



OCEAN COUNTY LIBRARY

Connecting People...Building Community...Transforming Lives

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FREE COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

The Ocean County Library Manchester Branch offers a wide variety of programs at your community center. To schedule programs: email Michael Mahoney at mmahoney@theoceancountylibrary.org or call 732-657-7600, serving Manchester, Lakelhurst and Whiting communities.

Is Your Community Activities Department or Social Club Searching for Engaging Presentations?

Computer & Technology Programs



31 WEBSITES YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT!

Our staff have pulled together a great list of websites that most people do not know about but should. Our list includes travel & adventure, consumer help, and some just plain fun and interesting sites. Come along with us down the "Information Highway" as we share some of our favorite Internet stops. You are sure to leave this presentation with some new websites that you will want to explore!



MOBILE PHONE SAFETY

Learn how to protect your privacy when using your mobile phone. Scammers are trying numerous ways to hack into your cell phone.

We'll give you some tips to keep your cell phone safe and secure.



UBER VS LYFT: Learn the Basic of Ride Sharing

Uber and Lyft are two of the most well-known ride-sharing services. This program will show you the commonalities and difference between them, how to order a ride, how to pay, and safety tips.



FREE ONLINE NEWSPAPERS AT YOUR FINGERTIPS!

Learn how to access current and historical newspapers online using the Ocean County Library's newspaper databases. The *Asbury Park Press*, *New York Times with Index*, *US New stream*, *Star Ledger Online*, *Philadelphia Inquirer* and *ProQuest* among other OCL newspaper databases will be covered.



Smart Watches: What's the Hype and Why Do You Want One?

The famous Dick Tracy watch now exists. Smartwatches do far more than tell the time. Texting, getting a weather forecast, tracking workouts and more can now all be done right from your wrist. This presentation will give attendees a look at what a smartwatch is capable of, as well as, information on the most common brands.



SOCIAL MEDIA 101

Learn the basics of Social Media platforms like Facebook, Tik Tok, and Twitter so you can talk the talk with your children and grandchildren. You may even want to try out one or two.



MAGAZINES DIGITALLY FOR FREE

Learn about a great free service of the Library. A librarian will demonstrate to attendees how to search for and read popular magazines and articles within these databases. Participants search for FREE using their Ocean County Library Card. Search for full text printable articles on a broad spectrum of topics and also how to access magazine articles such as those in *Consumer Reports*.



FREE STREAMING MOVIES ON YOUR COMPUTER, TABLET, PHONE OR SMART TV

You databases. You just need a library card. Movies include: arts & humanities, health science, technology, classic cinema, foreign films, TV series, instructional films, and documentaries from PBS, BBC, the *History Channel*, *HBO*, *Nova* and *Ken Burns*. can stream free videos from Ocean County Library's

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LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE!

you want to learn a to converse in another language?

Looking to get familiar with a foreign language for your upcoming trip? How about for the long-term? The Ocean County library can help! We have three wonderful Learning a language has never been so fun and easy! This is available to you FREE with a Wi-Fi connection and an OCL library card. Culture grams, a cultural and geography database, will also be demonstrated.



VALUE LINE AND MORNINGSTAR

Don't pay for expensive financial information when you can access it for free with an Ocean County Library card. Learn about two of the most prominent organizations in the finance field--- *Value Line* and *Morningstar*.



A librarian will show you how to navigate valuable information on stocks, ETFs and Mutual funds.

Entertainment Programs



GOTTA SING...MUSICAL FILM HISTORY & SING-ALONG

Join with your friends and neighbors in singing some classic movie songs. We'll also share some tidbits about classic musical films to give you a little history behind these Hollywood masterpieces. Come have some fun

NEW JERSEY'S 12 HIDDEN GEMS

Visiting New Jersey's hidden gems is an adventure all on its own. This presentation will take you away from what you know to discover the hidden gems and eccentricities that make up our diverse state. From local visitors to little known treasures, discover twelve locations that you can explore to add to your bucket list.



UNIVERSAL CLASS

Ocean County Library's *Universal Class* database offers online classes on your own schedule free of charge. You select your class

and have real instructors to contact with questions to help you. Course topics include computer skills, GED Test Prep, basic finance, do-it-yourself, writing, self-help, career training, health & medicine, cooking performing arts, arts & crafts, and more! A librarian will show how to learn more about this useful, empowering database available to you with your OCL library card to take a class right from your home!



GALE LEGAL FORMS-FOR PERSONAL AND BUSINESS NEEDS

Popular forms include real estate, contracts, wills, adoption, liens, power of attorney, Health care directive, automobile bill of sale, and landlord/tenant. These can be modified, downloaded and printed.

