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MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER

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📞 Library phone number: 732-462-5135

✉ Email: help@freeholdpubliclibrary.org

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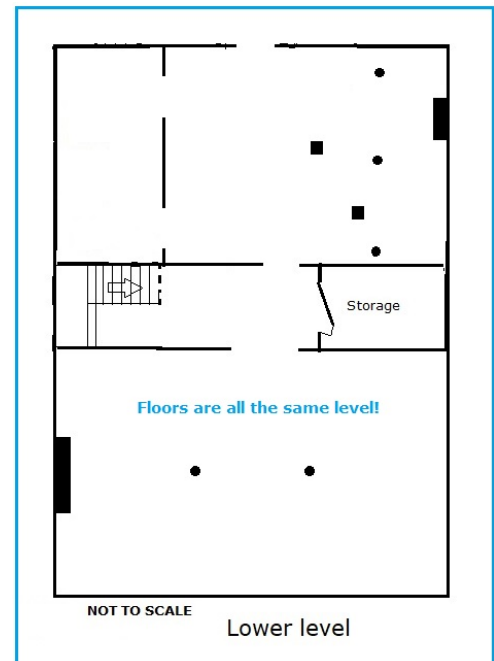
NEWS & UPDATES

- 🏛 **Closed Monday, May 29 (Memorial Day).**
- 🏛 **Toddler Time is Back!** Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. beginning May 16 (no meeting 5/30). Outside at Freehold Borough Hall. Music and movement for our youngest patrons (lap-babies through preschool, with care-giver). Weather permitting.
- 🏛 **2023 Summer Library Program: "All Together Now!"**
 - 🕒 **Available now! Information and registration** (<https://tinyurl.com/2023BigKid>) for July's "Big Kid Volunteer" program. Students entering grades 4 and up are encouraged to register early. Space is limited.
 - 🗓 **All summer programs will be held weekdays outdoors at Freehold Borough Hall.** We are planning Toddler Time, Little Kid Storytime, and a few other events.
- 🏛 **SUBSCRIBE** to weather or unscheduled closure/cancellation notices:
<https://www.remind.com/join/fplpr>
- 🏛 **Renovation Update.** The new lower-level floor has been poured. What had been as many as five different floor heights is now the same level as the children's room. Now the way is cleared to begin necessary foundation repair and footing work for the elevator facilities and new rear

entrance and terrace. The placement of a few support columns in the future teen room will be changed to provide more open space.

Right now we expect the renovation to be finished sometime this winter.

Sketch of what the lower level looks like at the moment:



- 📄 **Digital Products:** For an overview, see our January 2023 newsletter:
<https://tinyurl.com/FPL-JAN2023>
- 🏛 **Library Trustees** will meet Thursday 5/11 at 8:00 a.m. at the library's temporary location (Borough Hall) Contact the library for more information.

- 🏠 **Come Write In!** will meet at an alternate site on Wednesday, May 3 (rescheduled from April) at 7:00 p.m. There will be no

meeting in late May. Contact the library for location or more information about this writers group.

Dear Library Patron

As we enter a time of warmer temperatures, let's discuss the *chilling effect*.

Generally, the *chilling effect* is negative social or cultural pressure which suppresses your ability to exercise or access your rights to have, do, assert, learn, express or create.

This goes beyond "peer pressure." The chilling effect is more subtle and has a broader influence. It's a vaguely-felt force which deters people from exercising their fundamental Constitutional rights; squelches leaders' confidence to do their best work in and for communities; suppresses creativity, innovation, imagination and expression; and discourages an individual's participation in any number of democratic processes.

- A school media specialist hesitates to replace a worn-out copy of a book because someone in administration will make a fuss (even if nobody explicitly instructed them to remove that book).
- A public librarian quietly places a book behind the circulation desk after a patron called it "filthy" (keeping it out of sight to avoid uncomfortable confrontation)
- A teacher hurries through a history lesson in the school's textbook in anticipation a parent will complain the subject made their child uncomfortable (even though the subject is required for that grade's curriculum)
- A customer doesn't browse a entire section of a local bookstore because they don't want to risk being seen anyway near *certain types* of books (and the customer wants to avoid people jumping to conclusions)
- A parent who needs help explaining the human reproductive system to their child resists borrowing a book because it appeared as a "bad" book on some social media influencer's video (and another parent they know will surely have something to say about it)
- A talented potential teacher or librarian chooses another profession after observing people in the field being harassed and abused (and calculates they may avoid that hassle by preparing for a different career)
- A person hesitates to publish an honest memoir after witnessing a different writer's family being attacked on social media (and another important story goes untold)
- An artist doesn't create a masterpiece, and doesn't engage in the many artistic expressions on the way to that achievement, because someone will be offended and may act to ruin that artist's prospects or opportunities (and our world becomes increasingly duller)

The chilling effect feels less alarming than book burnings. But every book burning starts with a tiny flame.

Be well; be well informed.

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NEW BOOKS in April (Available at our temporary location)

Category	Title/Author
Adult	The seven-step homestead/Webb All that is hidden/Bowen The Irish boarding house/Taylor The quarantine princess diaries/Cabot Lemon curd killer/Childs I will find you/Coben Collateral damage/Jance So shall you reap/Leon Good dog, bad cop/Rosenfelt Worthy opponents/Steel Occupational outlook handbook A guide book of United States Coins/Yeoman Press pause/Spataro
Children's	Dancing with Grandad/Bozzo Growing up in the Torrone zone/Hogan Growing up in the Medieval time zone/Hogan Growing up in the splash zone/Hogan Growing up in the pasta zone/Hogan Growing up in the dragonfly zone How do you spell unfair/Cox Bailando con abuelito/Bozzo[Spanish]

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/1g8sa1tvLCYIcbj7C1RAY4tWxbTvnIQceq5IYmINbxjs/edit?usp=sharing>



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