguished historian and U.S. Army veteran.** No registration is required.

(4) Soothing Sounds of the Season -- Come enjoy a captivating concert featuring the talents of pianist and vocalist Jay Daniels as he brings his program "Colors of the Wind" to our branch on November 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Jay will weave a tapestry of sound that mirrors the golden hues of fall's beauty. **His performance blends heartfelt piano solos with enchanting vocals -- guaranteed to envelop you in a cozy atmosphere perfect for the autumn season.** Performance is free to attend and no registration is required

(5) Art on Display -- You won't want to miss the latest art exhibit at the Turner Gallery (located in our library). **The artwork is by "Diane Novobilsky and Friends" and their exhibit "Art in the Afternoon" will be on display throughout the month of November.** Be sure to stop by and enjoy the wonderful paintings.

(6) Movies...Movies....Movies -- Interested in enjoying a good movie? Then look no further than our library, where a number of terrific movies are being shown this month. **And, best of all, the movies are all free to attend! Movies are shown every Thursday at 2:00 p.m.**

This month's movies include films featuring Martin Short, Billy Crystal, Steve Martin, Chevy Chase, Tom Hanks, and Christopher Plummer.

You can find details about the movies available this month by clicking on [this link](#) Once on the site, simply type in "movies" in the "search for event" box and select our branch from the drop-down box at the top of the page, and click on the search button. You then will be able to scroll down to check out all the wonderful movies being shown this month.

(7) Especially For The Little Ones -- **Our library is the place to go for engaging, fun and informative children's programs each month.** You'll find many children's programs involving exciting stories, song singing and even craft making at our branch.

For example:

November 12, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. "Baby Storytime" is open to children ages 6 months - 2 years (with parent/caregiver). Come with your little one and enjoy lap-sit stories, songs and bubbles! No registration is required.

November 17, 2025 at 11:15 a.m. "Toddler Storytime" is open to children ages 2 - 5 years (with parent/caregiver). Come with your child for stories, songs and a fun craft. **Little siblings are welcome!** No registration is required.

November 19, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. "Fall Canvas Painting with Splash Lab Experience" is open to children grades K and up (with parent/caregiver.) This experience includes fun, interactive canvas painting. **Registration is required.** To register simply go to the Monmouth County Library Calendar site by clicking on [this link](#). Select the date from the drop down box at the top of the page and then click search. When the event/program/discussion you are interested in appears, click on it and you'll see a full description as well as a button to push for registration.

Children's programs at our branch are a great way for the little one in your life to have fun, make friends, and develop a love for our library that will last a lifetime. **To find out what other programs are happening this month simply go to:** <https://monmouthcountylib.org/wp-content/uploads/cocean.pdf>

Monthly Tip

The Search is On -- And it is easy peasy!

The Monmouth County Library offers a host of easy-to-navigate databases that can help you locate both fiction and non-fiction books to read, link you to many excellent resources for book lovers (such as the "What's Next(TM) Books in a Series Database", New Arrivals, Online Book Clubs, reading lists for children and students) and so much more! **To get started simply go to:** <https://monmouthcountylib.org/?s=novelist>

We hope you find this tip helpful.

Happening Around Town

(1) VOTE! -- Don't forget that Election Day is November 4, 2025. In addition to voting for Governor/Lieutenant Governor, State General Assembly representatives, Sheriff, County Clerk, and County Commissioners, you'll also have an opportunity to cast your ballot to fill the one open seat on our Town Council and the three open seats on our town's school board.

Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. You can find your polling location at: www.MonmouthCountyVotes.com or on the sample ballot you received in the mail.

(2) Reach Out to Those in Need -- The Community Hope Fund and our town's Department of Human Services is hosting their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive to collect non-perishable food items to make the holiday special for our neighbors in need. **Your donations — whether it's a few items or enough to feed a family of 4–6 — make a real difference.**

Donations can be dropped off through November 14, 2025 at:

Ocean Township Department of Human Services

[601 Deal Road](#)

Monday–Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Ocean Township Police Department

[399 Monmouth Road](#)

Donations accepted 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in the lobby.

