



# Freehold Public Library

## MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

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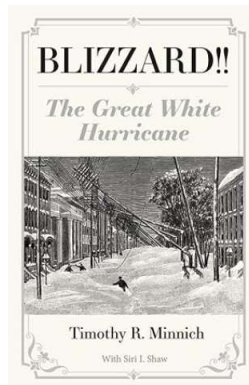
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## NEWS & UPDATES

- 🏛️ **Library Closed Friday 3/29** (Good Friday)

- 🏛️ **Meet the Author!** **Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m.**, author Tim Minnich will discuss his book ***Blizzard!! The Great White Hurricane***, and the catastrophic storm of 1888 at the center of the story. Copies will be available for purchase. **LOCATION: Freehold Borough Council Chambers** (Borough Hall, 30 Mechanic Street). Free parking in Zone 3 with validation code READ0306. Presented by the Book Group.



- 🏛️ **Solar Eclipse Glasses Available!** Stop by the library for free glasses (2 per family) to safely view the solar eclipse on Monday, April 8 in the afternoon.



- 🏛️ **Won't You Be My Neighbor Day!** Celebrate Mr. Rogers' birthday on

Wednesday, March 20 by coming to the library any time during March. Pick up an activity packet with games, puzzles and ideas to make it a more “beautiful day in this neighborhood.” Offered in partnership with Freehold Borough Human Relations Advisory Committee.



- 🏛️ The **Book Group** is reading *The Throwaway Children* by Diney Costeloe for discussion at the April 3 meeting.
- 🏛️ 😊😊 **Welcome new staff!** We're pleased that Merribel Martinez and Michele “Shelly” Mastriana have joined the library staff.

**Merribel**, our newest Library Page, grew up in the Borough and has been a familiar face around the library since childhood. Formerly employed in health-care, she is eager to continue her local volunteer roles while also working on staff to help the library be an even better part of the community.

Merribel is an avid manga and fiction reader, and is fluent in both English and Spanish.

**Shelly**, our new Junior Library Assistant, brings to our team her experience in primary education, STEM teaching, children's literature, crafting, and communicating her enthusiasm for the Freehold community. She's looking forward to being a part of the excitement surrounding the library's renovation.

- 🏛️ **Come Write In!** Meets Wednesday, March 20 (third Wednesday this month) at 7:00 p.m. Local writers are welcome! Please check with the library for location.
- 🚗 🏛️ **Free Parking.** The Borough has updated its parking rules, with more free parking times. If using the library during paid-parking periods, bring in your license plate number and ask staff to validate parking.
- 🏛️ **Renovation Update.** Will this month be THE month to see us back home? Depending on inspections and approvals, we hope to start moving back (the elevator will come a little later, though). The HVAC and flooring are mostly in (the heat is on!), walls painted, bookcases fabricated and installed in the lower level. Exterior

banisters and handrails are in process. Visit our [Facebook page](#) for photos and frequent updates.

- 🏛️ **Library Trustees** will meet Tuesday, 3/26 at 7:00 p.m. Please check with the library for location.
- 🏛️ **Two New "Little Books"**
  - *Little Book of Martin Luther King, Jr.*
  - *Little Book of What to do in a "Fender Bender"* and companion piece: *Fender Bender at-Scene Workbook* Available now at the library.
- 💻 **Grow with Google Career Certificates** scholarships are still available from Freehold Public Library (program ends in December).
- 🏛️ **SUBSCRIBE** to weather or unscheduled closure/cancellation notices:  
<https://www.remind.com/join/fplpr>



### **Dear Library Patron**

March 20 is "Won't You Be My Neighbor Day." This initiative, launched by [The Hopeful Neighborhood Project](#) and scheduled for Mr. Rogers' birthday, celebrates and encourages the spirit behind neighbors working together to make their communities better places to live. Let's make March 20, and every day, "a beautiful day in this neighborhood."

Speaking of beautiful days, we hope April 8 will be beautiful in terms of a clear sky. Starting around 2:00 p.m. and reaching maximum eclipse around 3:25, about 90% of the sun will be blocked by Earth's shadow. This year, we're ready, thanks to the Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries (SEAL) program of [Star NET](#). We have solar eclipse glasses to share! Come to the library on April 8, or pick up a pair or two for your family to safely view the eclipse wherever you may find yourself that afternoon.


We don't have a move-in date yet, but we're getting close! We appreciate your continued patience as we prepare for our return to our "forever 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/1g8sa1tvLCYlcbj7C1RAY4tWxbTvnIQceq5lYmlNbxjs/edit?usp=sharing>



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