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Celebrate Black History Month with Ocean County Library and Toms River Area NAACP

TOMS RIVER – Savory sounds, tasty treats and high spirits will greet you when the Ocean County Library and [Toms River Area NAACP](#) team up for a Black History Month Celebration in OCL's Toms River Branch, 12 PM Saturday, February 17.

The three-hour event in Mancini Hall will feature delectable foods and a performance by [Rhonda Denét and the Silver Fox Songs Trio](#). "Songs of Liberation & Love" pays homage to African-American jazz, gospel, soul and pop stars who uplift, educate and Inspire.

Also a composer and music historian, Rhonda will be accompanied by keyboardist Mike Bardash, bassist Gene Torres and drummer Chuck Batton in timeless songs popularized by Sam Cooke, Aretha Franklin, Donny Hathaway, Mahalia Jackson, Curtis Mayfield, Nina Simone, Dina Washington, Stevie Wonder and other legends.

The showcase is one of 19 in the Newark-based performer's [Silver Fox Songs Series](#), created in 2010 to celebrate the rich tapestry of music from the 1920s to the '90s. Learn more about it through [Rhonda's website](#) and more than 100 videos on [YouTube](#).

Please register at <https://bit.ly/3TFC1ZF> to attend this free program sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River. The Friends are volunteers who support the Library through fundraisers, programs, and advocacy. New members are always welcome. Applications are available at every OCL branch and at <https://www.theoceancountylibrary.org/oclfriends>.

For more information, stop by the OCL Toms River Branch, 101 Washington Street, call (732) 349-6200, or visit www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events.

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Rhonda Denét



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