

Freehold Public Library

DECEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER



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You're Invited!

120th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, 12/14, 2 - 5 p.m.

NEWS & UPDATES

- **Closed Wednesday, 12/25;**
Saturday, 12/28; Wednesday, 1/1.
Closing early on 12/24 and 12/31.
- **New! Family Storytime with Miss Becca.** Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. Facilitated by staff Becca Bass.
- The **Book Group** will discuss *The Wise Ass* by Tom McCaffrey at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, 12/4. Facilitated by staff Shelly Mastriana & Kathy Mulholland. Bring your suggestions for 2025's list! The group doesn't meet in January.
- **Toddler Time** meets Thursdays (except 12/26) at 10 a.m. Facilitated by staff Kathy Mulholland or Shelly Mastriana.
- **New! Freehold Art Society Exhibit** returns to grace our library walls on December 11.
- **Library Trustees** meet Tuesday, 12/17 at 7 p.m. in the study room.
- **Come Write In!** will not meet this month.
- **New! Knot Sew Fast!** Do you enjoy knitting, embroidery, cross-stitch, crochet, or similar craft activities? Would you like to learn? New program for adults meets Saturdays at 11 a.m. starting 1/4/2025. Facilitated by staff Shelly Mastriana.
- **New! Curiosity Club.** For students grades 3, 4 & 5, first Tuesdays of the month, 4 - 5:30 p.m. starting 1/7. Registration required (so we can plan snacks and activities!). Facilitated by staff Kathy Mulholland.

- **New! Teen Library Committee (TLC) Returns** in February 2025! Evening program for grades 6 through high school. More information to follow. Facilitated by staff Kathy Mulholland.
- **Friends of the Library** is taking names (and emails!) of community members interested in being a part of this fun group. Contact Kathy or Shelly at the library for details.
- **Study Room available.** Thanks to the renovation, we have a meeting room (table for eight) available for small group gatherings, interviews, or quiet use. Contact the library for more information.
- **Thanks for the art!** We've received several pieces of art donated by Christine Gregory, Kathy Mulholland, and Lynn Reich.
- **Parking Information.** In Market Yard, parking on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday is always free. Parking before 4 p.m. on Thursday, Friday & Saturday is free. **Parking on Main Street is always "paid parking."**
- The library offers **Notary Public** service on an as-available basis. Call the library for more information.
- **SUBSCRIBE** to this newsletter: <https://www.remind.com/join/fplnews>
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- **More programs on the way!** If you have an idea for a program or event you'd like to see, contact Kathy at the library.



The staff of Freehold Public Library wish you a warm and wonderful holiday season.

*Becca Bass, Marcy Hagge,
Merribel Martinez Ramirez,
Shelly Mastriana,
Kathy Mulholland & Evelyn Soto*

Dear Library Patron

As we close out 2024, we're also closing out the major renovation of our beloved Carnegie Library building. With completion of the elevator, the building will be 100% ADA accessible for the first time in its 120-year history.

This chapter of the library's story began with the passage of the *New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act* in 2017. This signaled to the library trustees, the Borough's governing body, and our enthusiastic constituents that *our time had come*.

The project was finally set in motion when we were awarded a State grant of \$889,000—one of only 38 libraries selected for the first round of awards.

There are plenty of thanks and congratulations to go around (library trustees, Borough council, library and municipal staff, design team, construction professionals, the State Librarian and other “state-side” people who governed the grant, various organizations from book movers to other libraries in the interlibrary loan system to information technology and logistics pros, and more!). But, of course, all the thanks and congratulations circle back to you.

You are the *how* and the *why* behind this entire effort. Quite simply, without you, there would be no Freehold Public Library. Without you, there would be no need for a library. So I say, in all sincerity, **welcome back home.**

Be well; be well informed.

Kathy Mulholland

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Toddler Time!

Music, movement and fun for babies, toddlers
& preschoolers (with caregiver)

Thursdays
10:00 a.m.

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Starting January 4, 2025

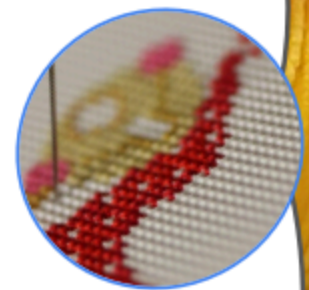
Knot Sew Fast

Let's stitch together!

Saturdays 11 am

Adults of all skill levels welcome!

Learn a skill, share a skill, or be inspired by
like-minded crafters



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Starting January 7, 2025



Curiosity Club

Activities, learning & fun for
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**First Tuesday
of the month
4 - 5:30 p.m.**



FREE !

*any school or homeschooled
registration required*



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Phone(s): _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

School and Grade: _____ Age*: _____

Emergency contact name/phone number: _____

Food/Contact allergies: _____

Any Questions? Contact Kathy Mulholland, kmulholland@freeholdpubliclibrary.org, 732-462-5135



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