

**Ocean County
Library
Toms River
Branch**



GET IN THE ZONE

Activities and fun at the Toms River TeenZone

I know what you did last summer!

This past summer over 200 teens volunteered at the Ocean County Library- Toms River Branch clocking in a whopping combined total of 2800 hours! That's a lot of community service hours!

S.A.I.L

Our most popular program is SAIL (which stands for Service and Achievement in the Library). Teens in the program created displays, helped out with library programs, worked on special projects, shifted books, helped customers with computer/ phone problems through our Teen Tech Buddies and so much more.

HERE'S WHAT TEENS SAY ABOUT S.A.I.L. & READING BUDDIES

"I never thought of myself as a creative person until I came [to S.A.I.L.] .. Now I love coming and being able to be creative." Nicolette.

"Everyone is friendly and helpful. I am already excited to start SAIL again next year!" Emily

"My experience at SAIL has really been indescribable, but it's been the highlight of my summer for all of my years here." T. A.

"This program helped foster my personal growth and gave me the knowledge in other areas of my life." Taylor

"I would recommend SAIL for any teenager because it's a fun, engaging way to earn community service hours, and you might discover skills you never thought you had." M.S.

"It's a great way to make friends and become part of a team." Stephanie

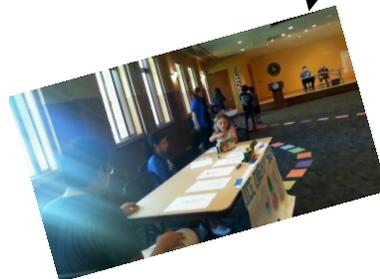
READING BUDDIES

Some teens participated in our Reading Buddies program where they helped children keep up their reading skills. Once a week, they met with their kid buddy and read together.



They even wrote, produced and performed a play to entertain the young readers.

Their contributions make an important difference in our library and the teens had fun too.



Volunteering during the school year!

Want to earn community service hours during the school year? There's lots of ways to get involved. Come to a TAB meeting to get an hour of community service and to find out about all the ways you volunteer!

VOLUNTEER!

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

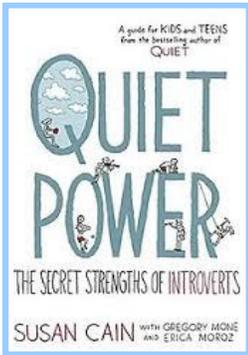
Help the library stay current with teen trends and hot topics. Have fun, while building teamwork and leadership skills. Earn community service hours by



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15**

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Books with BuZz



THIS BOOK IS LIFE-CHANGING IF YOU'RE A QUIET TEEN OR IF YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW ONE

Susan Cain's ground-breaking book sparked a conversation about quiet people and changed the way the world looks at introverts and the way introverts see themselves. While her original version was written for adults, this new book is especially for teens. This insightful, empowering and accessible book focuses on a teens world and talks about school, extracurricular activities, friends and family. Introverts from Einstein to Ghandi to Beyonce are used as examples.

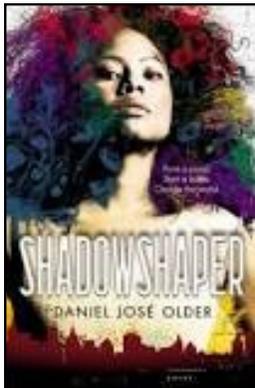
"Humorous drawings throughout the text add a whimsical and light touch perfect for the intended audience. . . . Many will find value in this title that emphasizes that being an introvert is not a blemish on one's personality but a benefit." *School Library Journal*

BINGE-READ THIS SERIES!

From Maggie Stiefvater, the bestselling and acclaimed author comes a spellbinding paranormal series which tackles a fascinating myth and adventure. The last book of The Raven Boys series is finally out so you can binge read them all. High school-aged teens and adult readers will love reading this!

