

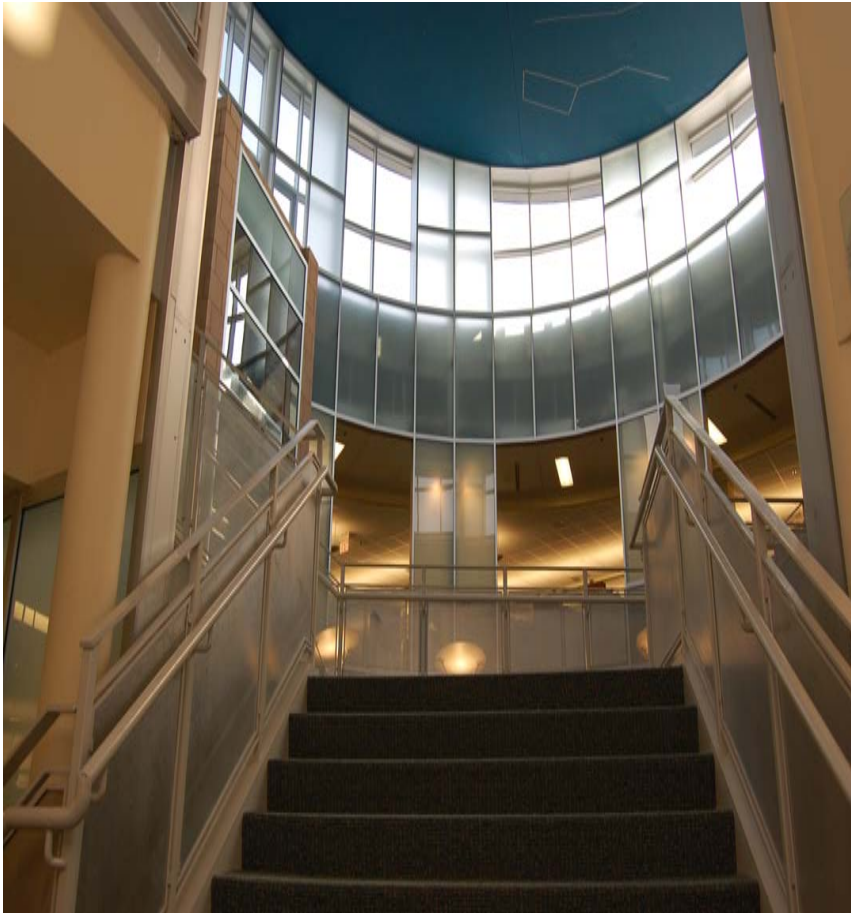


Welcome to the Toms River
branch of the Ocean County
Library.





The Toms River branch is the system's headquarters at 101 Washington Street. Ocean County Library is New Jersey's largest public library system with 21 locations. It serves over 560,000 residents of Ocean County.



