Freehold Public Library

November 2020 NEWSLETTER

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NEWS & UPDATES

- **NEW EXPANDED HOURS starting November 2:**

Monday	**9am - 9pm**
Tuesday	9am - 5pm
Wednesday	**9am - 9pm**
Thursday	9am - 5pm
Friday	9am - 5pm
Saturday	**9am - 5pm**
Sunday	Closed

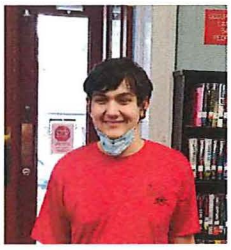
- **IT'S BACK! INTERLIBRARY LOAN.** The statewide Interlibrary Loan system is running again. Just like always, books sent from other libraries may be borrowed for two weeks only. Patrons have one week to pick up material once notified it's available.

- **A few left! Free Grab Bags and Back-to-School Kits for Children!** Ask at the circulation desk (children ages 3 and up due to small parts).

- **Community Bulletin Board.** Feel free to send any free/local community events to share to Kathy at kmulholland@freeholdpubliclibrary.org. Hyperlinks to event notices are appreciated. Link: https://calendar.google.com/calendar?cid=a211bGhvbGxhbmRAZnJlZWhvbGRwdWJsaWNsaWJyYXJ5Lm9yZw

THE GENUINE ARTICLE

New Jersey Native Plants Garden Opens at Freehold Public Library



Michael Zamorski of Monmouth Council of Boy Scouts Troop 18, Freehold Borough, was already a fan of the Freehold Public Library. "Michael had volunteered as a performer with the library's summer programs, acting in skits and helping with crafts for younger children," says Kathy Mulholland, library director. "When a section of the library grounds between our existing Appleyard Family Reading Garden and the parking area became available to redevelop, my first thought was, 'this would be a great Eagle Scout project.' I reached out to Troop 18, and was delighted that Michael jumped at the opportunity."

A resident of Marlboro and student at the Marine Academy of Science and Technology, Michael took Mulholland's suggestion of "a low-maintenance area with native plants that could be a sort of teaching garden" and expanded upon that to create an attractive and welcoming space. Michael sought out the expert advice of Ciccone Farms nursery manager Ed Franczak to select appropriate plants. The nursery also donated to the project. Other contributors include Home Depot (Freehold), with special thanks to service manager Tim Jacobs for facilitating material donations. Crystal Air Conditioning's Brian Ringwald provided use of trucks and tools to move over 50 plants, mulch and equipment on several occasions. A new garden needs plenty of water; Chef Michael Maggio at the neighboring American Hotel provided free access to their supply.

"Special mention goes to Joe Floudas and his amazing Freehold Borough Streets & Roads crew," says Zamorski. Beyond the initial work clearing the project site, Floudas and team provided reclaimed paving stones for hardscape access to a bike rack, installed a waste basket to encourage proper disposal of litter, and restored a bench for the public's enjoyment.

In addition to the garden's aesthetic appeal, Zamorski has registered the site as a "Monarch Waystation" with Monarch Watch. Capitalizing on the "teaching garden" concept, he created laminated pages (available inside the library) with more information about the featured plants.

"Finally, I would like to give a big shout out to Mrs. Silver and all the scouts and parents from Troop 18 who generously gave their time, hard work and advice," says Zamorski. "And there were so many other people who stopped while passing who offered us their thanks and good wishes. Their praise and enthusiasm kept our spirits up."

The library has received much positive feedback from the community. Christine Gregory, frequent library visitor and member of the Freehold Borough Shade Tree Commission, has followed the progress of the garden from the beginning. "This new garden is not only beautiful, but a source of information about the plants. People can see them, and think, 'I could plant that in my garden!'"

Over the years, the Freehold Public Library has benefitted from several Eagle Scout project initiatives. Projects have included restoration of library tables and chairs, construction of custom cabinetry and shelving, a patio and picnic table in the Appleyard Family Reading Garden, and donations for the library's book collection.

"We couldn't be more happy with Michael's Eagle Scout project," Mulholland added, "and wish him the best on his journey toward Boy Scout's highest rank."

