

Freehold Public Library

December 2022 NEWSLETTER

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📞 Library phone number: 732-462-5135

✉ Email: help@freeholdpubliclibrary.org

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<https://www.remind.com/join/fplpr>

Construction Update from the Library Trustees

The Library Trustees are thrilled that our vision for a new and improved library facility is finally happening. Planning for this renovation project started nearly 7 years ago in 2016.

The library was built in 1904 and has served the community for more than a century. As many of you know, the building had fallen into disrepair and was in violation of modern building codes. The Trustees were faced with the decision to recommend a major renovation, or close the library building.

The decision became clear when the New Jersey taxpayers authorized the state to fund a library renovation grant program in 2017. **We applied through a competitive process, and were awarded more than \$850,000 in grant funding from the State of New Jersey.** You read that right - this *grant* is free to the Borough! Who would say no to free money?

The Borough also funded \$1.4 million in construction bonds to pay our share of the renovation costs. Construction bonds are like a mortgage: the Borough borrows money and makes principal and interest payments over a 20-year period to pay the money back. The Borough did not spend \$1.4 million upfront.

How are we paying for this borrowing? The Trustees eliminated a full-time library position, which allowed us to save both salary and benefits costs. These savings were enough to fund the original construction budget at **no additional cost to the taxpayers.**

The renovation will move the library into the 21st century, where libraries are so much more than books. They are community assets where the public can gather in meeting spaces. They offer electronic access points with public Wi-Fi and public computers. They are foundational to an intimate and walkable downtown. Can you imagine Freehold Borough without our Carnegie Library?

What will this renovation get us?

- The entire ground floor will be fully renovated and available for public use!
- The building will be in compliance with all ADA requirements. It will be stroller and wheelchair friendly!
- Totally new electrical systems to power all our 21st century library experience!
- Totally new HVAC systems to make your library experience comfortable!

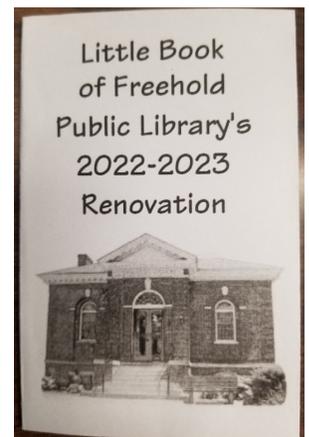
During construction you'll be able to find our librarians in Borough Hall, where you'll be able to access computers, and new books will be available for circulation. And of course all electronic books, videos and other content will remain available during construction.

We look forward to the end of 2023 when we can celebrate completion of the renovation project together. Thank you for supporting our wonderful Freehold Public Library!

NEWS & UPDATES

- 🏠 **Library is closed the morning of 12/16; Saturday, 12/24 & Monday, 12/26; Saturday 12/31 & Monday, 1/2/2022.** Additional closures may occur due to renovation. **SUBSCRIBE to closure/cancellation notices:** <https://tinyurl.com/FPL-DEC2022>
- 🏠 **NEW! Pre-Renovation Open House!** Join the Trustees for this special event on Sunday, December 4, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- 🏠 **NEW! The Book Drop (box) has been relocated to 30 Mechanic Street** (parking lot side). Please bring books inside the library or use the relocated book drop.
- 📺 **NEW! Online digital collection of over 42,000 videos with InfoBase's Access Video On Demand!** Log on with this information:
Username: freeholdpl
Password: digital
 - [Access Video On Demand: Master Collection](https://avod.infobase.com/PortalPlayLists.aspx?wid=241680)
 - [Access Video On Demand: Just for Kids](https://jfk.infobase.com/PortalPlayLists.aspx?wid=241680)
- 🏠 **Food Pantry @ the library.** Adi's Neighborhood Food Pantry has managed this effort through the last several months. We commend and thank them for their great work, and look forward to their return when the library building reopens.
- 📺 **CARC's ESL** (English as a second language) Level 1 (beginner) class is moving to Zoom during our renovation. Classes are held Monday and Wednesday mornings 9:30-11:30; contact CARC for details and to register: 732-431-6977.

