



# Freehold Public Library

## DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

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📞 Library phone number: 732-462-5135

✉ Email: [help@freeholdpubliclibrary.org](mailto:help@freeholdpubliclibrary.org)

📧 Subscribe to cancellation notices: <https://www.remind.com/join/fplpr>

## NEWS & UPDATES

- 🏛 **Library closed December 24 & 25; December 31 & January 1.**
- 🏛 Masks required inside the library.
- 📖 The **Freehold Public Library Book Group** meets in the Children's Room at the library on December 1 at 7:00 pm to discuss *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides. The group will also select titles for 2022. There is no meeting in January. Contact Erika Cox at the library for more information: [ecox@freeholdpubliclibrary.org](mailto:ecox@freeholdpubliclibrary.org).
- 📖 **NEW!** The **Children's Book Club** is back with a new schedule! The group meets in the Children's Room at 4:00 pm on Thursdays December 2 and December 16 (1st & 3rd Thursdays). Contact Becca at [rbass@freeholdpubliclibrary.org](mailto:rbass@freeholdpubliclibrary.org) for information.
- 🏛 **NEW!** **Financial Literacy Program** for students in middle and high schools: "Save the Date" presented by a High Technology High School student. Wednesday, December 8 at 7:30.
- 🏛 **English as a Second Language (ESL) Level 1 (beginner)** class meets on Mondays & Wednesdays, 9:30 am - 11:30 am at the library (no meeting December 22, 27 & 29). Presented by our partners, Community Affairs and Resource Center (CARC). **Prior registration required.** For information/registration, contact Aina at 732-774-3282 or email [aholmscheller@carcnj.org](mailto:aholmscheller@carcnj.org). Info in Spanish:

[https://freeholdboroughnj-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/kmulholland\\_freeholdpubliclibrary\\_org/EdU-Rlpr1tFOue9xdyx88fsBw3a2MiHML3lt7n1Mwb\\_Sw?e=jzOkEQ](https://freeholdboroughnj-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/kmulholland_freeholdpubliclibrary_org/EdU-Rlpr1tFOue9xdyx88fsBw3a2MiHML3lt7n1Mwb_Sw?e=jzOkEQ)

Info in English:

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- 🏛 **NEW!** **Financial Literacy Program** for students in middle and high schools: "Invest in Your Future" presented by a High Technology High School student. Wednesday, December 22 at 7:30.
- 🏛 **Read to the Dog!** Join Molly McMuffin on Monday, December 27 at 4:00 pm in the Children's Room. Perfect opportunity for children to read from any books they were gifted over the holidays!  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lxZYwMR6OFkWU-ZOVGalmYV8FhaDyyvn/view?usp=sharing>
- 🏛 The **Craft Club** (adults) will meet at the library on Monday, December 27 at 7:30 pm (the last Monday of each month). Info:  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1y3F0l-RKb\\_gXbcxL9Muq\\_uIVOGXiSpFl/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1y3F0l-RKb_gXbcxL9Muq_uIVOGXiSpFl/view?usp=sharing)
- 🏛 **Come Write In!** meets at the library on December 29 at 7:30 pm. How about starting a new writing project as your New Year's Resolution? Bring your own coffee/beverage.
- 🌸 🏛 **Freehold TLC 4-H Club/Teen Library Committee** meets December 15 at 7:30 pm in the Children's Room. Students grades 5 through the first year past high school are welcome. This

month's meeting is a service project making holiday gift boxes.

-  **Renovation Update.** We're still waiting for the project to go out to bid. We hope to have a construction schedule in the near future.

## CHILDREN's Programs - Subscribe to Cancellation Notices at

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 <b>Children's Book Club</b>	<p><b>Thursdays December 2 &amp; 16 at 4:00 PM (1st &amp; 3rd Thursdays)</b> Elementary students. Contact Becca at <a href="mailto:rbass@freeholdpubliclibrary.org">rbass@freeholdpubliclibrary.org</a> for details.</p>
 <b>Read to the Dog</b>	<p><b>Monday December 27, 4:00 PM</b> in the Children's Room. Read to Molly McMuffin, a MCSPCA-Certified Therapy Dog who just loves being read to!</p>