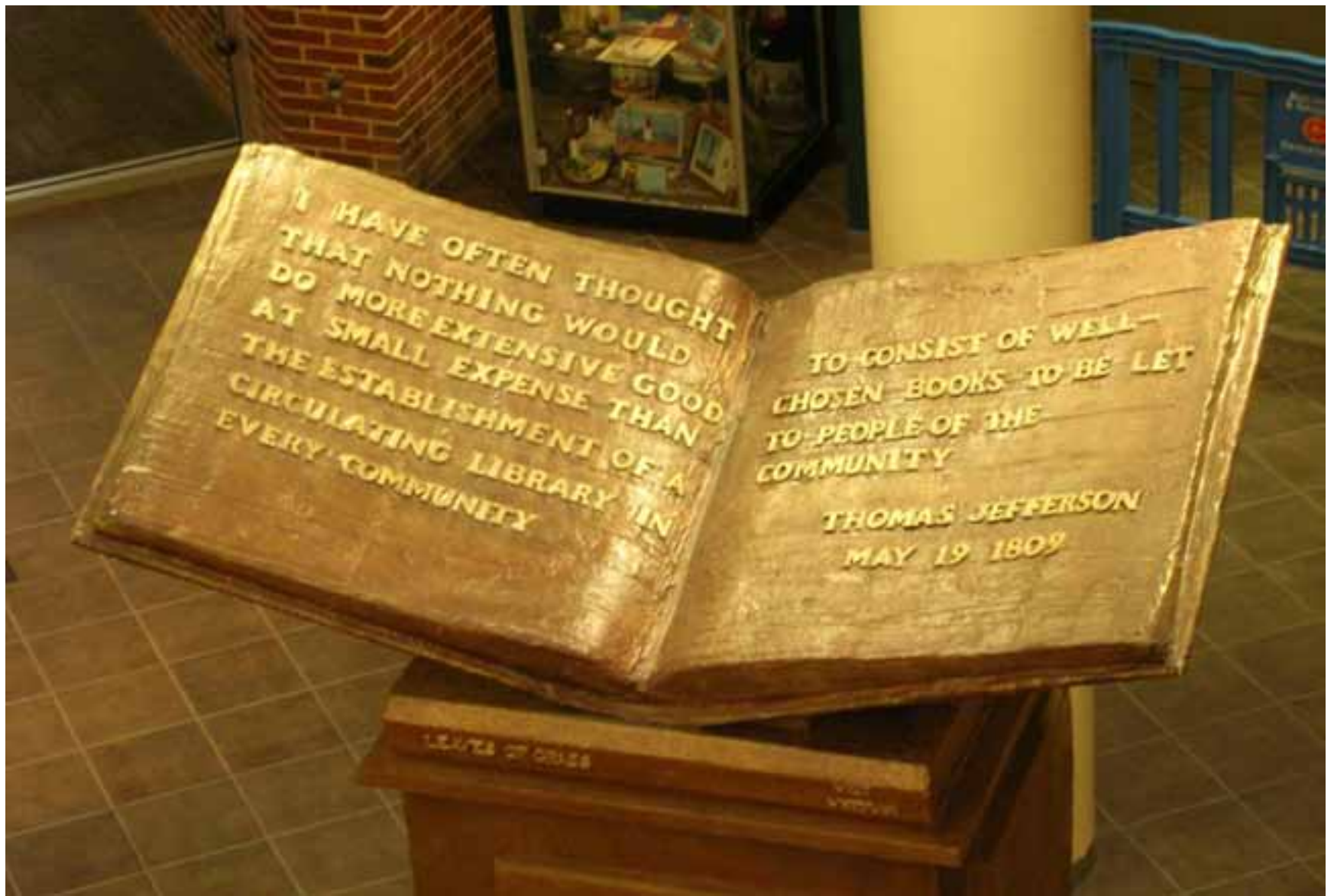
The Toms River branch reopened January 28, 2006, after an extensive renovation and expansion project it doubled in size to 100,000 square feet.



The library attracts visitors to Downtown Toms River.



The Toms River branch houses artwork that enriches the community. The artwork is on display in the McConnell Gallery on the first floor and in locations through out the library.



“Reflections of Ocean County” is an eight foot tall bronze sculpture by Brain Hanlon that greets visitors in the lobby.



As you enter the McConnell gallery you are greeted by a bust of the late James J. Mancini, library champion and Ocean County Freeholder. He served as Freeholder and Library Liaison from 1982 till his death in 2003.



The McConnell Gallery hosts a new display approximately every seven weeks.



**Mancini Hall programming center is named for James J. Mancini.
The hall can seat 250 people in one large room or can be
separated in to two individual rooms.**



Mancini Hall is complete with a wireless microphone system...



.... and a digital projection system for video conferencing.



The Green Room can be used as a meeting room for up to 30 people or serve as a preparation area for performers.



Ocean County Library hosts a variety of programs for the community.



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 Toms River branch has three self-checkout terminals for fast, easy self service checkout by customers.



The New Books area contains the latest books. The Toms River branch has more than 265,000 books and circulates over 700,000 items annually.



The Movies and Music section provides customers with over 4,500 music CD's and 25,000 DVD's including foreign films, features and series videos.



As you enter the Children's Department you are greeted by the Barnegat Bay Mosaic. The mosaic, constructed over the course of several months, contains glass tiles designed by area children and depicts wildlife in the Barnegat Bay estuary.



The story hour/crafts room provides a safe, enclosed space for young children to participate in various activities.



The Youth Services area features a reading area with book towers, shelves and displays of timely and seasonal books.



A children-only computer area provides safe, secure computer time for children.



The Youth Services area stacks.



