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## NEWS & UPDATES

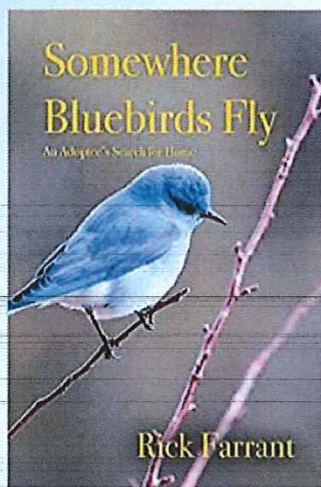
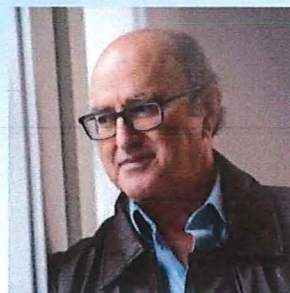
-  **The library remains closed to the public** (with one exception; see next item). You may search the [catalog](#) or just request what you want and we'll let you know if it's available; just telephone or email us. Material may be returned any time in the book return box located near the foot of the side door ramp. Your order will be ready for pick up in the front vestibule, Monday through Friday, 9am - 5pm.
-  **NEW 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 Access to New Jersey Historic Newspapers Collection.** Have your library card ready to search through a wide variety of old newspapers including the

## Meet the Author

Wednesday, January 27  
7:30 pm  
(via Zoom)

Link to join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84640525319?pwd=S1dxQ0tVZndBbEhJa3lXbW1oMmtCZz09>



Imagine getting a message out of the blue. After a friendly introduction and opening lines, you read:

*You are and I are first cousins.  
Or maybe even siblings.*

So began a friendship that is also kinship, and a solid connection to Freehold.

Rick Farrant, longtime award-winning journalist and marketing professional, currently resides in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

For more information, visit  
<https://www.facebook.com/RickFarrantAuthor/>






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Asbury Park Press. Visit [\[link available soon; please check back\]](#). Other databases and resources are available via [JerseyClicks](#).

-  **Reminder! More Ebooks!** Digital books are available via both [Libby/eLibrary NJ/OverDrive](#) and [Axis360](#). 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.

## January Library Events and Online Meetings [\[Link to Online Calendar\]](#)

-  **January 1. Library Closed (Unstaffed)**
-  **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](mailto: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 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](mailto: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, January 6, 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=eDd3OUZDZlZTT2ZQMxdya0VDQTNoUT09>
-  **Trustees Meeting. Tuesday, January 12, 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
-  **January 18, 2021. Library Closed (Unstaffed)**
-  **Crochet Club Meeting. Monday, January 25, 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

-  **Come Write In! Meeting. Wednesday, January 27, 7:30 PM** (via Zoom). Meet the author of *Somewhere Bluebirds Sing*, Rick Farrant. Public welcome.  
**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/2021-01/>

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## Dear Library Patron

*By Susan McNulty, Library Staff*

### Welcome 2021!

I've never been one to make New Year's resolutions because I have never held to or followed through, but I know many of you out there do. So please, make calling or emailing your library one of them.

Although we aren't opened to the public, WE ARE HERE FOR YOU! We are here to assist you in any way we can. We are more than happy to put books out for pickup, order interlibrary loans or just give me a call and gab for a little on the phone. We miss you!

I have never been happier to see a year pass! So, let's try to get past the loneliness and negativity of 2020. Obviously COVID is still pretty much ruling our lives for the next while but we can still do our best to maintain normal (albeit a new kind of normal).

One good thing about 2020 was my discovery of e-libraries. I think I have read more in the past year than I have in the past 5. Through books I have toured with a rock band, played a multitude of sports, solved crimes and fallen in and out of love countless times. So log onto Libby or Axis360 and start your journey!

Happy New Year! May this year be better than 2020.

All the best and hope to hear/see you soon,

*Susan*

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## The Genuine Article

A reminder from the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA):

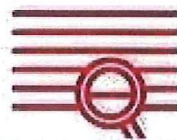


# HOW TO SPOT FAKE NEWS



## CONSIDER THE SOURCE

Click away from the story to investigate the site, its mission and its contact info.



## READ BEYOND

Headlines can be outrageous in an effort to get clicks. What's the whole story?



## CHECK THE AUTHOR

Do a quick search on the author. Are they credible? Are they real?



## SUPPORTING SOURCES?

Click on those links. Determine if the info given actually supports the story.



## CHECK THE DATE

Reposting old news stories doesn't mean they're relevant to current events.



## IS IT A JOKE?

If it is too outlandish, it might be satire. Research the site and author to be sure.



## CHECK YOUR BIASES

Consider if your own beliefs could affect your judgement.



## ASK THE EXPERTS

Ask a librarian, or consult a fact-checking site.

IFLA

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions

While we may find it difficult to convince other people that some stories are "fake news," we can each do our part to slow down and check what we share or accept as fact. This graphic above is a quick guide. Contact us at the library if you would like a little help finding credible sources or fact checking.







Quality, accurate information is important to any decision-making. Protecting your right to these resources is an important mission of libraries all around the world. Including your hometown library.

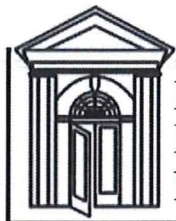
by Kathy Mulholland, MLIS, Director of Freehold Public Library

## Library Information Page

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

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1g8sa1tvLCYlcbj7C1RAY4tWxbTvnIQceq5lYmlNbxjs/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](mailto:kmulholland@freeholdpubliclibrary.org) to set-up a day/time. To speak with someone in Spanish, email Evelyn at [esoto@freeholdpubliclibrary.org](mailto: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](mailto:kmulholland@freeholdpubliclibrary.org). Hyperlinks to event notices are appreciated. Link: <https://calendar.google.com/calendar?cid=a211bGhvbGxhbmRAZnJlZWVhbnRwdWJsaWNsaWJyYXJ5J5Lm9yZWw>



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