

OCL to host storm recovery expos

TOMS RIVER – Ocean County Library will partner with the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders and host "Beyond Sandy: The Storm Resource Expo," two expos that will present resources to area residents affected by Hurricane Sandy.

The expos will be held at the Stafford branch (129 N. Main Street, Manahawkin) Monday December 17 and the Toms River branch (101 Washington Street) Tuesday December 18. Both sessions will be held from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Attendees will have the opportunity to speak with representatives from local, county, state and federal agencies that can help connect them with the proper resources to recover from the storm's aftermath.

Informational specialists will be available to answer questions and guide attendees on topics such as financial aid; finding a contractor; avoiding scams; where to find emotional support; help with remediation; obtaining permits; help with heating and dehumidifiers; and how to explain the impact of the storm to children.

The expos are free and open to the public. Registration is not required.

For more information about the event or if you are part of an organization that wants to participate, telephone the Ocean County Library at (732) 349-6200 and contact Valerie Bell (extension 5404) or Nancy Bierbrauer (extension 5408.)