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Welcome to the March/April 2006 edition of *Out & About Ocean County*. Spring is just around the corner, and there are tons of great events in store. To celebrate Women's History Month, the Ocean County Library and its 20 branches are hosting musical and drama performances, talks, slide presentations, acclaimed authors and more. Learn about suffragettes Alice Paul and Marie Jenney Howe, hear the acoustic blues trio *Saffire – The Uppity Blues Women*, or check out films exploring Jewish culture through women's eyes. Be sure to read our feature article on the library for more event information, or pick up a copy of the library's printed comprehensive schedule available at your local branch. You can also visit www.oceancountylibrary.org on the web.

During the month of March the Garden State Philharmonic is commemorating Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's 250th birthday with the following themed performances - *Mozart Requiem*, *Happy Birthday Wolfie-Young People's Concert*, and *The Mozart Effect*. And the Stafford Township Arts Center's grand opening and brand new OceanFirst Theater brings with it an evening with Joy Behar, co-host of ABC's *The View*, The Russian-American Kid's Circus, concerts by acclaimed musicians Sam Harris and Jim Brickman, and more. Also in March, the Teen Arts Festival visual arts exhibit at the Ocean County College Fine Arts Center will showcase artwork from our county's up-and-coming talented teens.

April is National Poetry Month! Brick Cultural Arts Center will be holding a Poetry Jamboree with open readings by professionals and amateurs, teens and adults. And don't miss Laurelton Arts Society's visual arts programs and artwork while visiting the Cultural Arts Center during the month of April. The Toms River High School South poetry club SHARD, will hold two open mic events, as well.

Look inside for a complete listing of these and many other March-April activities. We hope you enjoy this edition of *Out & About* – Happy Spring!