## TEEN Programs - Subscribe to Cancellation Notices at

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 <b>Teen Library Committee</b>	<p><b>Wednesday December 15 at 7:30 PM</b> (shares activities with Freehold TLC 4-H Club) <b>Service Project making Gift Boxes</b> Grades 6 through high school Information: <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UlackY9IISWaIGp3qBz-vb2cu2UNT9Wv/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UlackY9IISWaIGp3qBz-vb2cu2UNT9Wv/view?usp=sharing</a></p>
 <b>Freehold TLC 4-H Club</b>	<p><b>Wednesday December 15 at 7:30 PM</b> (shares activities with Teen Library Committee) <b>Service Project making Gift Boxes</b> Grades 5 through high school</p>
 <b>Middle/High School Program</b>	<p><b>Wednesday December 8 at 7:30PM</b> <b>Financial Literacy:</b> "Save the Date" presented by a High Technology High School student</p>
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 <b>Book Group</b>	<p><b>Wednesday December 1 at 7:00 PM</b> in the Children's Room Facilitated by Erika Cox.</p>
 <b>ESL Level 1 Presented by CARC</b>	<p><b>Monday &amp; Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11:30 AM (no program 12/22, 12/27 &amp; 12/29).</b> Prior registration required. Beginner English as a Second Language class (free, gratis) Contact Aina at 732-774-3282 or email <a href="mailto:aholmscheller@carcnj.org">aholmscheller@carcnj.org</a></p>
 <b>Come Write In!</b>	<p><b>Wednesday December 29, 7:30 PM</b> in the Children's Room. Anyone who enjoys writing, editing, or talking about writing is invited. Bring your own coffee/beverage. Facilitated by Kathy Mulholland</p>

 <b>Trustees Meeting</b>	<b>December's meeting is canceled; next meeting is Tuesday, January 11, 7:00 PM via Zoom</b> (Contact library for details)
 <b>Craft Club</b>	<b>Monday December 27, 7:30 PM</b> in the Children's Room Try your hand at a variety of craft projects, or bring your own

## Dear Library Patron

Studies\* show that reading fiction, especially literary fiction, increases empathy in readers. When reading about other people, especially journeying along with people who are different from ourselves, we have an opportunity to get to know them, even though they aren't "real." This prepares us to be more open-minded and empathetic towards people we meet or work with. It's as if reading fiction trains us to walk a mile in the characters' shoes, and we're better people for making this a habit.

A good New Year's Resolution may be to read a novel set in a very different world than that which you occupy. A story perhaps set in another country, time, or culture. Challenge yourself to empathize with the characters as they go through their stories. This may help you see another person in a new light.

Reading one novel is not likely to change the whole world, and maybe not even much of your own world. But any increase in empathy—in understanding the plight and circumstances of another—would be a nice holiday gift for not only yourself, but for the people in your life.

On behalf of the staff at Freehold Public Library, I wish you a warm and happy holiday season.

Be well; be well informed.



Kathy Mulholland, MLIS  
Library Director

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\*For more information:

- [Bookworms versus nerds: Exposure to fiction versus nonfiction, divergent associations with social ability, and the simulation of fictional social worlds](#)
- [Reading Literary Fiction Improves Theory of Mind](#)
- [The greatest magic of Harry Potter: Reducing prejudice](#)
- [Literary Character](#)

## Library Information

-  **COVID-19 Countermeasures in place:**
  -  **Masks required inside the library building.**
  -  Patrons appearing ill will not be admitted.
  - 3rd Party groups of larger than 4 people not permitted to meet indoors.
  - *All plans related to COVID-19 are subject to change.*
-  **Library Hours:**
  - Monday & Wednesday, 9am - 9pm
  - Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday, 9am - 5pm
-  **Digital Resources.** Ebooks, audiobooks and videos are available via [Libby/eLibrary NJ/OverDrive](#), [Axis360](#). And [Kanopy](#). Databases include [JerseyClicks](#) and [NJ Historic Newspaper Collection](#). Homework/Learning help is

available via [Brainfuse HelpNow](#). Sign on with your library card number and (in some cases) PIN. If you don't yet have a PIN, contact the library.

- **Information that doesn't change often:**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1g8sa1tvLCYIcbj7C1RAY4tWxbTvnIQceq5IYmINbxjs/edit?usp=sharing>

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