

OCEANSIDE PUBIC LIBRARY

Splash turns 10!

Ten years ago the Oceanside Public Library's mascot, Splash the Starfish, was born.

As the first step in the creation of Splash, the library staff voted on an animal that most represented what the library was to the people of Oceanside. The starfish was chosen because of its ocean habitat, non-threatening stature, and its many arms are helpful to participate in the numerous services the library has to offer.



James Horvath, former Vice Chair of the Arts Commission, generously donated his time and talents to design the image of the mascot.



In celebration of its new mascot, the library held a naming contest, resulting in nearly 1000 submissions, and these were narrowed down to five options for a popular vote: Bubbles, Dewey, Story, Twinkle, and Splash. The final unveiling of Splash was at the Oceanside Days of Art on April 21, 2007, and the library won the California Library Association's (CLA) 2008 PR Excellence Awards competition.

The Oceanside Public Library will be celebrating Splash's big 10 on **Saturday, April 8, at 11 a.m.** with a performance by children's musical artist, Twinkle Time at the Civic Center Library. The event is free and for all ages.