



Freehold Public Library

APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

Freehold Public Library

*for digital distribution; not maximized for print

Type this into your browser if links don't work:

<https://tinyurl.com/FPL-APR2024>

Library phone number: 732-462-5135

Email: help@freeholdpubliclibrary.org

Subscribe to cancellation notices:

<https://www.remind.com/join/fplpr>

Online Calendar: <https://tinyurl.com/fpl-calendar>

NEWS & UPDATES

- 🏛️ **Solar Eclipse** is Monday, April 8, will be noticeable starting around 2:00 p.m., with the greatest coverage around 3:30. Stop by anytime for free glasses to safely view the solar eclipse with your family.
- 🏛️ The **Book Group** is reading *The Throwaway Children* by Diney Costeloe for discussion at the April 3 meeting, 7:00 p.m. at our temporary location. May's book is *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou.
- 🏛️ **Come Write In!** Meets Wednesday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m. We're celebrating National Poetry Month. Bring in original poetry (however you define it) to read/share, and we'll take a crack at writing more at the meeting.



- 🚗 🏛️ **Free Parking.** The Borough has updated its parking rules, with more free parking times. If using the library after 4:00 p.m. (or attending Wednesday evening events) bring in your license plate number and ask staff to validate parking.
- 🏛️ **Renovation Update.** Visit our [Facebook page](#) for photos and frequent updates. Work continues. We still don't have an estimated move-in date.
- 🏛️ **Library Trustees** will meet Tuesday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m. Please check with the library for location.
- 🏛️ **SUBSCRIBE** to weather or unscheduled closure/cancellation notices:
<https://www.remind.com/join/fplpr>

Dear Library Patron

The "Freedom to Read Act" is a bill before the New Jersey Senate ([Bill S2421](#)) (with an identical bill before the Assembly, [Bill A3446](#)) designed to protect libraries as they promote individuals' freedom to decide for themselves what they want to read or access. But also at stake in the recent trend of challenging books is the personal safety and well-being of educators and

librarians. This bill, if enacted, provides for legal protection of library and educational personnel from abuse and harassment.

“*This isn’t Florida or Texas,*” you may think. But New Jersey *has* seen a spate of such incidents. Just ask the North Hunterdon High School librarian. Or Roxbury High School Librarian. Or the staff at the public library in Glen Ridge.

While I’m grateful that nobody has approached Freehold Public Library to threaten *your* right to read whatever you want, we have tools to answer any challenges as may arise. The staff of your library *have your back*, and the “Freedom to Read Act” will help you have ours.

Be well; be well informed.

Kathy Mulholland

Kathy Mulholland, MLIS

Library Director

kmulholland@freeholdpubliclibrary.org

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>



**Freehold
Public
Library**

28½ East Main St • Freehold, NJ 07728

732-462-5135

www.freeholdpubliclibrary.org

