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### **Learn ‘Hidden Dangers’ of Special Needs Individuals: POAC to Present at Three Ocean County Library Branches**

**TOMS RIVER** – Families, guardians, parents, and professionals who interact with children and adults with autism, developmental challenges, and special needs can discover effective safety steps during upcoming programs at the Ocean County Library.

Brick Township-based POAC will present its “Hidden Dangers” program at the following branches:

- **Brick Branch** – 6:30 PM Monday, March 20. 301 Chambers Bridge Road, (732) 477-4513.
- **Stafford Branch** – 10 AM Monday, April 24. 129 North Main Street, Manahawkin, (609) 597-3381.
- **Little Egg Harbor Branch** – 5 PM Tuesday, June 6. 290 Mathistown Road, (609) 294-1197.

The presentation will offer potentially-lifesaving information and recommendations related to a wide range of special needs and independence levels in the course of a lifetime.

Topics include:

- Wandering – how to address it, and use of high-tech tracking devices
- Home and classroom modifications
- Emergency and disaster preparedness and fire safety practices
- Personal safety regarding sexuality, the Internet, and bullying
- Behavioral interventions such as social stories, visual cues, activity schedules
- School and transportation matters
- Ongoing support and assistance resources

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Please register at [www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events](http://www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events) to attend one of these free programs. For more details, call the participating branches or the Toms River Branch, (732) 349-6200.

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