Most Needed Non-Perishable Items

Stuffing • Canned Vegetables • Boxed Potatoes • Cranberry Sauce • Canned Fruit • Cereal • Instant Meals • Desserts • Pasta • Pasta Sauce • Rice • Peanut Butter • Jelly • Shelf-Stable Milk • Instant Coffee • Hot Chocolate • Boxed Juices • Cookies • Fruit Snacks • Soups

Please check expiration dates before donating.

If you prefer to make a **monetary contribution**, please make checks payable to **Community Hope Fund** and drop them off or mail them to: **Ocean Township Department of Human Services, [601 Deal Road, Ocean, NJ 07712](#)**

Your generosity helps ensure that every family in our community can celebrate the holiday season with warmth and gratitude. **Thank you for being a part of what makes Ocean Township such a caring place to live!**

(3) Honoring America's Heroes -- The Township of Ocean will hold a Veterans Day ceremony on November 11, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at the veterans memorial located behind our town's library on Deal Road. Please plan on joining other residents, veterans, and town officials as they recognize and thank our country's heroes for their service and sacrifice.

(4) Shop 'Til You Drop -- The immensely popular Township of Ocean Holiday Craft and Vendor Show returns on November 22, 2025 from 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Municipal Gym ([1100 West Park Avenue](#) -- across from the Intermediate School). **Tons of crafters and vendors will be there with beautiful items for sale. And, there will be free photos with the Grinch too! Be sure to drop by -- and happy shopping!!**

(5) Celebrating Super Seniors -- If you are a Ocean Township resident and a super senior (age 85 or older) you won't want to miss our town's Annual Super Senior Luncheon on November 13, 2025 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Renaissance ([1110 Route 35 Ocean Township, NJ](#)). **This year's sponsor is Robbie Silverstein from Middlebrook Management and his kind generosity makes this a complimentary luncheon for those who attend. Pre-registration is mandatory. For more details and to register contact the Department of Human Services at 732-531-2600.**

(6) Keep Our Streets Safe -- Have you noticed a town street light that is out? **With Daylight Savings Time ending on November 2nd, keeping our streets well lit is more important than ever for both pedestrians and drivers. Now it is easy to report a street light outage -- right from our town's website (www.oceantwp.org). Simply head to the home page of the website and click on "How Do I..." at the top. Select "Find/Report" and click "Report a Street Light Outage". You'll be taken to JCP&L's website to submit the information. **Thanks for doing your part to keep our streets well-lit.****

(7) Watch Alert -- New Jersey has experienced below-average precipitation during 10 of the last 12 months --with rainfall one to six inches below normal over the past 90 days

alone. As a result, our state has announced that we are now under a Drought Watch. **Residents of the state, including those in Ocean Township, are urged to take voluntary water conservation measures -- including reducing indoor water use, fixing leaks around your home, delaying lawn reseeding until conditions improve, running your washing machine and dishwasher only when full, and adjusting automatic sprinkler systems.** With just a little effort each of us can do our part to help.

(8) Fire Safety -- Daylight Savings Time ends on November 2, 2025. Fire Departments across our state are reminding everyone that this is the perfect time to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Keep you and your family safe by changing those batteries today! **And remember to never dispose of lithium-ion batteries in trash or recycling bins -- they can start a fire. Drop these batteries at a legitimate recycling location -- it's safer and better for the planet.** To find a lithium-ion battery recycling location near you, Oakhurst Independent Hose Company No. 1 recommends you go to: <https://call2recycle.org>

(9) If you are a senior living in Ocean Township, you won't want to miss the interesting and fun senior programs offered each month through the Department of Human Services. All programs take place at 615 West Park Avenue in the Oakhurst section of town.

