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Library phone number: 732-462-5135
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NEWS & UPDATES



-    **National Library Week is April 4 - 10. Celebrate libraries!**
-  **The library is open to the public at our regular schedule:**
 - Monday & Wednesday, 9am - 9pm
 - Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday, 9am - 5pm
 - Time inside the library is limited to one hour.**
-  **COVID-19 Countermeasures in place:**
 -  All returned material is quarantined for 3 days.
 -  All visits, regardless of reason, are limited to one hour, with one hour minimum between visits (if multiple visits same day).
 -  **Masks covering both mouth and nose** required at all times inside library.
 -  Patrons appearing ill will not be admitted.
 -  No meetings/groups/tutoring permitted. Library programs will remain via Zoom/remote host.
-    **Summer Reading Program Starts NOW!** Get a jump on summer! Read books and fill out our easy form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YQSFM37> For all ages. (Program details TBA.)
-   **NEW Coming in July: on-site/outdoor summer programs for all ages. Details TBA.** Youth 4th grade and up may volunteer for our "Big Kid" program. Contact Kathy at the library by emailing kmulholland@freeholdpubliclibrary.org.
-  **Reminder! Digital Resources.** Homework Help/Tutoring for all ages, ebooks, audiobooks and videos books are available via [Libby/eLibrary NJ/OverDrive](#), [Axis360](#). And [Kanopy](#). Databases include [JerseyClicks](#) and [NJ Historic Newspaper Collection](#). [BrainFuse HelpNow](#) is a powerful tool for learners of all ages and subjects.
Sign on with your library card number and (in some cases) PIN. If you don't yet have a PIN, contact the library.
-  **Renovation Update.** Plans are proceeding in the background. We'll keep you posted!

-  Toddler Time;
-  "Big Kid Volunteers"
-  "Little Kid Storytime"
-  *Hablo Ingles* for children
-  Teen Library Committee
-  or  Freehold TLC 4-H Club
-  Book Chat for Adults
-  or  Come Write In!
-  Craft Club
- ...and more!

Dear Library Patron

Someone recently told me, "If we didn't already have this library in Freehold, people would be talking about how we *need a place like the library* in Freehold."

A vision starts with recognizing possibilities to address wants and needs. After all, without the vision to create libraries in the first place, they could not exist.

But a vision that does not grow, grows dim. We hope you'll stay engaged and involved with the library as we adapt to serve this community well into the future. Talk to me or any of the staff about your ideas. Share your thoughts and dreams.

Because *your* library needs *your* vision.

Be well; be well informed.

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The Genuine Article

by Jyolsna Sunny, Freehold Public Library Staff

April 2021 marks the 25th anniversary of National Poetry Month. The month was established in April 1996 by the Academy of American Poets to highlight the important role that poets play in our culture.

I've never been very *into* poetry. I liked the rhythm of the words, but the meaning was often lost on me as I'm not very good at understanding metaphors or any sort of figurative language.

When I was a student at Freehold High School, an author by the name of John Morello came on stage to read us some of his poetry. Being teenagers, we didn't initially care for it because we thought performing slam poetry and acting out the scenes was kind of a dorky thing to do. And to be fair, it

was a very cheesy performance. But, as he went on and he continued to speak about his struggles with addiction, bullying, depression, loss, and so much more, we all respected the art a bit more.

After his presentation, Morello offered his book, ***Buckshot Words***, a collection of poems and short stories, for sale. This caused a long line of students waiting to get their own copy and made that school assembly last just a little bit longer. It's been a few years but the autographed book still sits at my bedside and I'll open it up and read a few passages every once in a while. My personal favorite is "Proof."

If you feel like checking out his work for yourself, a ten-page sample of ***Buckshot Words***, featuring two of his poems, can be found at <https://www.johnmorello.com/buckshotwords> or the book may be borrowed from the Freehold Public Library.

Library Information Page

Information that doesn't change much from month to month:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1g8sa1tvLCYIcbj7C1RAY4tWxbTvnIQceq5IYmlNbxjs/edit?usp=sharing>

-  **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=a211bGhvbGxhbmRAZnJZWhvbGRwdWJsaWNsaWJyYXJ5Lm9yZw>



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