

May Library Events and Meetings

- **Conversation Cafe. May 11, 7:30 PM (via Zoom)** *Practice conversing in “entry level” Spanish. The group meets monthly, and is still fairly new. Absolute beginners welcome, as well as people more proficient in Spanish who want to help.*
Click on this link to join:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79062125815?pwd=UWNlZGFlOWc5WXNETzVrVGxCSzlnQT09>
Meeting ID: 790 6212 5815
Password: 5v7Jiz
- **Trustees Meeting. May 12, 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://us04web.zoom.us/j/76770554957?pwd=YStub3k3YTB2MHo5cXRLcGRlN2VnZz09>
Meeting ID: 767 7055 4957
Password: 1N2Ccz
- **Come Write In! Meeting. May 13, 7:30 PM (via Zoom)** *The library’s support group for adults/teens who like to write any kind of material. Current participants are novelists, poets, playwrights, children’s book authors/illustrators, nonfiction writers, bloggers, short-story authors, and more. Some are published, most self-published or “pre-published.” We sometimes share our work, but we mostly have conversations about the writing process or experiences. The group is “what they make of it” rather than meetings with a formal structure.*
Click on this link to join:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73079274183?pwd=U0p4eVU0SmRFYW5janBFbzhhUW82dz09>
Meeting ID: 730 7927 4183
Password: 5DQcCK
- **Check-in with your Librarians!** Make an appointment. (flexible schedule): Individuals or groups. Via Zoom, Facebook Video Call/Messenger, or telephone (848-863-5075). Email Kathy at kmulholland@freeholdpubliclibrary.org, or find her on [Facebook](#) to set-up a day/time. To speak with someone in Spanish, email Evelyn at esoto@freeholdpubliclibrary.org for an appointment.

Dear Library Patron:

As of this writing, we don’t have a date for reopening of the library building.

We, too, find *not knowing* an uncomfortable sensation. The interruption in your library’s operation is, of course, in the interests of your safety and well-being, as well as for the staff, volunteers, and our community partners. We’d love to “get back to normal,” but are



realistic, and anticipate that “normal” will be different from what it was before this novel coronavirus entered our lives. At least for the foreseeable future.

When we do resume our “brick and mortar” operation, it will probably be in “phases.” Undoubtedly, there will be very specific requirements including social-distancing, occupancy limits and sanitation requirements. As the policies and procedures are developed, we’ll be sure to share them with you.

In the meantime, we are dedicated to a continuity of services and access to resources as much as possible given the state of emergency guidelines. Please take a minute to [answer this survey](#) to help us plan to best serve you.

One thing seems certain: our events and programs will be hosted remotely for some time. We are working with community partners to provide not only access to information, but asynchronous events (that you can access at your convenience) such as YouTube videos, and synchronous programs using platforms such as Zoom. These events will be shared via our [Facebook presence](#), as well as in real-time updates to this Newsletter (which you may revisit at any time).

On a more personal note, I’d like to share that all of the library staff are well. It is our sincere hope that each of you, our precious library patrons, remains in good health and high spirits. If you or someone you know would like a telephone call from a library staff member (for information or just a friendly chat), please let us know.

Sincerely,
Kathy Mulholland
Library Director

What kinds of *virtual programming* do YOU want?

Please take this [brief survey](#) to let us know what kinds of online programs, events and resources you’d like us to provide. Or just email Kathy at kmulholland@freeholdpubliclibrary.org.

Note: We know everyone’s getting a little (or a lot!) “zoomed-out.” Remember, in all things, the library is here for you (not the other way around!). Please utilize any of our resources as you find helpful, entertaining or informative.

Summer Program Update



The library’s summer core programs will be provided online, and may be supplemented by on-site options as emergency restrictions are eased. Our Summer Programs Portal will be [READSquared](#). More info to follow!

NJ Library Construction Bond Grant Update:

Due to the pandemic, the application schedule for the state grant has been pushed-back to June. This shifts the whole calendar, so we won't even know if we will receive the grant until at least the fall. Fingers crossed!