The Adult Fiction stacks.



The Ocean County Library is always looking for people with interesting items, crafts or hobbies to be displayed in the exhibit cases located throughout the Toms River branch.



On-line card catalog computers are available on the first and second floors. The catalog is also accessible from your home computer at www.theoceancountylibrary.org.



Language Line is an interpretation service, interpreting over 170 languages. The service enables customers of diverse backgrounds to overcome language barriers and utilize all the library's services.



The Technology Lab features 20 computers for public use when computer classes are not in session.



The Information Services desk offers welcoming faces and exceptional help.



At the Information Services Desk a reference librarian is available to assist customers in finding materials for any assignment or question. Help is available 24/7 on the Ocean County Library website.



The Teen Zone is the hub of teen activities in the library featuring a plasma TV/DVD player and a large open area for teens to gather.



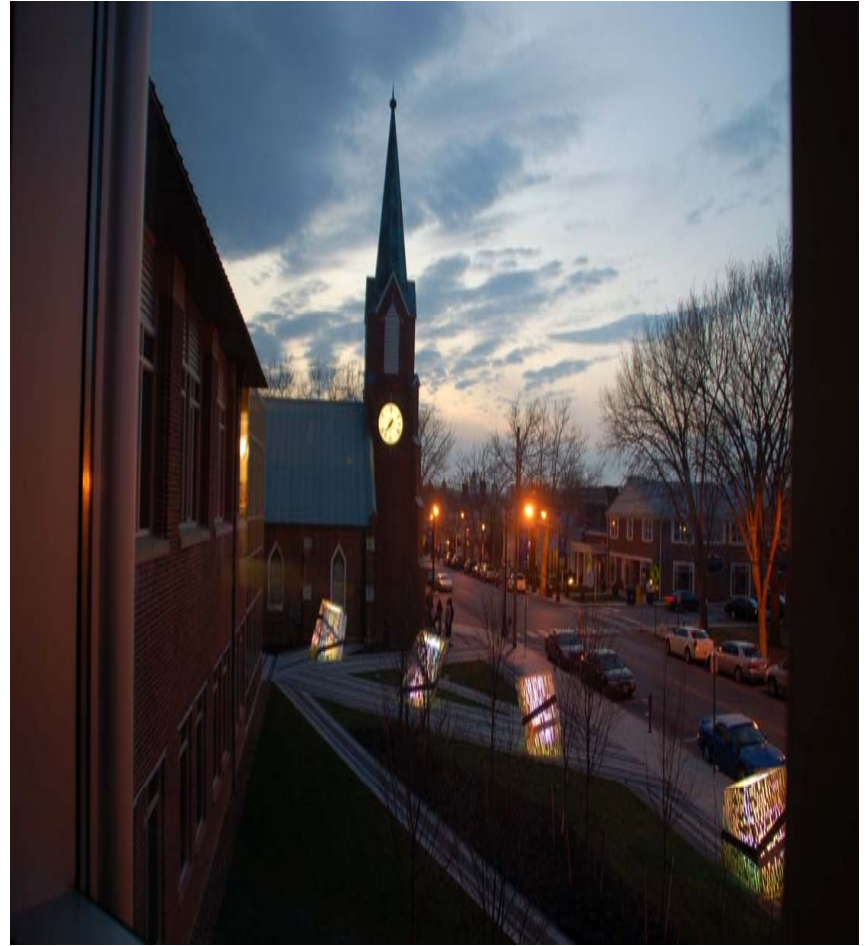
The Hecht, Toms River Sunrise Rotary study rooms.....



.... and Elks Lodge #1875 study rooms are available to two or more people for a quiet and private study space.



The Hometown Dairy Room provides seating for up to 40 people for community meetings, book discussions and smaller group programs.



The Rose B. Horan Silent Study tower provides a silent reading area and a view of Washington Street.



The Hugh B. Wheeler Reading Room, a quiet reading room, contains all of the library's Ocean County & New Jersey genealogy materials. Suspended from the ceiling is Christopher Freeman's "Flowing Fabric Luminous Tube Sculpture."



We hope you enjoyed this virtual tour of the Toms River branch of the Ocean County Library and invite you to visit us. We are open weekdays and Saturdays. During the school year, we are open Sundays, from September to May.