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## Arrrh! Female Pirates Focus of Ocean County Library Virtual Author Chat

**TOMS RIVER** – Celebrate Women's History Month with the Ocean County Library. Laura Sook Duncombe, author of *A Pirate's Life for She: Swashbuckling Women through the Ages*, will discuss their lives and legends in a virtual program, 6 PM Thursday, March 25.

A Pirate's Life for She chronicles 16 women and the circumstances that drew them to lives on the open seas. Ms. Duncombe's previous book, *Pirate Women*, examines daring damsels and the storytellers who lionized their lives through the ages.

In the author's view, "Women pirates have been sailing alongside their male counterparts since the dawn of time, so why have they been largely ignored by history? This presentation explores why women's substantial efforts in the field of piracy have been left off the record...and why that's a huge mistake. It also introduces several key female pirates and shares the stories of their lives and most famous exploits. It's a rollicking blend of history, feminism, and adventure suitable for all ages."

The free virtual program is sponsored by Friends of the Ocean County Library-Toms River Branch. It is recommended for teens and adults.

Registration is required. Registrants at <u>www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events</u> will receive links by email for the presentation.

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(Photo below)



Laura Sook Duncombe