- **Smile! -- Join other town seniors on November 20, 2025 from 1:00 p.m.– 2:00 p.m. for an enlightening Lunch & Learn session with Andrew Adly DDS of Monmouth Dental Arts.** The session will address the unique dental needs of older adults. You'll discover the keys to a radiant smile and lifelong oral health -- ensuring your smile shines bright for years to come. **Registration is required.** To register click on this link: <https://forms.gle/irdWZh6VpVqzOSB89>



Grab a Book and Sit Awhile

Looking for a good book to read this month? No problem! This month we once again are spotlighting several different ways you can locate recommended books in just about every genre.

(1) A Friend's Pick -- As you know, we occasionally feature books recommended by one or more of our members. This month, one of our members, Carol Wasserman, is recommending the book "*Cloud Cuckoo Land*" by Anthony Doerr, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "*All the Light We Cannot See*".

The novel, which was on the *New York Times* bestseller list for over 20 weeks, is set in the 15th century, in present day, and in a not-so-distant future. It is a soaring story about children on the cusp of adulthood in worlds in peril, who find resilience, hope, and a book - the story of Aethon who longs to be turned into a bird so he can fly to a utopian paradise in the sky.

Carol says... "This book took a little longer than normal to really grab me, but when it did I couldn't put it down. What began as several somewhat disjointed stories suddenly fell together with an 'AHA' like I've never experienced in another book. It is one that I plan to read again after learning how the separate stories fit together."

This book is a National Book Award Finalist and was named Best Book of the Year by the Associated Press, *Time* magazine, *Entertainment Weekly*, and more. *The Washington Post* says "If you're looking for a superb novel, look no further." and *The New York Times* Book Review says that it is "wildly inventive, a humane and uplifting book for adults that's infused with the magic of childhood reading experiences".

(2) Our Collective History -- If you enjoy books about American history then be sure to check out our newsletter's latest feature. This month we'll once again explore our country's collective history by recommending a topic or individual worth investigating through books.

For this month's topic, we suggest exploring the life and legacy of American aviation pioneer Amelia Earhart. Earhart, born and raised in Kansas, developed a passion for flying at a very young age. In 1932 she became the first woman to fly a solo nonstop transatlantic flight and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for her achievement. An early supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment, Earhart was one of the first aviators to promote commercial air travel and she wrote several best-selling books about her flying experiences. Earhart also was instrumental in the formation of the Ninety-Nines, an organization of female pilots.

In 1937, during an attempt to become the first female pilot to circumnavigate the world, Earhart and her navigator, Fred Noonan, disappeared. It is generally believed that the plane she was flying, a Lockheed Model 10-E Electra, crashed into the ocean near Howland Island (a relatively tiny speck of coral in the Pacific Ocean) after running out of fuel. **A contributing factor likely may have been the fact that her husband had prodded her to remove important navigation, communication and safety equipment to lighten her fuel-laden plane.** She was officially declared dead, at the age of 41, nearly 1 1/2 years after the crash.

Earhart was posthumously inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame and the National Women's Hall of Fame. While many have sought to locate her plane's wreckage, to date no definitive findings have been made.

There are several excellent books available to learn more about Amelia Earhart - including this year's release "*The Aviator and the Showman: Amelia Earhart, George Putnam and the Marriage that Made An America Icon*" by Laurie Gwen Shapiro. In the book Shapiro explores Earhart's drive and the ways her husband George Putnam put her at risk. **Other books about this female aviator include:** "*20 Hours. 40 Minutes: Our Flight in the Friendship*" by Amelia Earhart, "*Amelia, My Courageous Sister: Biography of Amelia Earhart: True Facts About Her Disappearance*" by Muriel Earhart Morrissey, "*Amelia Earhart: The*

Sound of Wings" by Mary S. Lovell, and *"Amelia Earhart: A Life from Beginning to End"* by Hourly History.

If you are interested in making your exploration of Amelia Earhart's life a family affair, there also are many well-written children's books about her -- *"The Girl Who Reached for the Sky"* by Sarah Michaels (geared for ages 7 - 12), *"Amelia Earhart: A Kids Book About Flying Against All Odds"* by Mary Nhin (geared for ages Baby - 12), *"Who Was Amelia Earhart"* by Kate Boehm Jerome (geared for ages 7 - 12), and *"I Am Amelia Earhart"* by Brad Meltzer (geared for ages 3 - 6).

