



Press Release

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Discover African Folklore at the Ocean County Library Manchester Branch

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP – Tales handed down through generations contribute significantly to customs and mores on which societies are built. In honor of Black History Month, the Ocean County Library Manchester Branch is pleased to present storyteller [Julie Pasqual's](#) "Tales from the African and African American Tradition," 3 PM Monday, February 24.

Few communal experiences compare with gatherings to hear engaging stories. Julie will relate tales rooted in the African Diaspora which have become part of the African American experience.

[Julie Pasqual](#) is a storyteller who is trained in dance, acting, clowning and American Sign Language. She infuses her folktales and fairytales from around the world with all the art forms she has studied. Also a 500-hour yoga instructor, Julie serves three studios and conducts yoga teacher trainings, where the philosophy of yoga is her passion.

Her performances have taken her to 49 of our 50 states – only Hawaii remains to be entertained – and worldwide to France, England, Belgium, Jamaica, Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, the United Arab Emirates and Taiwan. Notable U.S. appearances include the [Kennedy Center](#) in Washington D.C., [Philadelphia Museum of Art](#) and the [New Jersey Storytelling Festival](#) as well as libraries, schools, hospitals, bookstores, and broadcasts.

A member of the [New Jersey Storytelling Network](#) and [Storytelling Arts](#), Julie reaches fans through [YouTube](#). When not weaving tales, Julie performs as a "Clown Doctor" for Healthy Humor, bringing laughs and fun to hospitalized children, their families, and medical staffers in the US and in overseas refugee camps and orphanages through [Clowns Without Borders](#).

Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/OclMATales> to attend this free program. For more information, stop by the OCL Manchester Branch, 21 Colonial Drive, or call (732) 657-7600. See the full schedule of Library programs in the online [Calendar of Events](#).

OCL turns 100 this year and you're why we're celebrating! See details on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [X](#), [YouTube](#), [Spotify](#), [Pinterest](#) and <https://theoceancountylibrary.org>.

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