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NEWS & UPDATES

- **Olde Freehold Day!** Look for the library booth at Lake Topanemus Park on Saturday, August 5, noon until 5:00 p.m.
- **Book Group for Adults.** The group will have an organizational meeting **on December 6** at 7:00 p.m. in the library (or sooner if participants are ready to start). Join the contact list now! Email kmulholland@freeholdpubliclibrary.org
- The **Freehold TLC 4-H Club** officially relaunches in **January!** Any **youth in grades 5 through the first year past high school** are welcome.

The Club's focus is on what the members want to do with guidance from leaders. Past events have included annual Halloween parties, service projects, hobby and interest programs, leadership and career development activities, practicing leadership and presentation skills, attending the Monmouth County Fair and other events outside of the library. Membership is free!

Interested in either youth membership or serving as an adult volunteer? Contact Kathy at the library for more information.

- **Toddler Time!** Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Outside at Freehold Borough Hall. Music and movement for our youngest patrons (lap-babies through preschool, with care-giver). Weather permitting.
- **Game Days! Schedule change:** Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Beginner, intermediate and advanced players of all ages are welcome. Outside at Freehold Borough Hall. Weather permitting.
- **2023 Summer Library Program: "All Together Now!"** program was presented by sixteen "Big Kid" volunteers! We thank them for their service and enthusiasm.
- **Grow with Google Career Certificates** scholarships available from Freehold Public Library. Prepare for a new career in information technology! Free and at your own pace on the Coursera platform. Email kmulholland@freeholdpubliclibrary.org for information and get started today!
- **Library Trustees** will meet Thursday 8/10 at 8:00 a.m. at the library's temporary location (Borough Hall). Contact the library for more information.

-  **Renovation Update.** The HVAC system in the attic is done, electrical and plumbing rough-ins are mostly finished. The brickwork, framing and concrete for the addition (terrace, ramp, elevator vestibule) are moving quickly, as are improvements to the front steps. We hope to be “home” by late fall. Visit our Facebook page for photos and frequent updates.
-  **SUBSCRIBE** to weather or unscheduled closure/cancellation notices:
<https://www.remind.com/join/fplpr>
-  **Digital Products:** For an overview, visit <https://tinyurl.com/FPL-JAN2023>

Dear Library Patron

When does summer end?

That depends on who you ask, why you need the answer, and even where you are.

There’s *astronomical summer*, which is based on Earth’s position in relation to the sun. This reckoning puts the end of the season at the September Equinox (September 23 this year) for those of us in the northern hemisphere. For folks south of the equator, their next astronomical summer ends on March 20, 2024.

Meteorological summer is a more conditions- and observations-based assignment of the season considering actual weather and climate. In the northern hemisphere, this usually means June, July and August. In the southern hemisphere, meteorological summer spans December, January and February. This understanding of summer is useful in studying weather patterns over time or for large-scale planning.

Various traditions, cultures and religions describe summer differently; time-tracking technologies and conventions have changed, and exposures to other ideas have influenced societies over time. For example, in the Hindu calendar (India), “summer” is one of six seasons, and may be defined as roughly the two months of May and June (*Grishma Ritu*). Then comes *monsoon season*! Some native North American tribes counted five seasons, others four, based on the rhythms of life in their environment.

While we may take our calendar for granted, even the nations of Europe didn’t settle on a single scheme until the 1920s (which makes studying history fun and causes you question whether all those dates you memorized were really the *right dates*!) Look into the differences between [Julian](#) and [Gregorian](#) calendars if you want to make yourself dizzy.

In Florida, where I spent most of my school years, “summer” came to a screeching halt in the middle of August as school terms began (though the unrelenting hot weather persisted). Students of Freehold Borough Elementary School District enjoy summer break until September 7 this year.

Then there’s the “unofficial” summer season, the period of time between the start of Memorial Day weekend and ending on Labor Day (coming on September 4). This pins “summer” to the economic

engine of the tourism industry, especially along coastal areas, and is thus important to us in Monmouth County. As visitors, tourists and vacationers withdraw to their normal lives, Shore-area residents enjoy a treasured "local summer" which tapers off usually in early October as we tumble into autumn-like weather.

As for us at the library, the close of the season brings us a little closer to our anticipated return to East Main Street. We look forward to celebrating all our future summers in our beautifully restored home.

Be well; be well informed.

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Library Information

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



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