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Library phone number: 732-462-5135

Email: help@freeholdpubliclibrary.org

NEWS & UPDATES




-  **The library remains closed to the public** with limited exceptions (see below).
-  **Contactless Pick-Up of Material.** You may search the [catalog](#) or just request what you want and we'll let you know if it's available; simply telephone or email us. Material may be returned any time in the book return box located near the foot of the side door ramp. Your order will be ready for pick up in the front vestibule, Monday through Friday, 9am - 5pm, unless otherwise advised.
-  **LIMITED COMPUTER ACCESS for the public, by appointment only.** This is intended for people who need computers to access essential services and do not have other means of access. Contact the library for details.
-  **NEW LIMITED NOTARY SERVICE, by appointment only.** Contact the library for details.
-  **NEW DOCUMENT PRINT SERVICE.** Library staff will print your short "computer print" jobs (shipping labels, applications, resumes, etc.) if you email them to help@freeholdpubliclibrary.org. Cost for printing is 20¢ per page. Documents must be picked up within three business days or they will be destroyed. The library reserves the right to decline lengthy print jobs or prints that are not "print ready" (require additional formatting or incompatible file types), or from patrons who have not picked up prior prints. Patrons needing to use library computers to format material to print must make a computer use appointment. Please contact the library for details.
-  **It's [National Library Lovers' Month](#).** Though, sadly, it's something of a "long distance relationship" as the building remains closed, we hope you'll love our contactless material pick up service and enjoy our digital resources (movies, ebooks, audiobooks, databases, and social media). You may also telephone or email the library for help or information.
-  **NEW Valentine's Day Craft Kit.** Pick up a free Valentine's Day Craft Kit for children (Monday through Friday, 9am - 5pm, library vestibule). After your child finishes their creation, take pictures of and send to us, or post to social media, tagging #FreeholdPublicLibrary.
-  **NEW High Speed WiFi Hotspots for Rent.** We've upgraded our rentable Hotspots to high speed service. Cost per week is \$10.00 and a device may be rented for one or two weeks. Contact the library for details.
-  **The Library's WiFi remains on 24/7.** Look for "FPL" when you scan for networks near the library building. No password required.

-  **Reminder! Digital Resources.** Ebooks, audiobooks and videos books are available via [Libby/eLibrary NJ/OverDrive](#), [Axis360](#). And [Kanopy](#). Databases include [JerseyClicks](#) and [NJ Historic Newspaper Collection](#). Sign on with your library card number and PIN. If you don't yet have a PIN, contact the library.
-  **INTERLIBRARY LOAN.** Interlibrary Loan service is available during our building closure. Contact the library with your requests for books, old or new!
-  **School Lunch Distribution Site.** The Freehold Borough Elementary School District continues to distribute school lunches three mornings per week behind the library. Contact the school district for details.
-  **Staples School Supplies Distributed.** The Library is pleased to help Staples (Pond Road Plaza) connect area students with donated school supplies. Thanks go to the Freehold Borough Elementary School District's lunch people who are handing most of the kits out to families along with school lunches.

-  **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). Ongoing registration accepted. For information/registration, contact Aina at Aina at 732-774-3282 or email aholmscheller@carcnj.org. [[flyer in Spanish](#); [flyer in English](#)]
-  **Homework Help. Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2:30-3:30 PM** beginning January 5 (via Zoom). Students in elementary school through 8th 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, February 3, 3:30 PM** (via Zoom). Free-flowing discussion about books, literature, libraries, or whatever, facilitated by Kathy Mulholland (substituting for Erika Cox this month).
Click on this link to join:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85912479651?pwd=eDd3OUZDZIZTT2ZQMxdya0VDQTNoUT09>
- ☎ **Trustees Meeting. Tuesday, February 9, 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
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-  **Come Write In! Meeting. Wednesday, February 24, 7:30 PM** (via Zoom). Anyone who enjoys writing, editing, or talking about writing is invited.

