



APRIL 2020 NEWSLETTER

Freehold Public Library

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Dear Library Patron:

Strange times, these.

We of the Freehold Public Library earnestly hope you and your loved-ones remain safe, and sane, during these days of stress, anxiety, and—for many—boredom.

The staff at your library aren't naturally inclined toward "social distancing." We are at our best when the library is bustling, full of people; when we're busy answering questions, recommending material, helping with computers, leading a discussion or singing with toddlers.

Since that's not possible right now, we are still working to support our community in other ways. This newsletter, therefore, will be focused on digital resources, and alternative ways to use the library services while our doors remain closed.

We're also sharing some personal notes from our staff (because we all miss you!), plus a **surprise* special correspondent*.

Because in spite of closed doors, we can work together to warm hearts and illuminate minds. Even from home, we can live active lives and ignite our imaginations. And even without face-to-face contact, we are community.

Stay healthy. Stay safe. Stay engaged.

Sincerely,
Kathy Mulholland
Library Director

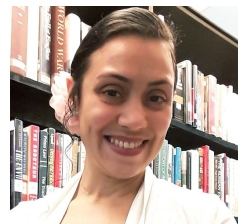
Estimado Patrón:

Nosotras, de la Biblioteca Pública de Freehold, esperamos sinceramente que usted y sus seres queridos permanezcan sanos y salvos durante estos días de estrés, ansiedad y, para muchos, aburrimiento.

A pesar de que las puertas estén cerradas, podemos trabajar juntos para calentar corazones e iluminar las mentes. Aunque estamos cada uno en nuestros hogares, podemos vivir vidas activas y encender nuestra imaginación. Aunque sin contacto cara a cara, seguimos siendo una comunidad fuerte.

Las empleadas de su biblioteca no está naturalmente inclinado a la "distancia social". Nosotras somos más felices cuando la biblioteca está llena de gente; cuando estamos ocupados, respondiendo a tus preguntas, recomendando materiales, ayudando con computadoras, liderando una discusión o cantando con niños pequeños. Pero, como no es posible estar cara a cara en este momento, queremos recordarte que todavía estamos trabajando para apoyar a nuestra comunidad lo mejor posible. Este boletín, por lo tanto, se centrará en los recursos digitales y en formas alternativas de usar la biblioteca mientras nuestras puertas permanezcan cerradas. Mantente sano. Mantente seguro. Los extrañamos. Para obtener asistencia en español envíe una consulta al siguiente correo electrónico esoto@freeholdpubliclibrary.org

Amablemente,
Evelyn Soto
auxiliar de biblioteca



How can I get a Library Card?

If you live in Freehold Borough:

- Email help@freeholdpubliclibrary.org with your full-name, telephone number, grade in school (if student) and a scan/image of a bill or piece of mail sent to you (a cell-phone picture is fine). A library card will be mailed to you.

What if I don't live in Freehold Borough?

- You should contact the library that serves you based on which town you live in. For people in Freehold Township, that would be the [Monmouth County Library System](#).
 - The Freehold Public Library is not, during this temporary shut-down, offering membership for people residing outside of Freehold Borough. Current non-resident card-holders may have their membership extended temporarily, by request.
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What Digital Resources Can I use with my Library Card?

Ebooks, downloadable audiobooks:

- [eLibraryNJ.com](#) (you'll need library card number and PIN) [this is otherwise known as "OverDrive"]
[Download the "Libby" app](#) for easy access via a smartphone, tablet or computer.

Videos:

- [Kanopy](#) and Kanopy Kids (you'll need library card number and PIN)
Enjoy critically-acclaimed movies, inspiring documentaries, award-winning foreign films and more.

Databases:

- Subscription [Databases](#) (you'll need your library card number for most of these)
- [HeritageQuest](#) (contact help@freeholdpubliclibrary.org for access code; users must be residents of New Jersey)

[Instructions to set your Freehold Public Library Password \(PIN\)](#) If you need help, email help@freeholdpubliclibrary.org.

What else have you got?

Pathfinders & Launchpages (to other resources):

- [Library's "Stay at Home Resources"](#)
- ["Destination Game" \(edit to mark the places you've been!\)](#)
- ["Silver Linings Journal"](#)
- [Freehold Borough's Notification System](#)
- [Freehold Borough's "Roadmap" to emergency information and resources](#)
- [NJ Mental Health Cares](#)
- [Help for 10-24 year-olds in crisis](#)

Our Wi-Fi is still on!

