

Freehold Public Library

MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER

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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

- 🏠 **NEW** Masks optional inside the library as of 3/7/2022..
- 🏠 📺 **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.

- 🏠 📖 Books added to the library's collection will be listed in the following month's newsletter. Look for February's new books list in this issue!
- 🏠 **Renovation Update.** The Borough is applying for the SAVEGREEN Direct Install program which will provide additional funding for HVAC and lighting improvements for the project.

In the meantime, sketches of what the project will look like may be found below the new books list in this newsletter.

For more information about library services and ARPA, visit:
https://www.njstatelib.org/services_for_libraries/american-rescue-plan-act-arpa/

CHILDREN's Programs - Subscribe to Cancellation Notices at




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📖 📚 Children's Book Club	Canceled until further notice
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ADULT Programs - Subscribe to Cancellation Notices at

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📖 📚 Book Group	Wednesday 3/2, 7:00 PM. March's book is <i>Unsheltered</i> by Barbara Kingsolver. April's book is <i>The Alchemist</i> by Paulo Coelho. <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 .
🏠 ESL Level 1 Presented by CARC	Monday & Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11:30 AM (3/1's meeting via Zoom) Prior registration required Beginner English as a Second Language class (free, gratis) Contact Aina at 732-774-3282 or email aholmscheller@carcnj.org

 Trustees Meeting	Tuesday, 3/8, 7:00 PM via Zoom (Contact library for details)
 Come Write In!	No meeting in March
 Craft Club	Monday 3/28, 7:30 PM in the Children's Room Try your hand at a variety of craft projects, or bring your own

Dear Library Patron

Irony, I think, that your librarian has found it difficult to get through a book in the last couple of years.

I mean, I am reading *some*, but just not enough to keep up with what I *should* be reading. I joke that I might start a Twitter account with the handle @IlliterateLibrarian. (Don't look for it; I really won't!) Why have I, an obvious advocate for reading, been such a failure at this most elemental part of my profession, never mind way of life?

I can't blame *access*. We have a great many wonderful books (paper, and downloadable digital and audio) to select from at the library. And I have a few bookseller gift cards sitting in my desk drawer. I'm actually a member of a second library where I now live, in Asbury Park. So access isn't the problem.

It's possible I could blame *time*. In these days of cellphones and shared calendar apps, I spend much less time waiting than I used to, even at medical appointments. My biggest chunk of "wait time" currently involves a laundromat. But I've always been a busy person, and making time for reading, even with lots going on, is something I managed in the past.

Probably to blame are the usual suspects: stress due to so many recent changes; short attention span resulting from myriad tasks taking a bite out of my mental bandwidth; emotional funk brought on by winter's cold and dark; distress by news of events and happenings beyond my influence or control; and the easy and convenient distractions of social media and video streaming. For some reason, instead of an island of escape, reading longer works (novels especially) has felt more like another item on my to-do list. And I've felt terribly guilty about that.

The last several weeks, however, I've given up. I've accepted that I'm just, suddenly and perhaps for a while, simply "not a book reader." It sounds awful, I know, that your librarian should identify this way. I've shelved all the books on my "to be read" list, and thrown the list away.

However, in making this admission, I've found it easier to "get out of my own way" and into a book again. I have taken the pressure off of myself, clearing the path to start over with new, less-tired eyes and a fresher attitude. I've picked up again at my first love: nonfiction.

The lesson, for me, is that the enemy of the "doing" is the "*should* be doing." And that the way forward must sometimes allow for the occasional detour into self-compassion and acceptance of the here-and-now. All the lovely books in my future will wait until I'm ready, and it will be a happy reunion indeed.

Be well; be well informed.