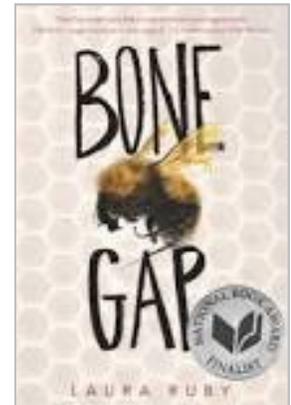
"Chill-inducing...a marvel of imagination." — *Booklist*,

"Palpably real ...compulsively readable...marvelously wrought."



MORE AMAZING STORIES!

Aveyard, Victoria. **Red Queen**. 2015. HarperTeen/HarperCollins. Mare lives in a dystopian society where the color of your blood determines your fate. Her life is turned upside down when it is discovered that she possesses super-human gifts.



Ruby, Laura. **Bone Gap**. In a small town full of strange happenings, Finn is determined to uncover the mystery of Roza's disappearance.

Older, Daniel José. **Shadowshaper**. 2015. Arthur A. Levine/Scholastic. Sierra discovers that her heritage allows her to tap into the magic in art. Now she must use that power to stop the evil rising in her neighborhood



FANNATION COMING IN NOVEMBER!



MAIN EVENT: SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5th 10am-4pm

Harry Potter Kickoff event
November 4th 6:30 to 8:30pm

FanNation: the Geekstravaganza will be a multi-genre convention where fans can get together and wave their geek banners high. This is

the largest library event of the fall with the Toms River Branch hosting two days of programming.

Everyone is welcome! FanNation is FREE and open to the public, although we request that you register to attend. You do not have to be a resident of Ocean County. Programming will be geared towards adults and teens 12+.

The main event begins Saturday at 10 am with programming throughout the building until 4 p.m. Saturday's 20+ panels, workshops, and presentations about cartoons, comics, Game of Thrones, Costplay, Fantasy, SciFi, Star-Trek, Anime, Ghostbusters and more.


**KEEP
CALM
AND
RESEARCH
ON**

Don't panic about that paper. Instead come to research help on Tuesdays from 2:30 to 4pm or call us at 732-349-6200 ext 5203

MORE PROGRAMS

MINECRAFTERNOON!

For Ages 10 to 15 2:30 to 4:30 pm
September 2nd and October 11th
First Friday of the month!

TEEN ANIME CLUB!

Every second Tuesday of the month. 4:30pm to 6pm
Next Meeting October 11th

Yoga!

Calm your mind and body with a gentle yoga practice. Stretching, balancing, and simple meditation techniques will be practiced. No experience necessary and all levels welcome! Remember to bring your signed waiver. **7-8 pm REG**



Random Fandom

Meet other teens who love to love stuff! Books, movies, TV shows, graphic novels and more will be discussed.
Last Wednesday of the month. 3-4 pm

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CELEBRATE HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Hispanic Heritage Month!

Frozen Friday... en español con helado

Watch the movie Frozen in Spanish . Snack on ice cream! Teens and Children welcome.

2:30-4:30 pm REG

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Learn Spanish with Pronunciator

Tips and tricks for using our Pronunciator database.

Teens and Adults. 3-4 pm REG

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COOK!

Teens Cook: Salsa

Experiment to create a better salsa. No cooking experience necessary, but space is limited. Please register.

3-4 pm REG

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Teens Cook: Spanish Food

Come cook with a ShopRite Dietitian and make some Hispanic classics. Non-cooks are welcome. 7-8 pm REG

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MAKE!

Mexican Tissue Paper Flowers

Make a beautiful flower (or two!) out of tissue paper to brighten your space during Hispanic Heritage Month!

For Teens and Adults. Drop-in 5-8 pm

Sept

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Ojo de Dios

Weave a traditional Ojo de Dios (God's Eye) to take home and display to all your friends for Hispanic Heritage Month. Teens and Adults. Drop-in 2-5 pm

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Have Fun!

Hang Out!

Create!

Make cool things!

Cook up something new!

Earn Community Service Hours!

Make some noise!

Meet other teens! Share your interests!

Watch anime!

Write a poem!

Find an amazing book!

Be a gamer!



Want more info on what's happening? Call the Toms River Teen Services Team:

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Or email

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And ask to be put on our mailing list

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