Use it from the Appleyard Family Reading Garden (at rear) or front plaza.
Just be sure to "keep your distance" - at least six feet from other people.

How can I be in touch with the library?

- Like & Follow us on [Facebook](#) (we're most active here)
- [Twitter](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- Chat box on library's webpage (available weekdays 9am - 5pm)
- Email the staff:
Kathy: kmulholland@freeholdpubliclibrary.org (director of the library)
Evelyn: esoto@freeholdpubliclibrary.org (yo hablo español; library assistant)
Erika: ecox@freeholdpubliclibrary.org
Susan: smcnulty@freeholdpubliclibrary.org
Debbie: dstill@freeholdpubliclibrary.org
Ciara: cwallace@freeholdpubliclibrary.org
- If you need to speak via **telephone**, you can try the library, but the phones aren't always tended at the moment. You may make an appointment to speak to Kathy (weekdays, 9am-5pm) via telephone by emailing kmulholland@freeholdpubliclibrary.org.
- Schedule a teleconference/meeting/chat using [Zoom](#)! Contact Kathy (kmulholland@freeholdpubliclibrary.org) for information about this free online tool.
- Mail! Yes, we still check our mail. If you or someone you know would like a note of encouragement mailed to them from the library, please contact us.

A few words from the staff...

Hello, you wonderful library patrons!!

I hope this finds you all well and hanging-in there.

It seems we won't be seeing each other for a while yet. Please use

[Libby](#). She's been keeping me occupied and sane! She may not have all the current books you want, so go revisit some old friends or try a totally different genre than what you usually read. It's free, and if you don't like it, send it on back and try another one.

I hope we will all be able to get together soon. Stay healthy, stay happy and stay away from everyone! This, too, shall pass.

All my best,

~Susan McNulty



Wishing everyone well and look forward to seeing you very soon!

All the best!

~Debbie Still



To all of our patrons,

Please take care of yourselves and one another. Be kind and be safe. Do your best with social distancing, but remember to reach out to those you love and care about, and let them know you're there to talk. We will get through this as a community.

Stay strong!

~Ciara Wallace



Hello, library friends.

Let's try to remain calm. I hope each of us can find solace in whatever religious or spiritual guidelines that we follow; they are even more important now. I know dealing with this emergency is necessary. I just hate how it's causing isolation, and creating distance between everyone in our society even more. I'm starting to believe that the only way we'll be able to communicate is through a screen! Though we have to change the ways we're "there for each other" right now, I trust that we'll get through this.

Stay well! ~Erika Cox



Special guest correspondent!

Hello all my wonderful library friends,

A little note to catch all up on my travels.

My husband Paul and I are in Point, Texas as I write this. It has been almost 6 months since we left on our journey. Six Months, 14 states and 26 campgrounds—wow what a ride! All the way down from Vermont to Florida, across from Florida to Texas! I have loved every minute of it. The mountains of Appalachia; the Gulf of Mexico; Everglades; Hot Springs, Arkansas; Okefenokee Swamp where alligators abound—oh, the beauty that is this country! Each state has its own to offer.

We left New Jersey in time to see the splendor of the autumn leaves in New England (where we got to visit and tour a *sugar shack* where maple syrup is made). We hunted Herkimer diamonds in New York State, collected fairy stones in Virginia, and canoed the swamp in Georgia. The Spanish moss of South Carolina and Georgia memorized me as we rode along the streets lined with old Southern oaks. We stayed in a pecan grove, walked along many a river bank, watched the flight of so many birds—many I hadn't seen before: wood storks, roseate spoonbills, great white pelicans, eagles—I could go on.

Through it all I have thought of you and the friendships I shared over my thirty years at Freehold Public Library. I can never forget the outpouring of well-wishes as I said my goodbyes. I thank each and every one of you for the memories I will always treasure. And though right now is a very difficult time for all, I ask you to **Be Strong, Be Well, Read On!**

~Teri Stich

Follow the full-time RV and road-trip adventures of Teri and Paul by checking-out their blog: [What Are We Crazy?](#)