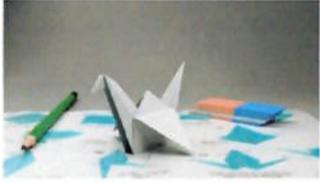
A librarian will do a live demonstration On how to access and navigate this database.



THE POETRY OF MUSIC

When you think of poetry, you might not think of music-but music can be poetry. Listen to some well-known songs and learn about the lyricists who made them poetry.

ORIGAMI: CRANES, ANIMALS AND OTHER USEFUL OBJECTS



Make an origami crane and other animals by folding paper to create a beautiful decoration. Create a useful card holder or mini notebook from one sheet of paper.

History & Enrichment Programs

MANCHESTER HISTORY



This 57-slide PowerPoint presentation explores the interesting history of Manchester Township, as well as parts of Lakehurst and Whiting, from the 19th century until today.

Learn a bit of history about the township you live in.

THE FORGOTTEN PRESIDENTS



We are all familiar with Presidents like Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson, Kennedy and the Roosevelts.

What about names like Garfield, Hayes, Buchanan, Harding and Pierce?

This presentation will discuss ten of the lesser-known United States Presidents.



THE USS INDIANAPOLIS CA-35

The USS Indianapolis was a WW2 US Navy Heavy Cruiser that was sunk towards the end of the war in the Pacific. It was and still is the greatest Navy disaster in United States history. This Power Point presentation will go over what happened on that fateful day of July 29th, 1945.



THE WIDOW CRIES WOLF: MURDER IN LAKEHURST

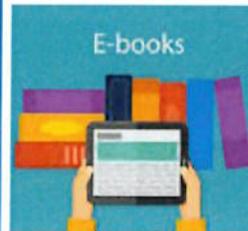
Join us for lively recounting of a local, true-crime murder that happened 100 years ago. Three railway men walking down the street in late hours of night hear a woman's cry for help. The men find a local, Lakehurst businessman, William Giberson, lying in his bed with a bullet in his head. It is up to Ocean County Prosecutor Jayne and Jersey's world-renown "Sherlock Holmes of the United States," Detective Ellis Parker, to gather the evidence that will bring Ivy to trial.



EXPLORE, EXPERIENCE, ENJOY YOUR LIBRARY

Learn about the wonderful resources that are available free with your library card.

An overview of accessing eBooks, streaming videos, databases, placing books on hold, interlibrary loans, museum passes, to name a few will be covered.



LIBRARY TECH TALK

Library staff will answer questions about any of the apps that you are can use to download library materials including the Libby, Kanopy and Hoopla apps.

We will discuss how to use your phone, tablet or Smart TV to install our apps and start using Library databases for FREE. If your printer is not working or out of toner, we have the answer for you. Librarians will show you how you can send what you need printed directly to the Manchester Branch where you can then print, pay and be on your way.



TRAIN YOUR BRAIN WITH GAMES!

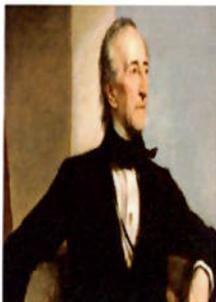
Librarians will share some fun mind-challenging games with you and your friends. We'll supply some .

Keep your mind fresh with an afternoon of brain-strengthening games and activities. Learn simple, fun, and engaging games and puzzles that will help keep you sharp. Have some fun with us!



FIRST LADIES OF THE U.S.

This presentation covers ten First Ladies of the United States spanning from the early 1800's to the present day. Most people have heard of Dolley Madison, but did you know Thomas Jefferson had his daughter as First Lady and James Buchanan's niece served as well? Come find out more about some well known First Ladies and some not so well known.



THE FORGOTTEN PRESIDENTS—PART II

Did you know one of our early U.S Presidents had Dutch ancestry and another a grandson who became President? Learn about ten more Of our lesser-known Presidents from the 18th, 19th & 20th centuries. Available Mid-February 2026

Please note:

- ❖ The Ocean County Library Manchester Branch supports outreach programming to Manchester, Whiting and Lakehurst communities.
- ❖ Several presentations require a projector and screen. A laptop is helpful, but we can bring one, if needed.
- ❖ Presentations are approximately 45 to 60 minutes in length and many will include a time for questions and answers.
- ❖ To find out more information about any of these presentations or to reserve a date, please contact: Michael Mahoney, Librarian II at the Manchester Branch--732-657-7600 or email him at mmahoney@theoceancountylibrary.org. All presentations are provided free of charge.