Welcome to a virtual tour of the Stafford branch of the Ocean County Library.
The Stafford branch welcomes you.
The “Signature Quilt” (circa 1909) greets visitors to the branch. It was used as a community fundraiser to purchase the first gas street lamps in Manahawkin. Squares were sold for a quarter each and embroidered with names of the donors.
The Stafford branch holds more than 55,000 books and circulates more than 240,000 items annually.
At the Information Services Desk a reference librarian is available to assist customers with locating materials for any assignment or question. Help is also available 24/7 on the Ocean County Library website (www.theoceancountylibrary.org)
The Adult Stacks section.
The Stafford branch has two floors and is accessible by stairs or by elevator.
The meeting room at the Stafford branch can seat 85 people and hosts many art and photo displays by local artists.
The Newspaper and Periodicals section.
At the Circulation Services Desk customers can check out books, pay overdue fines, pick up inter-library loan materials, place holds and request searches for missing books.
The Computer Lab features eight computers for computer training and public use when classes are not in session.
The Teen Zone is the hub of teen activities in the library and provides a large open area for teens to gather.
A children-only computer area provides safe, secure computer time for children.
The “Need to Read” mural is a 2003 art project. Tiles were created by Mrs. Nutt’s second grade class at the Oxycocus Elementary School.
The New Books section.
The Stafford branch has two terminals for easy customer self-service check-out.
The music and movie section provides customers with over 3,000 music CD’s and 3,800 DVD’s including foreign films, feature and series videos.
We hope you have enjoyed this virtual tour of the Stafford branch of the Ocean County Library and we invite you to visit us.

We are open weekdays and Saturdays. During the school year, we are open Sundays, from September to May.