

Freehold Public Library

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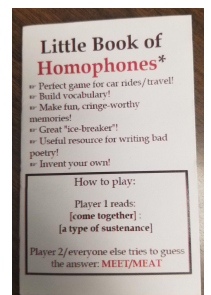
☎ Library phone number: 732-462-5135

✉ Email: help@freeholdpubliclibrary.org

📧 Subscribe to cancellation notices: <https://www.remind.com/join/fplpr>


NEWS & UPDATES

- 🏛 Library is closed Saturday 8/6; Visit us at Olde Freehold Day at Lake Topanemus Park from noon until 5pm.
- 🏛 Horse Art Exhibit. Designs submitted for the "Half Mile of Horses Art Walk" will grace the library's lower hallway through July and later into the summer as our renovation schedule allows. Artists include **Mary Caruso-Albert, Amelia-May Crooms, Toni Field, Greta R. Hemberger, Marguerite Hemberger, Melissa Hood, Wayne A. Lucina, Karen Now, Eileen Petruch, Brayden Reich, Ethan Reich, and Lynn Reich.** Not featured in the library's exhibit are drafts selected for the sculpture program; you'll have to wait until the final projects are produced!
- **Your Library @ Olde Freehold Day! Saturday, 8/6, noon - 5pm.** Join your library and town friends at Lake Topanemus Park (parking at Robertsville Road in Freehold Township or take the free shuttle from behind the Monmouth County Courthouse). **The library will be closed.** [If Olde Freehold Day is canceled due to inclement weather, the library will be open regular hours.]
- 🏛 Little Self-Help Food Pantry ends. Big thanks to State and County 4-H'ers for providing this service to our community. The project has concluded its ten-month run. We look forward to more partnerships after we conclude the library's renovation.
- 🏛 Renovation Update. We're still awaiting news on when construction will begin. Now it looks like shovels will hit dirt in the fall. Remember, our digital collections are always available!
- 🏛 25 Big Kid Volunteers made our summertime program a success. We thank our volunteers: Emma Jae Commarata-Palumbo, Kwok Hei Chan, Fiona Chen, Jalena Chen, Morgan Cronan, Marizel Delaera, Charlotte Galgano, Georgia Galgano, Matthew Giannone, Manav Hingorani, Chloe Jeon, Daniel Jeon, Riley Kochka, Jael Lopez, James McDavitt, Nicole Morales Mendez, Sophia Orvieto, Leah Ross, Colette Ryan, Nand Patel, Nora Santonacita, Eric Sargsyan, Caroline Scott, Kendra Wehner and Vivian Wildermuth
- **Come Write In!** At July's meeting, participants brought works (up to 500 words) just to share a sample of their writing. For the August 31 meeting, group members will share something they've written that mentions or addresses "banned books" (1,500 word max) to mark the approach of Banned Books Week in September. Contact Kathy at the library for more information.
- 🏛 Featured "Little Book" of the month: Little Book of Fun, Homophones. Enjoy a little word play as the summer stretches on!
- 📺 Now is a great time to become more familiar with our **Digital Resources.** Ebooks, audiobooks and videos 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 (in some cases) PIN. If you don't yet have a PIN, contact the library.







CHILDREN'S Programs - Subscribe to Cancellation Notices at

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 Toddler Time with Ms. Kathy	Every Tuesday in August, 10:00 AM. Music and movement for young children (lap babies through younger elementary) with parent/care-giver, in the children's room. No registration required.
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ADULT Programs - Subscribe to Cancellation Notices at

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 Book Group	Wednesday 8/3, 7:00 PM. August's book is <i>The Language of Flowers</i> by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. In September, the group will discuss <i>The Underground Railroad</i> by Colson Whitehead. <i>Book group participants acquire subject books on their own, but the library can help in the case of older titles.</i> For information, contact Erika Cox: ecox@freeholdpubliclibrary.org .
 Trustees Meeting	Tuesday, 8/9, 7:00 PM at the library Via Zoom (Contact library for details)
 Craft Club	Will not meet August.
 Come Write In!	Wednesday 8/31, 7:30 PM Discussion group for adults who enjoy the art and craft of writing. Bring your own beverage.

Dear Library Patron

Banned Books Week is coming around again. So are attempts to ban books.

Never in my experience has your freedom to access material and information of your own choosing been under this degree of threat.

I try to resist sounding like an alarmist, but the lack of tolerance for diversity of viewpoints and ideas that is exhibited by a **loud minority** in this nation is deeply troubling. It is one thing for someone to say *I don't like this book* (that's their right). But when one **represses or interferes with the intellectual liberty of another**, that is crossing a line. It's a tactic straight out of some of the best classic "banned books" including Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, Atwood's *The Handmaid's Tale*, and Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451*.

