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# SUMMER 2021 NEWSLETTER

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## NEWS & UPDATES






- **Library closed** July 2 & 3; August 14 (we'll be at Olde Freehold Day).
- Masks are optional inside the library. One-hour time limit still applies.
- **Author Louisa Jerry** will present her children's book *In Your Dreams* to children and families via Zoom on Monday, July 12 at 1:00 PM.  
Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/Author7-12-2021>
- Welcome **Becca Bass** to the library's staff as part-time page. A 2019 graduate of Muhlenberg College, Becca grew up in Freehold, worked with children as a counselor at Camp Topanemus, and is passionate about music, making collages and helping people improve their communities.
- The **Craft Club** is taking the summer off. We plan to resume in-person meetings at the library in September, the last Monday of each month.
- The **Freehold Public Library Book Group** will resume in-person meetings in September, the first Wednesday of each month. Contact Erika Cox at the library for more information.
- **Summer Reading Program!** Read books and fill out our easy form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YQSFM37> For all ages. Participants will be listed in our September newsletter (fame and glory rather than material prizes!).
- **"Big Kid Volunteers"** There *may* be some room left! Contact Ms. Kathy at the library. Information and Registration: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1id6sH-2jHJ5mvkmRMctYHgs6bTD1EnWH/view?usp=sharing>
- **Olde Freehold Day!** Join us and all your friends and neighbors at Olde Freehold Day at Lake Topanemus Park, Pond Road, on Saturday, August 14 from noon until 5pm. The library will be closed. (In event of OFD cancellation, the library will be open regular hours.)
- **Freehold TLC 4-H Club** will resume in-person meetings in the fall. Contact Kathy Mulholland at the library for details about this great opportunity for students 5th grade through first year past high school. For Monmouth 4-H information, visit: <https://monmouth.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/clubs.html>
- **Renovation Update.** Our updates are "under construction" and we hope our library will be, too!
- With so many outdoor programs on the menu, be sure to subscribe to cancellation notices: <https://www.remind.com/join/fplpr>



## Summer Library Programs!



Summer Programs return to your library with a variety of  outdoor and  remote (Zoom) programs!

**CHILDREN's Summer Programs - Subscribe to Cancellation Notices at <https://www.remind.com/join/fplpr>**

 <b>Toddler Time</b>	<p><b>Every Tuesday in July &amp; August, 3:00 PM</b> (weather permitting)  Infants through younger elementary  More information: <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1REjgiVdjLgb4S-twQQL2Q-LX_48rq4tv/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1REjgiVdjLgb4S-twQQL2Q-LX_48rq4tv/view</a></p>
 <b>"Big Kid Volunteers"</b>	<p><b>Wednesday &amp; Thursday afternoons in July</b> (weather permitting)  Grades 4 through high school  <b>Registration required; space is limited.</b> Information and Registration:  <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1id6sH-2jHJ5mvkmRMctYHgs6bTD1EnWH/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1id6sH-2jHJ5mvkmRMctYHgs6bTD1EnWH/view?usp=sharing</a></p>
 <b>"Little Kid Storytime"</b>	<p><b>Thursdays, July 8, 15, 22 &amp; 29 at 3:00 PM</b> (weather permitting)  Preschool through grade 3  More Information: <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/13SbJUWlclLaA_QDwCrycDYFJ_hvTjYJy_/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/13SbJUWlclLaA_QDwCrycDYFJ_hvTjYJy_/view?usp=sharing</a></p>
 <b>Meet Louisa Jerry, Author of <i>In your Dreams</i></b>	<p><b>Monday, July 12, 1:00 PM</b> (via zoom)  Children and families  More information: <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-9bAzRX5dlqEtUXoDAQ3L2fJYfeHRxzs/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-9bAzRX5dlqEtUXoDAQ3L2fJYfeHRxzs/view?usp=sharing</a>  Link to join: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81372786360?pwd=ZlIRdURmT1duS0R3Ui9kWitYU1dGZz09#success">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81372786360?pwd=ZlIRdURmT1duS0R3Ui9kWitYU1dGZz09#success</a></p>
 <b>Hablo Ingles for Children</b>	<p><b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday mornings</b> beginning July 13, (weather permitting)  Elementary grades  Free educational enhancement and fun program designed especially for children whose first language is not English.  <b>Registration required.</b>  Información: <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1E8wnWKlruGxQXVjTh_n3jjZ0BjtGy2Hu/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1E8wnWKlruGxQXVjTh_n3jjZ0BjtGy2Hu/view?usp=sharing</a>  Information: <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AYb8MVygFVG8A3qCULIzLdishUNCzUFI/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AYb8MVygFVG8A3qCULIzLdishUNCzUFI/view?usp=sharing</a></p>





 <b>FPL @ Olde Freehold Day!</b> <b>Lake Topanemus Park</b>	<b>Saturday, August 14, 12:00 Noon - 5:00 PM</b> (off-site, weather permitting) Join library staff and all your friends and neighbors at this special Freehold celebration. Obtain library cards, use WiFi, buy reusable FPL bags (\$3), and learn about library programs and services. Lake Topanemus Park, Pond Road, Freehold Township. (In event of OFD cancellation, the library will be open 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM as usual.)
 <b>Come Write In!</b>	<b>Meeting. Wednesday, August 26, 7:30 PM</b> (weather permitting) Anyone who enjoys writing, editing, or talking about writing is invited. Bring your own coffee/beverage. (No meeting in July)

## Dear Library Patron

As we enter the next phase of this “new normal,” you will notice that some of the COVID-19 countermeasures will remain in place. Different facilities have different rules, and we are glad we can count on you to cooperate with library-specific guidelines. Please feel free to ask for updates or clarification over time. We expect to resume in-person meetings (small groups) at the library in September.

Change is stressful, and change laced with confusion is particularly anxiety-producing. Whether we like it or not, we are part of a historic event. We are enlisted in a herculean effort to overcome a global crisis.

At the same time, you could say that this has been a *hyper-local* challenge. Our families, senior citizens, students, vulnerable neighbors, and all who work or bear responsibilities have had to endure major disruptions. Schools, businesses, governments and other organizations continue to pivot to meet demands presented by uncertain and rapidly changing circumstances.

We have learned, and are learning, how valuable our community is not only in times of need, but in celebrating and sharing joy with others. Let’s take all the best learnings from these last many months and apply them to our future; a future where we help those in need, reach-out to those who are lonely or are struggling, cherish and nurture our personal and family time, and demonstrate increasing respect for our “essential workers”—people who have for too long been under-appreciated.









If nothing else, let’s remember that nothing good, or important, or necessary, should be taken for granted.

Be well; be well informed.



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## Library Information

-  **COVID-19 Countermeasures in place:**
  -  All visits, regardless of reason, are limited to one hour, with one hour minimum between visits.
  -  Patrons appearing ill will not be admitted.
  -  No meetings/groups/tutoring permitted until September. Library programs will remain via  Zoom/remote host or held  outdoors until September
  - *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](#). 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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