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Explore Neil Diamond's Life and Music at the Ocean County Library Brick Branch

BRICK TOWNSHIP – American pop music of the past half-century would sound markedly different without Neil Diamond's influence. Entertainer and educator [Phil Bruschi](#) will take you on a multimedia tour of the legendary musician's life during "Neil Diamond: Singer & Songwriter" at the Ocean County Library Brick Branch, 1:30 PM Saturday, March 16.

Diamond's loyal fans around the world have bought more than 130 million of his records through his career. "Sweet Caroline," "Cracklin' Rosie," and "September Morn" are three of the ten memorable Number One hits in Diamond's catalogue. Phil will share the stories behind the songs he performs throughout the program.

Phil Bruschi began his entertainment career as a percussionist and emerged from the drum kit to vocalize with bands and doo-wop groups and as a soloist. As a teacher at the University of North Carolina, Phil incorporated his love of the Great American Songbook into a series of programs he describes as "edu-tain-ment."

A visit to Phil's [website](#) reveals nearly three dozen programs dedicated to legends including Diamond, Frank Sinatra, Nat Cole, Bobby Darin, Tony Bennett, James Taylor, the Beatles and the Everly Brothers, and songwriters such as Johnny Mercer and Rodgers and Hart. His 10 compact discs cover American pop from the 1940s to today.

Please register at <https://bit.ly/OclBrickNeilDiamond> to attend this free program. For more information stop by the OCL Brick Branch, 301 Chambers Bridge Road, call (732) 477-4513, or visit www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events.

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Phil Bruschi

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