

Library phone number: 732-462-5135

24-Hour Voice Mail Number: 848-863-5075

Email: help@freeholdpubliclibrary.org

What's New!

- **“Curbside” and “Hands-Off Holds” Available.** *Service available Monday through Friday, 9am - 5pm only. **Closed July 3.***

Search our card catalog by visiting our webpage or via [this link](#). Then, call or email us at the library with your titles/authors, and we'll gather the books you want.

Pick-up your bag of books at the front entrance of the library, or telephone us when you're out front on Main Street and we'll bring your order to your car. Two parking spaces in front of the library have been reserved for patrons to pick-up and drop-off material while the library remains closed to the public.

- **COVID-19 Safety.** All returned material are quarantined for 3 days, so items will still be shown as “on loan” to patrons during that time. This protects staff as well as the next borrower.
- **“Imagine Your Story” Summer Program.** Information about our summer programs will be kept on a [separate page](#) for your convenience. We'll share announcements on social media as well. Programs are evolving as we go, so watch for updates!
- **When Will the Library Open?** We don't know yet. We're watching the guidance, preparing the building, and making operational changes to keep our community safe.

- **Garden Behind the Garden.** Michael Zamorski, a member of Boy Scout Troop 18, has made a great deal of progress on the indigenous plants teaching garden in the space behind the library (between the parking spaces and the Appleyard Family Reading Garden's fence). This is Michael's Eagle Scout project. The existing bicycle parking dock is more accessible, the bench reinstalled, a new garbage can, and beautiful plants native to New Jersey complete the new garden. There's still work to be done, but already the area is much improved!

Michael will make educational materials available detailing the characteristics of the plants selected. In addition to Michael's Boy Scout helpers, Tim at Home Depot, Ed Franczak at Ciccone Nursery, Joe Floudas and crew at Freehold Borough have share their time, material, expertise or hard work (and the American Hotel for providing water for the thirsty young plants!).



- **Meet (via Zoom) @ the Library.** When the building was open, many groups and clubs, along with tutors and playgroups, met at the library. During our closure, we may be able

to host your meeting “virtually.” Contact us at help@freeholdpubliclibrary.org for more information.

WiFi reaches areas close to the building. Please remember to keep at least six feet between people, and dispose of any garbage properly.

- **Outdoor Library Spaces** are available for your use whenever the library is not occupying the spaces for programming.

July Library Events and Meetings [[Link to Online Calendar](#)]

- **Toddler Time!** View at your family's convenience. New content added regularly. Click/subscribe to our YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-DHL7CFSzchNK2VU8oyQhw>
- **NEW Garden Variety Music and Move! Tuesdays beginning July 14. 10:00 AM (outdoors, behind library).** Bring your own blanket/camp chair! For babies/children/families (formerly Toddler Time). Music and music with Ms. Kathy. Physical Distancing guidelines (at least 6 feet between non-cohabitants) required.
- **Trustees Meeting. Tuesday, July 14. 7:00 PM (via Zoom)** The Trustees are tasked with the operation of the library. Public participation is welcome.
Click on this link to join:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86746998258?pwd=NkNNcjRFRjVkJTVRqRUV2dIY5N0NvQT09>
Meeting ID: 867 4699 8258
Password: 481458
Dial In: 929 205 6099; Meeting ID: 867 4699 8258; Password: 481458
- **Teen Library Committee Meeting. Wednesday, July 15, 7:30 PM (via Zoom)**
Click on this link to join:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87386614101?pwd=WnpCUjYV1NGb0Q4VVdyYTZHcXc3UT09>
Meeting ID: 873 8661 4101
Password: 866827
- **Crochet Club Meeting. Monday, July 27, 7:30 PM (via Zoom)** Join your friends in Crochet Club as we chat, share progress (or lack of progress!) on projects, learn a few tips, and catch-up with each other.
Click on this link to join:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89119994188?pwd=c0drejNRK3dsazR5dk15dUhnWkpnUT09>
Meeting ID: 890 1132 3198
Password: 944014
- **Come Write In! Meeting. Wednesday, July 29, 7:30 PM (via Zoom)**
Click on this link to join:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84640525319?pwd=SlDxQ0tVZndBbEhJa3lXbW1oMmtCZz09>
Meeting ID: 846 4052 5319
Password: 685700
- **NEW TIME! Book Chat. Wednesday, August 5, 3:30 PM (via Zoom)** Free-flowing discussion about books, literature, libraries, or whatever, facilitated by Book Group leader Erika Cox! *She's back!*
Click on this link to join:

