



# Freehold Public Library



## JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER

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Library phone number: 732-462-5135

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## NEWS & UPDATES

- 🏛️ **Closed Tuesday, July 4 (Independence Day)**
- **NEW! Grow with Google Career Certificates** scholarships available from Freehold Public Library. Prepare for a new career in information technology with courses in cybersecurity, data analytics, digital marketing and e-commerce, IT support, project management and UX design! Free and at your own pace on the Coursera platform. Email [kmulholland@freeholdpubliclibrary.org](mailto:kmulholland@freeholdpubliclibrary.org) for information and get started today!
- 🏛️ **Toddler Time!** Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. (Except 7/4) Outside at Freehold Borough Hall. Music and movement for our youngest patrons (lap-babies through preschool, with care-giver). Weather permitting.
- 🏛️ **Game Days!** Monday and Wednesday noon - 2:00 p.m.; and Friday 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Beginner, intermediate and advanced players of all ages are welcome. Outside at Freehold Borough Hall. Weather permitting.
- 💻 **Digital Products:** For an overview, visit <https://tinyurl.com/FPL-JAN2023>

- 🏛️ **2023 Summer Library Program: "All Together Now!"**

**Little Kid Storytime**, Thursdays in July at 2:30 p.m. For children preschool through younger elementary.

**Big Kid Volunteers:** Only a few spaces left! Contact Kathy at the library if interested.



- 🏛️ **SUBSCRIBE** to weather or unscheduled closure/cancellation notices:  
<https://www.remind.com/join/fplpr>
- 🏛️ **Renovation Update.** The pace has really picked-up on the renovation, with the ramp/terrace/elevator vestibule construction and roughing-in of mechanical and electrical infrastructure. Most of the demolition (old wall surfaces) is done. See photos below! Visit our Facebook page for almost-daily updates.
- 🏛️ **Library Trustees** will meet Thursday 7/13 at 8:00 a.m. at the library's temporary location (Borough Hall). Contact the library for more information.
- 🏛️ **New Books** are available at our temporary site. Stop in and browse!

## Dear Library Patron

### Surf the Changes

Much is changing at the library, in the community of Freehold, and beyond. Some of these changes we meet with optimism or excitement, others with trepidation. Even “good” changes can be stressful, but change we fear can put us in a place of hopelessness. As I have confronted changes in my own life, I try to imagine myself a surfer. I’ve found these observations (or imaginings) helpful; perhaps you will as well.

- **Surfers sometimes swim.** They’re right in the middle of an uncontrollable situation which ranges between calm and chaotic. They have moments of rest where they’re just hanging off the board, watching and listening. They aren’t always riding high.
- **Surfers don’t catch every wave.** Sometimes, in spite of a surfer’s skill, the wave passes under (or over) them and continues on toward the shore. Surfers know that sometimes they just have to *let it go*.
- **There’s always another wave.** Even if they miss a great wave, or take a tumble and lose it, surfers are hopeful for another chance. They know that what’s important is to stay in the water.
- **Surfers are persistent.** If they aren’t persistent, they aren’t surfers! Repeated attempts, with various failures and successes, are opportunities to learn, to improve. It’s just a part of the experience.
- **Surfers must continuously rebalance.** Achieving equilibrium on a surfboard is a fleeting accomplishment. Surfers must constantly adjust their stance as the conditions change around them.
- **Surfers watch the weather.** They don’t just stumble out of their house and it’s a good surf day. When they judge conditions are right, they’ll load up their gear and head to the shore. If they are unable to hit the beach for whatever reason, they keep their eyes on the forecast for another opportunity.
- **Surfers have a special perspective.** They realize the ocean has been making waves for a very, very long time. Long before they were born. And the surf will continue to roll long after they’re gone. They also know the ocean environment isn’t deliberately hostile or benevolent. It just *is* and it’s *nothing personal* if they get tossed.
- **Surfers know that adjusting to change is just part of the sport.** Tides turn. Winds shift. Storms come and go. Even the sand and seabed is constantly reformed with new shoals and channels. Marine animals may make an appearance. Some of these changes may be anticipated. Others may catch even the most experienced by surprise.
- **Surfers know they can control only *so much*.** The action and effects of tides, currents, winds, topography, and all the other natural forces at play are completely beyond a surfer’s influence. Surfers don’t begrudge the ocean its complexities. What surfers *can* control are their own decisions and attitudes about the sport, and their own responses to the myriad uncertainties and risks.
- **Surfers choose to surf.** In spite of everything, or maybe *because of everything*, surfers still engage the waves. Because the ride is worth it.

Be well; be well informed.



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\*In full disclosure, I’ve never actually *surfed*. I’m not a fan of getting tossed around by the ocean. I don’t know any actual surfer lingo and am a stranger to surfer culture. (And I grew up unduly influenced by the movie *Jaws*!)

Follow our [Facebook page](#) for updates and subscribe to our [program notification service](#) for last-minute adjustments to our hours and offerings.

## 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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## Library Renovation Photos as of June 26, 2023