LOCAL Resources: Information and Help

COVID-19 Information:

- Freehold Borough's COVID-19 Telephone Hotline: 908-839-8508
- ["The Road Back" - Governor's principles to "recover economic health through public health"](#)
- ["Road Map" of resources assembled by the Borough of Freehold](#)
- [DowntownFreehold.com](#) for local restaurants open for take-out/delivery and events
- [Monmouth County Clerk's Dashboard](#) for finding relevant public notices and information
- [How to Manage COVID-19 Symptoms at Home](#)
- [Subscribe to notifications from Freehold Borough](#)
- [State of New Jersey Information Hub](#)

Food:

- [Ways to help](#)
- [Rainy-Day Pizza Fund \(give or receive\)](#)
- [Fulfill of Monmouth & Ocean](#) (FoodBank)
- [Freehold Area Open Door \(give or receive\)](#)
- [Casa Freehold](#)
- [Unity Coalition of Greater Freehold](#)

Uh oh! Library's Closed! How can I get a Library Card?

If you live in Freehold Borough:

- Email help@freeholdpubliclibrary.org with your full-name, telephone number, grade in school (if student) and a scan/image of a bill or piece of mail sent to you (a cell-phone picture is fine). A library card will be mailed to you.

What if I don't live in Freehold *Borough*?

- You should contact the library that serves you based on which town you live in. For people in Freehold Township, that would be the [Monmouth County Library System](#).
- The Freehold Public Library is not, during this temporary shut-down, offering membership for people residing outside of Freehold Borough. Current non-resident card-holders may have their membership extended temporarily, by request.

What Digital Resources Can I use with my Library Card?

Ebooks, downloadable audiobooks:

- [eLibraryNJ.com](#) (you'll need library card number and PIN) [this is otherwise known as "OverDrive"]
[Download the "Libby" app](#) for easy access via a smartphone, tablet or computer.

Videos:

- [Kanopy](#) and Kanopy Kids (you'll need library card number and PIN)
Enjoy critically-acclaimed movies, inspiring documentaries, award-winning foreign films and more.

Databases:

- Subscription [Databases](#) (you'll need your library card number for most of these)
- [HeritageQuest](#) (contact help@freeholdpubliclibrary.org for access code; users must be residents of New Jersey)

[Instructions to set your Freehold Public Library Password \(PIN\)](#) If you need help, email help@freeholdpubliclibrary.org.

Our Physical Collection:

- [Card Catalog](#) (We hope to offer access to this collection soon, but currently, physical items are not available.) Material may be returned in the Book Drop (near ramp to side door) or through the mail slot in the library's front door. We're still buying books to have ready for you when we can lend again!

What else have you got?

Pathfinders & Launchpages (to other resources):

- [Library's YouTube Channel](#)
- [Library's "Stay at Home Resources"](#)
- ["Destination Game" \(edit to mark the places you've been!\)](#)
- ["Silver Linings Journal"](#)
- [Freehold Borough's Notification System](#)
- [Freehold Borough's "Roadmap" to emergency information and resources](#)
- [NJ Mental Health Cares](#)
- [Help for 10-24 year-olds in crisis](#)

Our Wi-Fi is still on!

Use it from the Appleyard Family Reading Garden (at rear) or front plaza.
Just be sure to "keep your distance" - at least six feet from other people.

How can I be in touch with the library?

- Telephone: our temporary telephone number (with voicemail) is 848-863-5075. Leave a message and the library director will get back to you.
- Like & Follow us on [Facebook](#) (we're most active here)
- [Twitter](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- Chat box on library's [webpage](#) (real-time available weekdays 9am - 5pm; messages after that)
- Email the Library Director, Kathy: kmulholland@freeholdpubliclibrary.org
Or the Library Assistant, Evelyn: esoto@freeholdpubliclibrary.org (yo hablo español)
- Schedule a teleconference/meeting/chat using [Zoom](#), Facebook Messenger, or other app. Contact Kathy (kmulholland@freeholdpubliclibrary.org) for information about this free online tool.
- Mail! Yes, we still check our mail. If you or someone you know would like a note of encouragement mailed to them from the library, please contact us.



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