We hope you'll enjoy learning more about this remarkable American pioneer.

(3) Are You a True Crime and Supernatural Forces Aficionado? -- then you may want to check out a new book by Robert Hilland and John Edwards. The book, *"Chasing Evil: Shocking Crimes, Supernatural Forces and an FBI Agent's Search for Hope and Justice"*, tells how a skeptical FBI agent reached out to a world-famous psychic for help solving a baffling murder case -- leading to a twenty-five year partnership and crime-solving journey. The book is a heart-stopping story of murder, investigation, justice, and finding help in unexpected places. *Library Journal's* review of the book stated "This riveting true crime book is a thriller, a memoir, and a meditation on the unknown, with all the intensity of a big-screen drama and the soul of deeply personal reckonings...The tension is relentless, the writing cinematic and the tone urgent". This book has a 4.8 (out of 5.0) rating on Amazon and a 4.6 (out of 5.0) rating on Goodreads.

(4) Books Galore -- If you enjoy losing yourself in a fiction or non-fiction book, this year has provided you with a bumper crop of great books to enjoy. And, *New Yorker* magazine wants to make sure you don't miss even one of these page-turners, so it has created a list of **"The Best Books of the Year So Far"**. The list includes such great reads as *"The Gods of New York"* by Jonathan Mabler, *"The Gossip Columnist's Daughter"* by Peter Orner, *"Will There Ever Be Another You"* by Patricia Lockwood, *"This Kind of Trouble"* by Tochi Eze, *"Heart the Lover"* by Lily King, and many more. Take a minute and check out the list at: <https://www.newyorker.com/best-books-2025>

Tip: The *New Yorker* magazine updates this list every week so bookmark the link so you can check back regularly to see what books have been added.

(5) Help For That Dreaded Request -- You know the feeling...that sinking sensation in your stomach and the cold sweat that breaks out when you realize you've been asked to make a speech -- whether at a wedding, bar mitzvah, graduation, retirement, etc. The thought of writing a speech -- let alone making it lighthearted and funny can seem overwhelming. But, never fear...help is at hand thanks to a new book by Emmy-winning comedy writers Carol Leifer and Rick Mitchell entitled *"How to Write a Funny Speech...for a Wedding, Bar Mitzvah, Graduation & Every Other Event You Didn't Want to Go to in the First Place"*. Quick and easy to use, this book will help you write the perfect speech so you can (as the authors say) "look awesome, make some people laugh, and get it over with". The book is broken into short chapters full of tips and advice. You'll learn how to properly write and deliver your speech so you'll flatter your subject but, also keep the audience interested. And, you'll even

get help figuring out how to deliver comedic lines successfully to make your speech a success. **With a foreword by the queen of comedy, Carol Burnett, this book has a 4.4 (out of 5.0) rating on Amazon.**

(6) Short Stories-- If our library branch's monthly short story discussion has you interested in exploring more short stories, then good news...Goodreads is coming to the rescue to help you get started. **That's because Goodreads has compiled a list of the "96 Great Short Story Collections from the Past Three Years".** The list includes collections such as *"You Like It Darker"* by Stephen King, *"Good and Evil and Other Stories"* by Samanta Schweblin, *"The Faraway World"* by Patricia Engel, *"Tailored Realities"* by Brandon Sanderson, *"The Disappeared"* by Andrew Porter, and many more. **To find the full list of these collections you can go to:**

https://www.goodreads.com/blog/show/3020-discover-96-great-short-story-collections-from-the-past-three-years?ref=pe_3097180_1292339650&rto=x_gr_e_nl_general&utm_campaign=October072025&utm_content=Short.Gems&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter

