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Romp and Roll! 'Music, Bubble & Dance Party' at the Ocean County Library 2024 Autism Resources Fair







TOMS RIVER – Children and teens are invited to join the fun of "A Music, Bubble and Dance Party" by <u>Turtle Dance Music</u> in the Ocean County Library Toms River Branch during OCL's 2024 Autism Resources Fair, 10 AM to 3 PM Saturday, April 13. The party in the Branch's Green Room will start at 1 PM.

"Mr. Matt" will lead the 40-minute, sensory-friendly show of bubbles, laughs, dancing, games, astounding visuals, and a story written by his brother-in-law Tim Shaw, who is on the Autism Spectrum.

The show is crafted to be inclusive for all children and their parents and caregivers. Songs feature hands-on, visual and sensory experiences for learning and fun. Kids can sing, dance, let their imaginations fly and connect with new friends.

After earning theater and drama degrees from New York University and Montclair State University, Matt Mazur co-founded Turtle Dance Music in 2012 to provide inclusive, interactive entertainment for people of all abilities and all ages.

Matt returned to school the same year and received degrees in Developmental Models of Autism Intervention and Early Childhood Development in 2014. He co-authored the children's book *Scrak's Big Adventure* with Tim and founded <u>AutismFriendlyShows.com</u>.

The Autism Resources Fair is sponsored by the Ocean County Library Foundation. Registration is not required for this program or for the entire free five-hour event.

To read about the Fair or register for any of its educational workshops, visit www.theoceancountylibrary.org/autism. Workshop registrants are eligible to receive professional development certificates.

For more information, visit the OCL Toms River Branch, 101 Washington Street, call (732) 349-6200, or see new details online through the OCL Autism Resources Center.

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Matt Mazur, Turtle Dance Music

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