Click on this link to join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84640525319?pwd=SlDxQ0tVZndBbEhJa3lXbW1oMmtCZz09>

- **Webinars/Online Events Presented by the New Jersey State Library:**

<https://www.njstatelib.org/events/2021-02/>

Dear Library Patron

Groundhog Day is February 2. It's also the title of a 1993 movie starring Bill Murray. In the movie, Murray's character, a crotchety television weather personality, finds himself reluctantly in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania for annual ritual of, well Groundhog Day.

Due to some unidentified cosmic incident, Murray's character (Phil, conveniently also the name of the groundhog) wakes up the day after Groundhog Day on...Groundhog Day...again. Phil finds himself stuck in a kind of time loop, but is the only person with that awareness. At first, Phil indulges in his selfish, abusive tendencies. But over time (and he has plenty of it), he learns to use his seemingly infinitely repetitive existence as an opportunity to better himself and help his new neighbors. And, in true movie fashion, to fall in love.

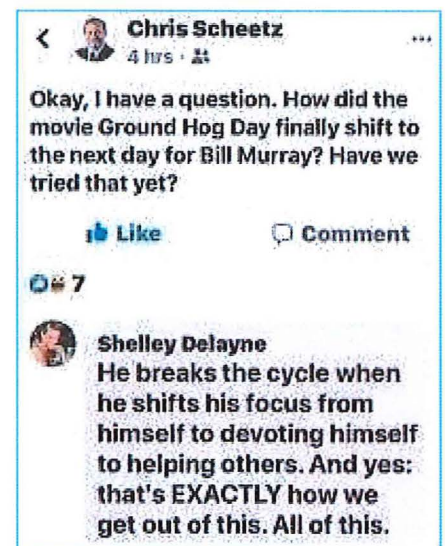
Because many in our country (and world) are experiencing a period of time that feels like a "loop" as a result of the novel coronavirus pandemic and continued political strife, the term "Groundhog Day" has often been cited in memes and #hashtags and variously quoted in conversations. Of all the references I've seen, I'll leave you with my favorite, copied at right.

Be well; be well-informed.

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The Genuine Article

Which is better? Library of Congress Classification or Dewey Decimal System?

The answer is: *whatever one is used wherever you are!*

Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC), or “system” as many call it, was invented in 1876 by Melvil Dewey, an American librarian responsible for many quintessential library practices. Dewey was attempting to “organize all knowledge.” In DDC, there are ten large groupings (science, literature, and religion, to name a few) assigned a “hundreds” number (literature being 800s, for example). Those large groupings are further divided (poetry is 811). And the divisions continue according to the “rules” of DDC. Because this scheme has been around so long and adopted by so many libraries, it is recognizable and comfortable for many people to use. Using DDC, the “call numbers” on the spines of books follow a sequence just like the mathematical number line, so when someone has that “call number” in hand, they can theoretically walk to a shelf, go left or right and find the item they want. DDC is used at Freehold Public Library.

The Library of Congress Classification (LCC) was developed at the turn of the 20th Century to better organize material belonging to—you guessed it—the United States Library of Congress. It looks more complicated, as it involves letters and numbers, and different rows of letters and numbers. The material is organized to suit the specific needs of that enormous collection (over 170 *million* items) and physical arrangement of the Library of Congress. Keep in mind that this collection is housed in at least three different buildings. Many large libraries, especially in academic settings (university level), have adopted the LCC scheme for their own use. (It can be a bit of a shock for students accustomed to DDC in their high schools or community libraries to suddenly search for items on LCC shelves. Librarians are there to help!)

Regardless of a library’s collection or lay-out, the need is always the same: to organize, describe and make findable the material and information they curate.


by Kathy Mulholland, MLIS, Director of Freehold Public Library

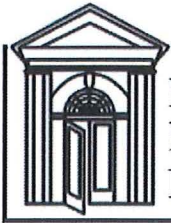
Library Information Page

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

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1g8sa1tvLCYlcbj7C1RAY4tWxbTvnIQceq5lYmINbxjs/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.
 -  The library remains closed to visitors until further notice.
-   **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.

-  **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=a211bGhvbGxhbmRAZnJlZWVhbnRwdWJsaWNsaWJyYXJ5Lm9yZWw>



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