

Freehold  
Public  
Library



## January 2023 NEWSLETTER

### Freehold Public Library

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<https://tinyurl.com/FPL-JAN2023>

📞 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 is closed Saturday 12/31, Monday 1/2, & Monday 1/16.** SUBSCRIBE to weather or unscheduled closure/cancellation notices:  
<https://www.remind.com/join/fplpr>
- 🏛️ **Renovation Update.** The library is temporarily relocated to 30 Mechanic Street. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Computers with black & white and full-color printing, Interlibrary Loan, Notary Public, photocopying, and scan/email service will continue (no FAX service). Newest books are available for borrowing. Any book requests? Call or email us as usual!
- 🏛️ Thanks to everyone who attended the **Pre-Renovation Open House!** Almost 70 people came for tours and to learn more about the library's special place in the community. Thanks go to Freehold Borough historian Kevin Coyne; Brianne Van Vorst of the Freehold Borough Historic Preservation Commission, and the Trustees of the Library.
- 🏛️ Our **Book Drop** is located at 30 Mechanic Street (parking lot side, to the far right of the entrance). Feel free to bring your returns into our temporary location inside Borough Hall during operating hours.
- 💻 **CARC's ESL** (English as a second language) Level 1 (beginner) class now conducted via Zoom. Classes are held Monday and Wednesday mornings 9:30-11:30; contact CARC for details and to register: 732-431-6977.
- 🏛️ **Library Trustees** meet Thursday 1/12 at 8:00 a.m. at Freehold Borough Hall. Contact the library for more information.
- 🏛️ **Come Write In!** writers group will meet at a local restaurant at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, January 25. If you don't want to buy a full meal, come a little later and join for dessert/coffee. Contact Kathy at [kmulholland@freeholdpubliclibrary.org](mailto:kmulholland@freeholdpubliclibrary.org) for meeting location or other information.

# Freehold Public Library

💻 [Now is the perfect time to explore our digital collections!](#)

For some resources you'll need your library card number and PIN.

Contact the library if you need that information.

## eBOOK and eAUDIO COLLECTIONS:

- **eLibraryNJ (aka OverDrive)**

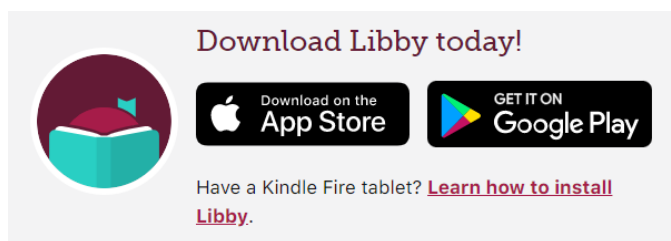
<https://elibrarynj.overdrive.com/>

- Select "Freehold Public Library" from the drop-down menu
- Use your library card number and PIN.



- **Libby (this OverDrive app is great for reading on smaller screens)**

Look for Libby in your device's app store, then set-up your account with your library card number and PIN.



- **Axis360**

<https://freehold.axis360.baker-taylor.com/>

- Use your library card number and PIN.



## VIDEO COLLECTIONS:

- **Access Video On Demand: Master Collection & Access Video On Demand: Just for Kids**

<https://avod.infobase.com/PortalPlayLists.aspx?wid=241680>

Username: freeholdpl

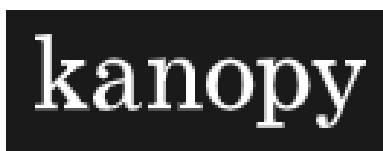
Password: digital



- **Kanopy & Kanopy Kids:**

<https://www.kanopy.com/en/freeholdpl/>

Log-in (set up an account) with your library card number and PIN.



## DATABASES:

- **JerseyClicks**

[http://www.njstatelib.org/services\\_for\\_libraries/statewide\\_services/jerseyclicks/](http://www.njstatelib.org/services_for_libraries/statewide_services/jerseyclicks/)

Access searchable databases including scholarly and popular articles and videos.

-Use your library card number.



