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FINES & FEES

THE OCEAN COUNTY LIBRARY GOES FINE FREE JULY 1, 2021

The Library will still apply due dates for the books and materials, and will continue to send reminders when the items are due back.

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MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES

$ 5.00 Interlibrary loan materials requested and not picked up
$ 5.00 Equipment (per day)
$ 5.00 Mailing the monthly event brochure to your home (per year)
$ 5.00 Lost magazines
$ 10.00 Collection agency fees
$ 10.00 Returned check fees
$ .20 Computer printouts
$.10 Photocopies/Microfilm prints

LOST/DAMAGED ITEMS

Replacement cost will be the price of the item for all materials except magazines. Customers are not eligible for refunds for lost materials that have been paid for. “New replacement copies” for lost/damaged print materials will be accepted if the ISBN is identical.

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MUSEUM PASSES

Free to borrow passes to popular museums in NJ, NY, & PA for Ocean County residents with cards in good standing.

Visit our website for participating museums, FAQs, and to reserve your pass today! theoceancountylibrary.org/museum-pass-program

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BARNEGAT BRANCH
112 Burr Street
Barnegat, NJ 08005
(609) 698-3331
Mon 9-5
Tues-Thurs 9-9
Fri & Sat 9-5

BAY HEAD READING CENTER
136 Meadow Avenue
Bay Head, NJ 08742
(732) 892-0662
Mon 10-9
Tues-Fri 10-5
Sat 10-2

BEACHWOOD BRANCH
126 Beachwood Boulevard
Beachwood, NJ 08722
(732) 244-4573
Mon 10-9
Tues-Fri 10-5
Sat 10-2

BERKELEY BRANCH
30 Station Road
Bayville, NJ 08721
(732) 269-2144
Mon-Thurs 9-5
Fri & Sat 9-5

BERKELEY CENTER
Sat 1-5*

BRICK BRANCH
301 Chambers Bridge Road
Brick, NJ 08723
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Mon-Thurs 9-9
Fri & Sat 9-5

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10 E. Lacey Road
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Mon-Thurs 9-9
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Lakewood, NJ 08701
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Mon-Thurs 9-9
Fri & Sat 9-5
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290 Mathistown Road
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