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### **Information, Exhibits, Entertainment, and Career Paths Highlight OCL's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Autism Resources Fair in Toms River**

**TOMS RIVER** – Individuals, families, caregivers, and prospective professionals are invited to the Ocean County Library's Fourth Annual Autism Resources Fair, Saturday, Apr. 18, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Toms River Branch.

The Fair will offer 40 state and county agencies, non-profit organizations, support and service groups for all ages, educational institutions, law experts, volunteers and entertainers.

Entertainment and activities will include "Songs & Silliness" by Mr. Jon & Friends, balloon art by Cheryl Schwendel, costumed characters and face painting by A Land and Sea Mermaid, therapy dogs, adult creative space, sensory play, and trivia for teens.

Instructive workshops will be staged by the New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities, Ocean Partnership for Children, Inc., and Ocean County Sheriff's Office. Workshop attendees are eligible for Certificates of Completion.

Aspiring professionals can meet with representatives of Georgian Court University, Kean University and Rutgers University for information about Applied Behavioral Analysis Programs, and also can learn about opportunities in supervised field work with agencies that provide ABA therapy.

The Autism Resources Fair is free and open to the public. Walk-ins are welcome, although space for the music program and for the educational workshops is limited. Online registration for "Songs & Silliness" and for the workshops will begin on March 1.

The branch is located at 101 Washington Street. To register, call the branch, 732-349-6200, or visit [www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events](http://www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events).

The Fair is sponsored by the Ocean County Library Foundation. The list of participating organizations includes:

- Allaire Community Farm
- Autism NJ
- Brain Builders
- Brett DiNovi & Associates LLC
- A Bright Tomorrow
- Canine Companions for Independence
- Children's Specialized Hospital
- Children's Wellness & Development Center
- Community Medical Center
- Easterseals NJ
- The Family Resource Network
- Georgian Court University
- Graham Behavior Services
- Hackensack Meridian Health
- Hawkswood School
- Hybridge Learning Group
- Kaleidoscope ABA Therapy Services
- Kean University
- Ladacin Network
- The Matus Law Group
- NJ Camp Jaycee
- NJ Division of Disability Services
- NJ Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services
- Ocean County Commission on Child Safety and Awareness
- Ocean County Department of Human Services
  - Office of Individuals with Disabilities
  - Children's Inter-Agency Coordinating Council
- Ocean County Family Support Organization
- Ocean County Health Department
- Ocean County Sheriff's Office
- Ocean Partnership for Children
- Ocean Pediatric Dental Associates
- POAC Autism Services
- Rising Treetops at Oakhurst
- Rutgers University
- The Shore Center for Students with Autism
- Speech Language Associates
- The Statewide Parent Advocacy Network
- Sunny Days Early Childhood Development Center
- Sussan, Greenwald & Wesler
- Toms River Mayor's Advisory Committee on Developmental Disabilities
- Unlocked Potential

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