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Library Director

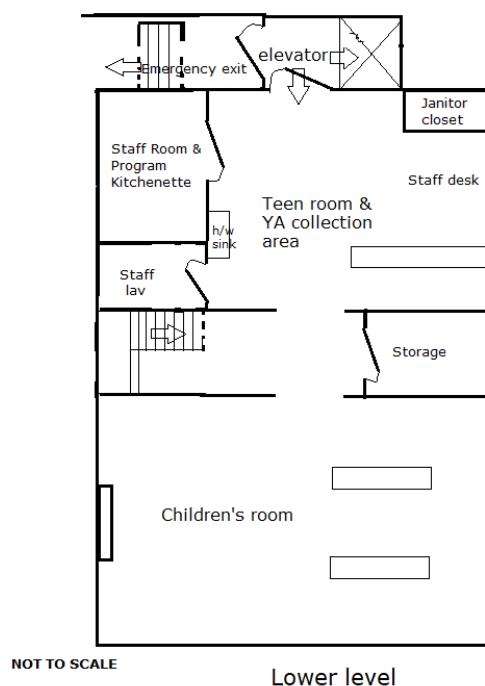
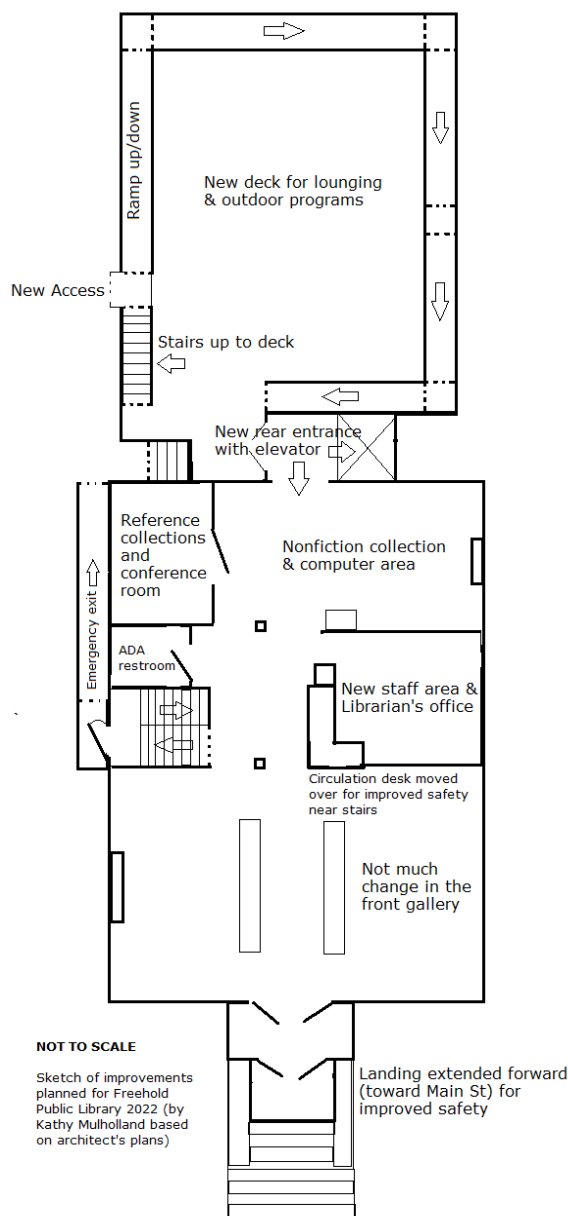
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NEW BOOKS in February

Category	Title/Author
Adult	<p>On Juneteenth/Gordon-Reed Her hidden genius/Benedict The oracle of night/Ribeiro Graceland, at last/Renkl Own your morning/Plosser Einstein's fridge/Sen The listening path/Cameron Thriving live/Berg Index, a history of the/Duncan The nineties/Klosterman The complete guide to absolutely everything/Rutherford How the mountains gres/Dvorak Just pursuit/Coates Robert B. Parker's bye bye baby/Atkins Death of a green-eyed monster/beaton Good rich people/Brazier The magnolia palace/Davis One step too far/Gardner Dark horse/Hurwitz City of the dead/Kellerman The cage/Kistler Quicksilver/Koontz Lightning in a mirror/Krentz The accomplice/Lutz House of sky and breath/Maas Goliath/Onyebuchi The horsewoman/Patterson Steal/Patterson Diablo Mesa/Preston Abandoned in death/Robb Dawnshard/Sanderson Joan is okay/Wang Funny farm/Zaleski Chouette/Oshetsky Gwendy's final task/King Mickey 7/Ashton Nothing to lose/Jance The Paris apartment/Foley Beautiful little fools/Cantor Black cloud rising/Wright Falade</p>
YA	<p>Off the record/Garrett Anatomy/Schwartz Instructions for dancing/Yoon In the wild light/Zentner</p>
Children's	<p>Take back the block/Giles Harry vs. the first 100 days of school/Jenkins Who was Catherine the Great?/Pollack Lotheria/Valenti The stolen slippers/Delacruz The thirteenth fairy/Delacruz</p>





Pony/Palacio
 Monster friends/Vandorn
 A royal ride/Fulton
 Born hungry/Prud'homme
 Mermaid Kenzie/Sherman
 Dream street/Walker
 Brave as a mouse/Carozzi
 Carpenter's helper/Rosen
 My first day/quang
 This is our rainbow/Locke
 Marcus makes a movie/Hart
 The lion of Mars/Holm
 Death is stupid/Higginbotham
 Lola Dutch/Wright
 A high five for Glenn Burke/Bildner
 A thousand glass flowers/Turk
 The princess in black and the mermaid princess/Hale
 The monster in the lake/Stowell


SKETCHES OF LIBRARY RENOVATION PLAN (NOT TO SCALE):



Sketch of improvements planned for Freehold Public Library 2022 (by Kathy Mulholland based on architect's plans)

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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