- 🏠 **Renovation Update.** More information about construction schedule: Our entire book collection (except for those which are very new and on-order) will go into storage starting on December 19. Stored books will be inaccessible for at least several months. During the renovation interruption, we will provide a public-access computer room at the Borough Hall building at 30 Mechanic Street. Hours will be Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Interlibrary Loan, Notary Public, photocopying, and scan/email service will continue (no FAX service). Your patience as we adjust to a "new (temporary) normal." Stand by for an announcement about when the move is scheduled.
- 📺 **Digital Resources.** Ebooks, audiobooks and videos are available "24/7." For books and magazines: [Libby/eLibrary](#) [NJ/OverDrive](#), [Axis360](#). For movies and other video, visit [Access Video on Demand: Master Collection](#) and [Just for Kids](#) (Username: freeholdpl ; Password: digital) 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.
- 🏠 **Featured "Little Book" of the month:** *Little Book of Freehold Public Library's 2022-2023 Renovation.*
- 🏠 **Come Write In!** The group may meet off-site during the renovation interruption. Details to be worked-out as we approach the December 28 meeting. Contact Kathy at kmulholland@freeholdpubliclibrary.org for details.



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 Pre-Renovation Open House	Sunday 12/4, 3:00-5:00 PM. Join the Trustees and staff of the library to learn more about the renovation and enjoy some light refreshments.
 Book Group	Wednesday 12/7, 7:00 PM. December's book is <i>One Day in December</i> by Josie Silver. There is no meeting in January. <i>Book group participants acquire subject books on their own, but the library can help in the case of older titles. If there is interest in meeting at an alternate site during the library's renovation, let us know!</i> For information, contact Erika Cox: ecox@freeholdpubliclibrary.org .
 CARC ESL	Mondays & Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11:30 AM (VIA ZOOM). Level 1 classes. Registration required. Call 732-431-6977.
 Trustees Meeting	Thursday 12/8, 8:00 AM. This month's meeting via Zoom only: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86746998258?pwd=NkNNcjRFRjVkdTVRqRUV2dlY5N0NvQT09
 Come Write In!	Wednesday 12/28, 7:30 PM UNLESS OTHERWISE ANNOUNCED; location TBD. Discussion group for adults who enjoy the art and craft of writing. Bring your own beverage.

Dear Library Patron

It's getting *real*.

Please come to the Trustees' Pre-Renovation Open House on Sunday, December 4 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Any questions you have will help us anticipate challenges going forward, and may spark some good ideas as we navigate through this period of disruption.

Are you a youth organization leader? Community or service club member? Play-group organizer? Book club? Library staff continue to welcome opportunities to visit community organizations in the area, to share our library services, or deliver a program. Contact me if your group would like a visitor or guest presenter or speaker. We can address a wide array of subjects.

Follow our [Facebook page](#) and subscribe to our [program notification service](#) for last-minute adjustments to our hours and offerings.

Be well; be well informed.



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NEW BOOKS in November

Category	Title/Author
Adult	<p> Seeing science/Challoner An immense world/Yong Breathless/Quammen Cooking from the spirit/Brown A poison like no other/Simon Starry messenger, Tyson Life on the Mississippi/Buck Frederick Douglass Brave Hearted/Hickman I don't take requests/Tony Giuliani/Kirtzman And there was light/Meacham Waxing on/Maccio The extraordinary life of an ordinary man/Newman Other birds/Allen Long shadows/Baldacci The maze/DeMille The extraordinary life of Sam Hell/Dugoni Daisy Darker/Feeney Lessons in chemistry/Garmus Voice of fear/Graham The boys from Biloxi/Grisham Endless summer/Hilderbrand It starts with us/Hoover The last chairlift/Irving Demon Copperhead/Kingsolver Babel/Kuang The Christmas spirit/Macomber Home sweet Christmas/Mallery The nature of fragile things/Meissner The last folk hero/Pearlman Our missing hearts/Ng The twelve topsy-turvey, very messy days of Christmas/Patterson Mad honey/Picoult Santa's little yelpers/Rosenfelt Righteous prey/Sandford The high notes/Steel Distant thunder/Woods Scott standard postage stamp catalogue Vols 6A & 6B Great Novels/Mullan Indivisible/Paul Like a rolling stone/Wenner Ted Kennedy/Farrell Livid/Cornwell Everyday adventures with unruly data/Feinberg The song of the cell/Mukherjee Conspiracy/Shermer Triple cross/Patterson No plan B/Child The Passenger/McCarthy Thief of fate/Deveraux </p>
YA	<p> Ace of spades/Abike-Iyimide Dig two graves/McNeil Miss Peregrine's museum of wonders/Riggs </p>

Children's	I have a superpower/Curry Wanda the brave/Nontshokweni Creepy crayon!/Reynolds The frustrating book!/Willems The golden key/Stilton Diary of a Wimpy Kid Diper Overlode/Kinney Digestion! The Musical/Rex
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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 @ Main Street (Library building, as long as it remains open):**
Monday & Wednesday, 9am - 9pm
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday, 9am - 5pm
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- **Information that doesn't change often:**
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1g8sa1tvLCYlcbj7C1RAY4tWxbTvnIQceq5IYmINbxjs/edit?usp=sharing>



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