Password: 132239

- Quarantining of returned items will continue (items will still be listed as “checked out” to you during that time, but no late fees will be charged).
- All high-touch surfaces will be frequently sanitized (computers between each use).
- Hand sanitizer is available at entrance; frequent hand-washing encouraged.
- “Curbside” service will remain an option.
- “Sneeze guards” have been installed at Circulation Desk, between computers, and at most tables.
- Outside air exchange on main level improved.
- Interior door at entrance propped-open to reduce touch points.
- Any “on-sight” library programs will be held outdoors. “Virtual” programs will continue using Zoom.
- Late fees will not be changed until further notice. Please be courteous to other patrons and return material in a timely fashion.
- Side door designated “exit only” to reduce challenges to physical distancing at ramp/door/stair area.
- Doorbells installed to call for help at both front and side doors.

- “Community Board” moved to online format to reduce congestion in vestibule.
- **At the discretion of staff/director, any library visitor who fails to comply with measures instituted for the safety and comfort of staff or other visitors will be excluded from the premises.**

We look forward to welcoming you back **into your library home** as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

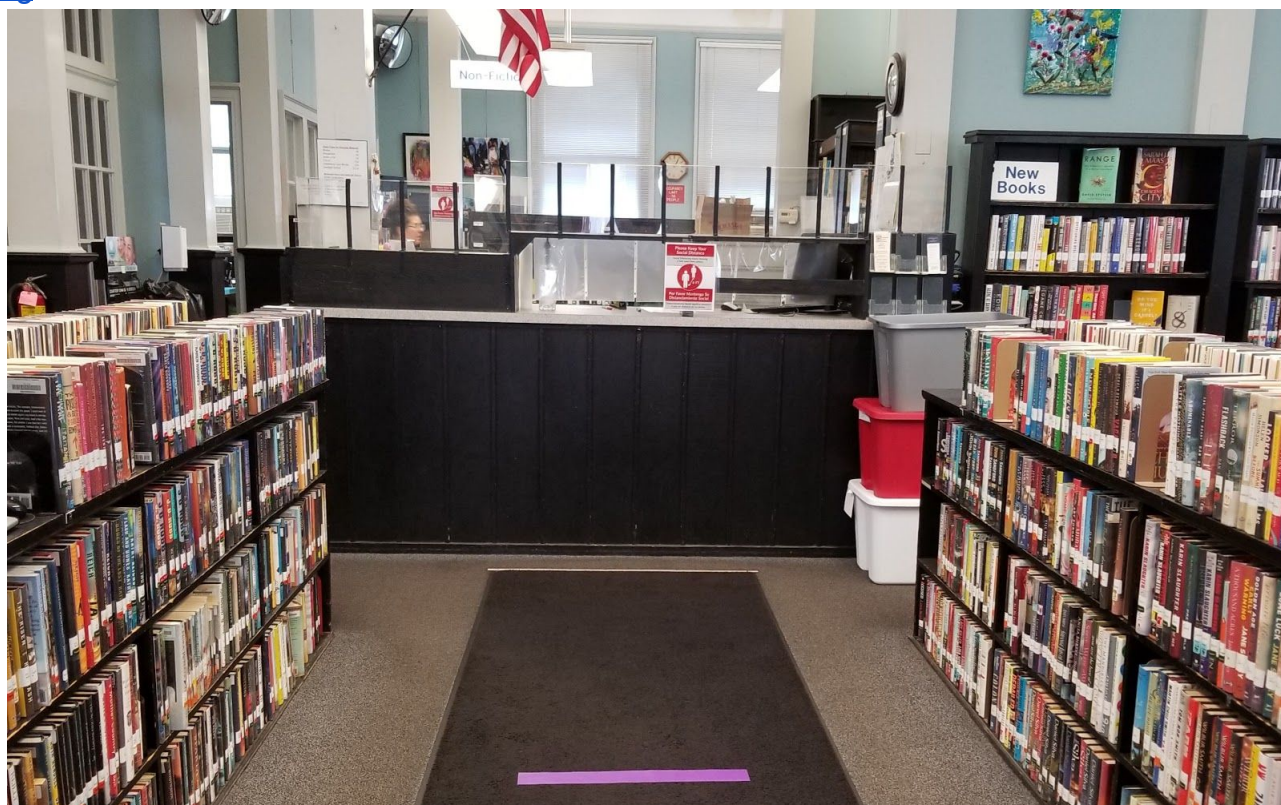
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Library Director

Library Information Page

To keep this newsletter from becoming too much of the “same old same old,” we’re relocating information that doesn’t change much from month to month. Access all that information by visiting this page:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1g8sa1tvLCYlcbj7C1RAY4tWxbTvnIQceq5lYmlNbxjs/edit?usp=sharing>



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