Thank you, Staples of Freehold

Freehold Public Library served as a happy go-between for the Freehold Borough Elementary School District and the Staples store on Pond Road in Freehold Township. Because the district was “all virtual” for the start of the school year, distributing the free Back-to-School Kits was more of a challenge than usual.

Hundreds of kits were distributed in mid-October at the Park Avenue campus, and another couple of dozen at the library. Thanks to Staples and their generous customers.

November Library Events and Online Meetings [Link to Online Calendar]

- NEW 💻 🏛 ✏ ***Happy Thanksgiving*** **Turkey Coloring Page.** Download/print, then color our TURKEY page and bring it to the library, post on social media (#FreeholdPublicLibrary), or email it to help@freeholdpublicliblary.org. Paper copies available at the library. We'll decorate the building with your turkeys!

PDF file:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1F1Wnrvqdp0pTNfsSYHAVcTG0LkocT41S/view?usp=sharing
JPG file:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1V5hqOGPQM5-wnMnmaPns4ri3E5ptnFD2/view?usp=sharing

- 💻 **English as a Second Language (ESL) Level 1 (beginner) Class. Mondays & Wednesdays, 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM** (via Zoom). Presented by our partners, Community Affairs and Resource Center (CARC). For information/registration, contact Aina at Aina at 732-774-3282 or email aholmscheller@carcnj.org.

- 💻 **Homework Help. Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2:30-3:30 PM** except for Thanksgiving Day (via Zoom). Students in elementary school through 6th grade are invited to hop-on their devices to consult with local high school students for a little help.
For security/safety purposes, please register to access this program. *Email kmulholland@freeholdpubliclibrary.org with student's name and grade, and a joining link (good for all sessions) will be sent to you.*

- 💻 **Book Chat. Wednesday, November 4, 3:30 PM** (via Zoom). Free-flowing discussion about books, literature, libraries, or whatever, facilitated by Book Group leader Erika Cox!
Click on this link to join:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85912479651?pwd=eDd3OUZDZlZTT2ZQMXdya0VDQTNoUT09

- 💻 **Come Write In! Meeting. Wednesday, November 4, 7:30 PM** (via Zoom). It's NaNoWriMo! (National Novel Writing Month).
Click on this link to join:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84640525319?pwd=SldxQ0tVZndBbEhJa3lXbW1oMmtCZz09

- 💻 **Indie Author Day. Saturday, November 7, Noon - 3:00 PM** (livestreamed, or register to receive a link to the archived sessions). This year's virtual live stream will include an interview with 2020 Indie Author of the Year, Jacqui Castle, the highly anticipated announcement of the winners of the 2020 Indie Author Project regional contests, and an interactive author panel with award-winning authors from all across the U.S. and Canada.

Click on this link to register:
https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7608182169048850700?source=IAD-blast

- **Dream Big: Engineering Our World Documentary Screening. Tuesday, November 10, 1:00 PM** (via Vimeo). *Link/password good for 24 hours.* All around the world, engineers are pushing the limits of ingenuity and innovation in unexpected, imaginative, and amazing ways.Go on a journey of discovery from the world's tallest building to a bridge higher than the clouds. Along the way, the audiences witness how today's engineers are shaping the world of tomorrow.

  Click on this link to join:
  English: https://vimeo.com/463655567
  Spanish: https://vimeo.com/463459829
  Password: dreambignov10
  Note: Other screening dates/times available, as well as panel discussion on engineering topics. Visit https://www.asce.org/dream-big/ for information.

- NEW **Teen Dating and Sexual Violence Awareness Presentation by 180 Turning Lives Around. Wednesday, November 18, 7:30 PM** (via Zoom). This program for older teens offers important information and advice for teens to have for their own well-being, as well as helping friends. "Cameras off" meeting to protect privacy.
  Click on this link to join:
  https://zoom.us/j/95338927276?pwd=bjA2T0R1RmoyRnVsVlY3MmJONDdOdz09
  Meeting ID: 953 3892 7276
  Passcode: 684398

- **Trustees Meeting. Tuesday, November 10, 7:00 PM (via Zoom).** The Trustees are tasked with the operation of the library. Public participation is welcome.
  Dial In: 929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 867 4699 8258; Password: 481458

- **November 11. Library Closed** (Veterans Day)

- **November 25: Closing at 5:00 PM; Library Closed 26, 27 & 28** (Thanksgiving).

