

Literature Databases

Wednesday, March 2, 3:00pm – 4:30pm @ Toms River Branch Computer Lab

Brush up your Shakespeare ... Conrad, Fitzgerald and Poe. Learn about our 3 databases and virtual reference collection just for literature. These sources contain literary criticism and themes, biographies, timelines, even how to write a research paper!

Enciclopedia Estudiantil

Wednesday, March 16, 3:00pm – 4:00pm @ Toms River Computer Lab

Encyclopedia in Spanish Language from *World Book Online* is highly useful to teachers and students in Spanish language studies. This database offers articles, biographies and a visual World of Animals dictionary. EE is an excellent resource for school projects and is a bilingual Spanish/English resource for students in grades 4-12 and adult ESL learners.

VoiceThread: the High-Tech Way to Connect 21st Century Kids to Books and Reading

Thursday, March 24, 4:00pm - 5:00pm @ Barnegat Branch

You've heard a lot about Web 2.0, but how can you use it in the classroom? Learn how to use [Voice Thread](#), a free web-based program, to show or create digital "booktalks," assign virtual book reports, and host collaborative book discussions. [VoiceThread](#) offers free educator accounts and comment moderation to ensure content and control (for teachers in grades 3-12).

Top Ten Websites Teachers Can't Live Without

Thursday, March 24, 4:00pm – 5:30pm @ Lakewood Branch Computer Lab

These websites are useful for teachers to use while teaching their specialty subjects including geography, reading, history and mathematics - just to name a few.

Getting Organized

Monday, April 4 & Monday, October 3, 4:00pm – 5:30pm @ Lakewood Branch Computer Lab

Learn how to use free websites to organize your calendars, to-do lists, and documents. We'll also discuss using online tools to collaborate with students, parents, and fellow teachers, as well as tools to keep up on education news and blogs. Students must have a valid email address. Handouts will be provided.

Kids Search

Tuesday, April 5 & Tuesday, October 4, 4:00pm – 5:30pm @ Lakewood Branch Computer Lab

Have fun while learning this useful teaching tool! This database is especially designed for students grades K-8. Free access is available through the Ocean County Library webpage. The class will show teachers how to help students search for information by keyword or by topic. Knowledge is easily found in full text magazine articles, reference books, photos, and videos. Handouts will be provided.

Universal Class: Online Classes for Teachers

Monday, April 11, 3:30pm - 5:00pm @ Toms River Branch Computer Lab

Universal Class provides online classes with real teachers, assignments, tests and required essays on 500 different topics. Educators can learn new skills and earn Continuing Education Credits with classes like *Behavior Management 101*, *Autism and Inclusion*, *Educating and Understanding the Exceptional Child* and *History of Terrorism 101*. Participants will learn how to access this resource, choose a class and begin learning. Prerequisite: participants must have a valid email address.

Outside the Lines: The Importance of Exploring Art with Children

Wednesday, April 13, 6:30pm – 8:00pm, @ Toms River Branch – Green Room

This program will explore how and why art plays a major role in the development of children, focusing on ages 0-8 years. For educators, questions arise when teaching art to children: Why is art important for young children? How does it aid in their development? Is there a right way to teach or create art? These questions will be addressed as well as suggested projects and techniques for teaching art to young children.

Top Government Website Resources

Thursday, April 14 & Thursday, October 20, 4:00-5:30pm @ Lakewood Branch Computer Lab

Explore the wealth of information found free from top government websites. Learn and access Internet websites from the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of the U.S. government and agencies that provide up-to-the minute information on Supreme Court rulings, Presidential speeches, House and Senate Congressional bills and much more. Many sites also offer tools and information for a better understanding of our government for parents, kids and educators.

Teen Health and Wellness: Real Life, Real Answers

Friday, April 15, 3:30pm – 5:00pm @ Little Egg Harbor Branch

The Ocean County Library and the Ocean County Health department now offer access to *Teen Health & Wellness: Real Life, Real Answers*, a vital new research database and teen self-help resource created by Rosen Publishing. Developed for teens with their unique concerns and perspectives in mind, *Teen Health & Wellness* meets our state-based curriculum requirements for health, physical education, science, and language arts as well as national standards (for Middle & High School Teachers).

Library Orientation for Basic Skills Teachers and Parents

Tuesday, April 26 & Tuesday, October 11, 6:00pm – 7:00pm @ Little Egg Harbor Branch

The Ocean County Library offers numerous resources for Basic Skills Teachers, parents, and students. Please join us for a tour of the library, library card registration, a demonstration on how to search the library catalog by title and author, and book talks on high interest low level reading materials for students in grade K – 6 with reading levels Pre-K to 3.

World Book Online

Monday, May 2 & Monday, September 26, 5:00pm - 6:30pm @ Lakewood Branch Computer Lab

Searching for information about any topic? You can find it using this online encyclopedia that has maps, pictures, audio, video and teachers' resources.

Biography Resources

Tuesday, May 3, 4:00pm – 6:00pm, @ Toms River Branch Computer Lab

Learn how to find facts on someone famous using three powerful databases – *Biography Collection Complete, Biography in Context and Who's Who by Marquis*.

CultureGrams

Wednesday, May 11, 3:00pm – 4:30pm @ Toms River Branch Computer Lab

CultureGrams™ has something for teachers, students and travelers! This powerful resource has a wide range of tools for learning about diverse nations and the United States.

Cool Presentations, Handouts & More!

Tuesday, August 9, 10:00am – 12:00pm @ Toms River Branch Computer Lab

Learn to use online graphic tools to design fun presentations your students will love. This is an advanced computer class for teachers who are Internet-savvy.

America's Newspapers

Wednesday, September 14, 3:00pm – 4:30pm @ Toms River Branch Computer Lab

America's Newspapers has complete electronic editions of more than 2,000 full text newspapers nationwide. The database provides access to millions of current and archived articles.

Skype: Cheap or Free (and Easy!) Ways To Connect Your Class With YA/MG Authors

Wednesday, September 21, 3:00pm – 4:30pm @ Toms River Computer Lab

Author visits can inspire students to read, write and dream. *Skype* is an easy to use and inexpensive way to bring authors to your students. Many YA/MG authors *Skype* for free. A published middle grade children's book author (who has done many free *Skype* visits to schools and libraries) will show you how to use *Skype*, how to find authors who *Skype* for free and how to make your virtual author visit a success.

Learn a New Language with *Mango Online*

Wednesday, November 2, 3:00pm – 4:00pm @ Toms River Branch Computer Lab

Mango is an online language-learning system that is available through the Ocean County Library Web site. It can help your students learn languages like Spanish, French, Japanese, Brazilian Portuguese, German, Mandarin Chinese, Greek, Italian, Russian and more. This is a great way to supplement your classroom materials. Participants will register for and then begin using *Mango* - bring headphones.

Registration REQUIRED for all workshops either online @ www.theoceancountylibrary.org (click on “program calendar”) OR by phone at the hosting location. Schools can request an in-service for their faculty/students for any library resources. Just contact your local branch.

**Barnegat Branch 609-698-3331
Lakewood Branch: 732-363-1435**

**Little Egg Harbor Branch 609-294-1197
Toms River Branch: 732-349-6200**

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Free Parking in the O.C. Parking Garage on Hooper Ave**

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