- **New Jersey Historic Newspaper Collection**

<https://www.proquest.com/?accountid=199701>

Access searchable databases including scholarly and popular articles and videos.

-Use your library card number.



- **Black Freedom Struggle in the United States Database**

<https://tinyurl.com/FPL-BFSUS>



## OPEN SOURCE & OTHER RESOURCES:

Many are listed on Freehold Public Library's Website

<https://freeholdpubliclibrary.org/home.php>

**Information Resources**

**Free Online Classes/Education**

**More eBooks**

**Community Information**

Additional resources available on the open web.

## Dear Library Patron



A popular theme in literature, especially in stories for children, is the metamorphosis of a caterpillar into a butterfly. The idea is that something appears one way, and yet is encoded with the potential to be something more—a fulfillment of its destiny.

Our 1903/04 library building is now in a period of dormancy (in terms of use), but also of significant change—a chrysalis phase, if you will. For 118 years the building has valiantly hosted the library for our community. After the renovation, it will be better equipped to fulfill its ultimate destiny: to serve every person, including those who use wheels to walk. To serve every family, including those with babies in diapers. To serve our youth with a welcoming space of their own and a larger collection. To serve the public with a safer, healthier, more efficient and sustainable environment. To serve the people of Freehold in 2023 and far beyond.

The caterpillar-to-butterfly trope is heavily represented because it is so well-suited to capture the uncomfortable fear of change. I am confident, however, that once this beautiful building emerges from its chrysalis—as new life is breathed into its old walls—it will be apparent to all that the building has simply metamorphosed into its best potential.

Follow our [Facebook page](#) for updates 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 December (Available at out temporary location)

Category	Title/Author
Adult	<p> Hands down/Francis  It ends with us/Hoover  The twist of a knife/Horowitz  The matchmaker's gift/Loigman  Murder at Black Oaks/Margolin  The prisoner/Paris  Pride and protest/Payne  A world of curiosities/Penny  The lost melody/Politano  We are the light/Quick  A heart full of headstones/Rankin  Killers of a certain age/Raybourne  The seven husbands of Evelyn Hugo/Reid  The choice/Roberts  Poster girl/Rogh  Liberation day/Saunders  Last call at the Nightingale/Schellman  The family game/Steel  A book club to die for/St. James  Secluded cabin sleeps six/Unger  White horse/Wurth  Papyrus/Vallejo  How do we know ourselves?/Myers  Influenced/Boxer  The emotionally exhausted woman/Colier  Hold the line/Fanone  The persuaders/Giridharadas  The forever witness/Humes  The everything pregnancy gbook/Ford-Martin  The everything father-to-be book/Nelson  Engineering in plain sight/Hillhouse  Declassified/Warsaw Fan Rauch  Killing the legends/O'Reilly  Surrender/Bono  Dying of politeness/Davis  Beyond the wand/Felton  Unspeakable/Fisher  How y'all doing?/Jordan  Heretic/Kadlec  George Michael/Gavin  My life in full/Nooyi  Confidence man/Haberman  Making a scene/Wu  Lute/Amann  Alone with you in the ether/Blake  Peril in Paris/Bowen  Desert star/Connelly  Racing the light/Crais  The sea wolves/Cussler  Hunting time/Deaver  Going rogue/Evanovich  World almanac book of facts </p>

YA	Better than we found it/Joseph Bloodmarked/Deonn The killing code/Marney The first to die at the end/Silvera
Children's	Iceberg/Saxby Frizzy/Ortega Winter blunderland/Patterson Violet & Jobie in the wild/Perkins Cat Kid comic club/Pilkey Gleanings/Schusterman A rover's story/Warga A library/Giovanni Keppunumuk/Greendeer Just like Jesse Owens/Young

#### 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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!

## Library Information

-  **Library Hours @ 30 Mechanic Street (temporary location):**  
Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
- **Information that doesn't change often:**  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1g8sa1tvLCYlcbj7C1RAY4tWxbTvnIQceq5lYmINbxjs/edit?usp=sharing>



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