- **Crochet Club Meeting. Monday, November 30, 7:30 PM (via Zoom).** Join your friends in Crochet Club as we chat, share progress on projects, learn a few tips, and catch-up with each other.
  Click on this link to join:
  https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89011323198?pwd=OHh1KzQ0U3Z2V1ZZald3RE5BSFpjQT09
  Meeting ID: 890 1132 3198
  Password: 944014

- **Check-in with your Librarians!** Make an appointment (flexible schedule): Individuals or groups. Via Zoom, Facebook Video Call/Messenger, or telephone. Email Kathy at kmulholland@freeholdpubliclibrary.org to set-up a day/time. To speak with someone in Spanish, email Evelyn at esoto@freeholdpubliclibrary.org for an appointment.

- **Webinars/Online Events Presented by the New Jersey State Library**:
  https://www.njstatelib.org/events/2020-11/

Dear Library Patron

So much has changed in 2020. Without a doubt, we have undergone so many changes. I am very happy to witness the patience and cooperation of every library user as we have welcomed you back into the building. The library staff have scrambled to find new ways to serve you, navigate the constantly changing rules and continue to discover the *"new"* needs of our community members. If you haven't yet visited us, have you considered browsing library materials from home? As a library card-holder you gain immediate access to our online materials (also known as our *digital library*). There are so many books & audiobooks for adults and children available through "Libby." Keep in mind that our digital library is accessible electronically 24/7 with only your card number and PIN. As much as possible, I will continue to be at your service and look forward to the future of our charming library and all the ways it lends a hand to the community. If you need any help navigating our digital library or have questions about any of our services please contact me anytime at esoto@freeholdpubliclibrary.org.

Sincerely,
Evelyn Soto
Evelyn Soto
Library Assistant

Estimado usuario de la biblioteca

Mucho ha cambiado en 2020. Sin duda, hemos sufrido tantos cambios. Estoy muy feliz de ser testigo de la paciencia y la cooperación de todos los usuarios de la biblioteca al darle la bienvenida al edificio. El personal de la biblioteca se ha esforzado por encontrar nuevas formas de servirle, navegar por las reglas en constante cambio y seguir descubriendo las "nuevas" necesidades de los miembros de nuestra comunidad. Si aún no nos ha visitado, ¿ha considerado buscar materiales de la biblioteca desde su casa? Como titular de la tarjeta de la biblioteca, obtiene acceso inmediato a nuestros materiales a través de Internet (también conocidos como nuestra biblioteca digital). Hay tantos libros y audiolibros para adultos y niños disponibles a través de "Libby." Tenga en cuenta que nuestra biblioteca digital es accesible electrónicamente las 24/7 solo con su número de tarjeta y PIN. En la medida de lo posible, seguiré estando a su servicio y esperaré el futuro de nuestra encantadora biblioteca y todas las formas en que le da una mano a la comunidad. Si necesita ayuda para navegar por nuestra biblioteca digital o tiene preguntas sobre alguno de nuestros servicios, comuníquese conmigo en cualquier momento en esoto@freeholdpubliclibrary.org.

Sinceramente,
Evelyn Soto
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Library Assistant

Library Information Page

Information that doesn't change much from month to month:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1g8sa1tvLCYIcbj7C1RAY4tWxbTvnlQceq5IYmlNbxjs/edit?usp=sharing

- **COVID-19 Safety Reminders:**
  - All returned material is quarantined for 3 days, so items will still be shown as "on loan" to patrons during that time. This protects staff as well as the next borrower.
  - High-touch surfaces are sanitized throughout the day (computers after each use).
  - Visitors are limited to one hour, twice per day (with at least an hour break between visits; three visits per day if one visit is after 5pm). Groups are not permitted to gather inside the building, including one-on-one tutoring or study groups.
  - Mask covering nose and mouth; hand-washing/sanitizing are required.

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