(7) The Fonz -- From 1974 - 1984 actor Henry Winkler was a household name playing the fictional character Arthur Herbert Fonzarelli (aka The Fonz) on the highly popular sitcom Happy Days. Now, he is well-know for also being the author of 40 (!) children's books. **If you have little ones in your life, be sure to check out his latest hilarious, full-color chapter book series --** *"Detective Duck: The Case of the Strange Splash"*, *"Detective Duck: The Case of the Missing Tadpole"*, and *"Detective Duck: The Mystery of Emerald Pond"*. The series is geared for ages 6 - 9 years. These books have earned rave reviews including from the *School Library Journal* which says of the series "with an endearing cast of animal characters, humor, mystery, and an environmental angle, this series is a delight for kids and their grown-ups. Recommended for all collections."

We hope you find this spotlight helpful. Happy Reading!!



More To the Story

(1) Coming in November -- The Monmouth County Library System will host a wide range of virtual and in-person programs this month including:

- **Author Talks** (Joseph Lee, Peters, Charles Duhigg, and rebroadcasts of talks by Madeline Miller and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai)
- **Yoga Sessions**
- **Lectures** (Battle of the Bulge: December 1944 The Greatest American Battle, The Benefits of Mushrooms, Right-Sizing Your Life: A Guide to Your Next Chapter, Houseplants: Get to Know Your Roommates, Building Foundations of Caregiving, You At Risk?, The Truth About Garden Myths, Understanding Artificial Intelligence, 12 Months of Birding New Jersey, The Vietnam War 1964 - 1973, Food and Feasts, Planning and Shopping Smart, etc.)
- **Rhythm N' Sound musical performance**
- **Think On Your Feet: An Improv Workshop**

- One-On-One State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Assistance
- Travel Sketching: Tips & Techniques
- Introduction to Wool Felting
- Introduction to the Japanese Tea Ceremony
- Local Author Book Fair
- Native Seed & Plant Swap
- De-stress Through Meditation, Yoga and Breathing
- Circle of Origami Paperfolders
- Genealogy Club
- Horn of Cornucopia PopDown^(R) Card Craft for Adults
- Mah Jongg
- Writing Workshops
- English as a Second Language Classes
- Learn to Play Bridge
- and so much more....

(2) Coming in November to the New Jersey State Library System (NJSL) -- **The New Jersey State Library System offers "NJSL Presents Webinars" which are free and open to anyone interested in attending.** Registration is required in advance and all webinars are recorded and posted to their [YouTube page](#) afterward. You can also check out event recaps on their [blog](#).

Here's what is on tap in November from the NJSL:

- **Virtual Author Talk: "On the Turtle's Back: Stories the Lenape Told Their Grandchildren"** -- November 5, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.
- **Introduction to Finding Grants** -- November 6, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.
- **Introduction to Medicare** -- November 12, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.
- **Resume Writing** -- November 18, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.
- **Let's Talk Diabetes: Prediabetes, Type 1, and Type 2 Explained** -- November 20, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.

For a description of each webinar's content and to register -- simply go to: <https://www.njstatelib.org/> Scroll down to the listing of Upcoming Events and click on the program you are interested in attending.



Looking for Links?

Here are some links for our town, county, and state that we hope will help you stay connected:

Ocean Township:

Friends of the Township of Ocean Library: www.friendsofoceantwplibrary.org

Ocean Township Department of Human Services website: www.oceantwp.org (look at the bottom of the home page for "Community Highlights", then click on the red arrow on the right until you see Human Services and click on it)

Ocean Township Garden Club: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/597553924494267/>

Ocean Township Green

Team: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090815647382>

Ocean Township Historical Museum: www.oceanmuseum.org

Ocean Township Town Website: www.oceantwp.org

Monmouth County:

Monmouth County Department of Health: www.visitmonmouth.com

Monmouth County Library: www.MonmouthCountyLib.org

New Jersey:

New Jersey Official State Web Site: www.nj.gov

**Thank you again for your continued support of
The Friends of The Township of Ocean Library
You truly are making a difference!**