

# Freehold Public Library

## FEBRUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

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☎ Library phone number: 732-462-5135

✉ Email: [help@freeholdpubliclibrary.org](mailto:help@freeholdpubliclibrary.org)

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

## NEWS & UPDATES

- 🏛 **Library closed February 18 & 21** (Open Saturday, February 19)
- 🏛 Masks still required inside the library.
- 🏛 📺 **NJHealthConnect@Your Library.** In partnership with the East Brunswick Public Library, and funded in part by the ARPA, your library is pleased to support our community's health by acquiring two iPad devices pre-loaded with various telemedicine platforms, plus quick access to a variety of health information sources

ranging from COVID-19 to mental health. These devices will be available for public use soon.

For more information on library services and ARPA, visit: [https://www.njstatelib.org/services\\_for\\_libraries/american-rescue-plan-act-arpa/](https://www.njstatelib.org/services_for_libraries/american-rescue-plan-act-arpa/)

- 🏛 📖 **NEW!** Books added to the library's collection will be listed in the following month's newsletter. Look for January's new books list in this issue!
- 🏛 **Renovation Update.** Stand by for more information!

## CHILDREN's Programs - Subscribe to Cancellation Notices at

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📖 Children's Book Club	Thursdays 2/3 & 2/17 at 4:00 PM (1st & 3rd Thursdays) via Zoom. Elementary students. Contact Becca at <a href="mailto:rbass@freeholdpubliclibrary.org">rbass@freeholdpubliclibrary.org</a> for details.
Read to the Dog	Program has been discontinued until further notice. We hope for a return in the spring!

## TEEN Programs - Subscribe to Cancellation Notices at





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🏛 Teen Programs	All in-person teen programs are canceled until further notice.
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## ADULT Programs - Subscribe to Cancellation Notices at

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📖 Book Group	Wednesday 2/2, 7:00 PM. February's book is <b><i>The Four Winds</i></b> by Kristin Hannah. Book group participants acquire subject books on their own, but the library can help in
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	<i>the case of older titles.</i> For information, contact Erika Cox: <a href="mailto:ecox@freeholdpubliclibrary.org">ecox@freeholdpubliclibrary.org</a> .
 <b>ESL Level 1 Presented by CARC</b>	<b>Monday &amp; Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11:30 AM (No meeting 2/21)</b> <b>Prior registration required</b> Beginner English as a Second Language class (free, gratis) Contact Aina at 732-774-3282 or email <a href="mailto:aholmscheller@carcnj.org">aholmscheller@carcnj.org</a>
 <b>Trustees Meeting</b>	<b>Tuesday, 2/8, 7:00 PM via Zoom</b> (Contact library for details)
 <b>Come Write In!</b>	<b>Tentative: Wednesday 2/23, 7:30 PM</b> in the Children's Room. Anyone who enjoys writing, editing, or talking about writing is invited. Bring your own coffee/beverage. Facilitated by Kathy Mulholland
 <b>Craft Club</b>	<b>Monday 2/28, 7:30 PM</b> in the Children's Room Try your hand at a variety of craft projects, or bring your own

## Dear Library Patron

We're coming up on the two year anniversary of the Coronavirus epidemic's impact on our community and the library's operation.

Whispers of an impending SARS-CoV-2 pandemic carried through the news media during February 2020, with the first case in New Jersey announced in early March. The library was closed to the public between March 14 and July 5, 2020. During this time, the library increased its digital offerings, published YouTube and Facebook content and information for children and adults, moved programs to Zoom, introduced pick-up and delivery service for books, offered means to acquire a library card remotely, added new communication avenues for reference and other inquiries, and prepared the facility for safe reopening to the public. Then, with the spike in Covid-19 cases going into the winter of 2020, we were closed to the public again November 23 through February 21, 2021. During this second closure, the library continued to offer pick-up service for books plus some limited computer/print and notary services by appointment.

As I write this, and go through the (surprisingly uncomfortable) task of reviewing all the adjustments to our former ways of doing business—the cancellations and modifications of programs, and the interruption of the very important social and support role having our building available to the public entails—I am reminded of just how long we've all been "at this."

And I reflect on how wonderful the Freehold community has been through it all.

Sure, our town has had challenges, but there is much to celebrate. Freehold Borough agencies, organizations, government and neighbors have made our "little borough" an outstanding example in the State of New Jersey for confronting the challenges presented by this pandemic. We've seen proactive work in getting the community tested for—and then vaccinated against—Covid-19 (especially our most vulnerable people); witnessed the creation of a "Food Safety Net" and partnerships between businesses, community groups, houses of worship, schools, the library, and volunteers to keep families fed and informed; and worked together to reduce isolation by increasing opportunities to safely gather and interact outdoors or via media. Our neighbors have rallied behind local small businesses—especially restaurants—investing in their futures by patronizing these businesses through the most challenging periods.

In terms of the library itself, we have seen near 100% cooperation from our patrons as relates to pandemic countermeasures (most notably the ongoing indoor masking requirement). The library is grateful for the public's gracious and patient understanding with this and other accommodations instituted in order to protect the staff and the public's health.

As we continue to deal with the pandemic, we'll also manage changes in operation resulting from our long-awaited renovation. Hang on for the ride; it's sure to be interesting.

Be well; be well informed.

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## NEW BOOKS in January

Category	Title/Author
Adult	<p>A killer by design/Burgess                      Plagues upon the Earth/Harper                      1001 movies you must see before you die/Barron's Educational Series                      Lost Monmouth County/Gabrielan                      There is nothing for you here/Hill                      The defense lawyer/Patterson                      State of Grace/Force                      The redemption of Philip Thane/Berne                      A man of honor/Bradford                      The Paris detective/Rosenfield                      Criminal mischief/Woods                      Something to hide/George                      Greek myths: a new retelling/Higgins                      The last house on the street/Chamberlain                      Anthem/Hawley                      Invisible/Steel                      Find me/Burke                      Making numbers count/Heath</p>
YA	<p>Solstice/Alison                      What I like about you/Kanter                      A court of mist and fury/Maas                      Miss you, love you, hate you, bye/Sher                      The story of more/Jahren                      Sarah Bernhardt/Reef                      Beauty Mark/Weatherford                      Ain't burned all the bright/Reyonlds                      At the end of everything; Nijkamp</p>
Children's	<p>Perfect pigeons/Battersby                      Magic Tree House #36: Sunlight on the snow leopard/Osborne                      All except Axle/Gallion                      My creepy valentine/Howard                      The square root of possible/Talbert                      Bad Kitty gets a phone/Bruel                      Golden arm/Deuker                      Displaced/Hughes                      When the world was ours/Kessler                      Salt magic/Larsen                      School of phantoms/Merritt                      Darling Darleen, Queen of the Screen/Nesbet                      Night hunt/Quinn                      Shadow hills/Quinn                      The coldfire curse/Quinn                      Into the tall, tall grass/Ryon</p>

You call this democracy?/Rusch  
Across the rainbow bridge/Crossley-Holland  
Fox/Thomas  
Black ballerinas/Copeland  
Northwind/Paulsen  
Threads of peace/Krishnaswami  
Crazy Horse and Custer/Nelson  
Scribbles, sorrows, and russet leather boots/Rosenberg  
Defiant/Hudson  
Fly Guy & Fly Girl/Arnold

## Library Information

-  **COVID-19 Countermeasures in place:**
  -  **Masks required inside the library building.**
  -  Patrons appearing ill will not be admitted.
  - 3rd Party groups of larger than 4 people not permitted to meet indoors.
  - *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](#). Homework/Learning help is available via [Brainfuse HelpNow](#). 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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