What can you do?

Read up.

- Make an effort to learn about and understand varying **issues surrounding** "book bans."
- See what the fuss is about. **Read contemporary [challenged material](#) for yourself.**
- **Dig deeper into taglines/headlines;** don't simply absorb attention-grabbing tactics such as calling credible children's literature porn; decrying an elementary school's social studies program as "CRT" (which isn't even a "thing" at that level of education); or claiming depiction of non-traditional families is threatening someone's religious beliefs.
- **Reacquaint yourself** with the United States [Constitution](#) and [Bill of Rights](#)

Show up.

- **Attend gatherings or meetings** where these hostile attacks against intellectual freedom are launched. Fortunately, Freehold Borough has been spared these assaults for the most part, but “out of towners” have been known to agitate in other communities. If you’re already knowledgeable and involved, you’ll be well-positioned to bear witness to the value of free and unfettered access to content, information and material.
- “Vote with your feet” by **using your library’s resources** as these institutions are fundamentally working to ensure your freedoms, and your engagement supports that mission.
- Be present and **supportive of professionals** such as educators, journalists, politicians, librarians/library staff and many others who are leading the charge to protect your freedom. This includes many student activists.

Speak up.

- **Respond confidently, immediately and firmly** to anyone who would suggest suppressing the choices of others is in everyone’s (or anyone’s) best interest be it in person, in the press, or on social media platforms.
- **Ask challengers: Have you read it?** (Most complainers haven’t even seen, held or read a book they think shouldn’t be available.)
- It’s perhaps easier to let slide the idle remark by a friend or associate, but others may be more likely to listen and consider ideas expressed by familiars and friends. **Invest energy in discussing the topic with them.**
- **Proactively discuss how important quality information, fact-based decision-making, and access to diverse and intellectually stimulating material is to a free society.**

Banning books (and otherwise restricting access to the “marketplace of ideas”) is wrong, dangerous, and decidedly un-American.

Be well; be well informed.



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NEW BOOKS in July

Category	Title/Author
Adult	How to raise an antiracist/Kendi Us/Real We carry their bones/Kimmerle Fodor’s 2020 New York City/Bruce Downton Shabby/DePree Riding the lightning/Almojera James Patterson/Patterson Tom Clancy zero hour/Bentley Omega factor/Berry Horse/rooks My summer darlings/Cobb Keeper of happy endings/Davis Three words for goodbye/Griffiths Hotel Nantucket?Hilderbrand Face to die for/Johansen Escape/Patterson Storm tide/Smith Suspects/Steel Scott standard postage stamp catalog vols 2a; 2b’ 3a; 3b Rebel with a clause/Jovin

	Peculiar ground/Hughes-Hallett
YA	Dustborn/Bowman Rumor game/Charaiporta When we were them/Namey All our hidden gifts/Odonoghue Lesbian's guide to Catholic school/Reyes Revolution in our time/Magoon
Children's	Big Panda and Tiny Dragon/Norbury Zack and Ike are exactly alike/Bloom Super Milly and the super school day/Clarkson Can I be your dog?/Cummings Keeping the city going/Floca Poultrygeist/Geron Twinkle makes a wish/Holabird Ear worm!/Knowles Little Red and the cat who loved cake/Lehman Mardi Gras almost didn't come this year/Price Antonio's amazing gift/Reynoso Don't worry, Murray/Stein Search for treasure/Monroe Better than the movies/Painter Secret detective/Patterson You can't say that/Marcus Once upon a time in Queens/Davis Chicken house/Cronin Pill bug does not need anybody/Fenske Nothing fits a dinosaur/Fenske Sign says stop!/Heim Trinkle and the wishing wand/Holabird Twinkle and the fairy flower garden/Holabird The big mix-up!/Regan Five feet apart/Lippencott

Library Information

-  **COVID-19 Countermeasures in place:**
 -  Masks optional inside the library building.
 - All plans related to COVID-19 are subject to change.*
-  **Library Hours:**
 - Monday & Wednesday, 9am - 9pm
 - Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday, 9am - 5pm
-  **Digital Resources.** Ebooks, audiobooks and videos 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 (in some cases) PIN. If you don't yet have a PIN, contact the library.
- Information that doesn't change often:**
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1g8sa1tvLCYlcbj7C1RAY4tWxbTvnIQceq5lYmINbxjs/edit?usp=sharing>



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