



**Freehold
Public
Library**

February 2017

The library is closed
Friday, February 17
and
Monday, February 20

28-1/2 East Main St
Freehold, NJ 07728
732-462-5135

www.freeholdpubliclibrary.org



Genre Spotlight: *ROMANCE*

Just in time for Valentine's Day, let's look at the diverse genre of Romance Fiction. Whether you enjoy contemporary dialogue, historical settings, mystery, thrillers or any number of other themes, there's a Romance title to fit the bill.

Two basic elements may be found in every romance novel:

1) **A central love story.** The main plot centers around individuals falling in love and struggling to make the relationship work. A writer can include as many subplots as he/she wants as long as the love story is the main focus of the novel.

2) **An emotionally satisfying and optimistic ending.** In a romance, lovers take risks and struggle for each other; their relationship is rewarded as they achieve satisfying resolutions of emotional justice and reciprocal love.

Romance novels may have any tone or style, be set in any place or time, and have varying levels of sensuality—ranging from sweet to extremely intense. These settings and distinctions of plot create specific subgenres within romance fiction. These include Contemporary Romance, Erotic Romance, Historical Romance (Romance novels that are set prior to 1950), Paranormal Romance, Romantic Suspense, and more. Romance titles are popular with Young Adult (YA) audiences, as well as more mature readers.

Source: Romance Writers Of America www.rwa.org

It's not too late to join the Freehold Public Library's 2017 Reading Challenge! February's featured book type:

- a book that's been on your "to be read" list for way too long
- a book recommended by a librarian
- a book with a cat on the cover
- a bestseller from a genre you don't normally read
- a book about an interesting woman
- the first book in a series you haven't read before
- a book published the year you were born
- a book recommended by someone you just met
- a book that's at least 50 years old
- a book about a road trip
- a book by a New Jersey author
- a nonfiction book that isn't a biography



Wednesday, 2/1, 7:15 pm.

ADULTS: February's meeting will discuss *The Winter People* by Jennifer McMahon. March's book is *Gray Wolves and White Doves* by See Teri Stich for information.



February 23, 6:30 p.m.

ADULTS: Join the Friends! Group of volunteers that supports the library with programming and fund-raisers. See Barbara Greenberg, Library Director, or call 732-462-5135.

Homework Help



Every Wednesdays in February; 4 - 4:45 pm.

GRADES K - 7. Free help provided by high school volunteers.



Every Tuesday *except February 7; 3:30 - 4:15 pm.

(*Come to Half-Day Happenings instead at 2 pm!)

GRADES K - 3: Snacks, activities and fun.

**Read to
the Dog!**



Wednesday, 2/15; 3:30 - 4:15 pm.

CHILDREN/ALL AGES: Read to Lily, MCSPCA Therapy Dog.

TLC



Wednesday, 2/8; 7 - 9 pm.

GRADE 6 & UP: Teen Library Committee's Jules Verne's Steampunk Birthday Party!

**Toddler
Time!**



Every Tuesday in February; 10 - 10:30 am.

BABIES - PRESCHOOLERS (with adults): Music, movement & fun.

January 2017

They're BACK!

Buy your

GO GREEN @ Freehold Public Library

re-usable shopping bag!
\$3 -- while supply lasts

"Half-Day* Happenings" at the Library!

"The Sky's the Limit!"

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
February 7, 8 and 9
2:00 - 4:30 pm



Movie, snack and activity for students in
elementary and middle schools

*coincides with Freehold Borough Public Schools'
early dismissal schedule

Jules Verne's Steampunk Birthday Party

Wednesday
February 8
7:00 - 9:00 pm

Make Steampunk-style
jewelry, accessories,
whatever.



For middle and high school students
Presented by the Teen Library Committee

Make someone's winter a little warmer.

Bring new or clean gloves, mittens,
warm scarves and hats to the library.

Men's-sized items especially needed.

There is a box in the vestibule
for donations.

Thank you!

HOW TO SPOT FAKE NEWS



CONSIDER THE SOURCE

Click away from the story to investigate
the site, its mission and its contact info.



CHECK THE AUTHOR

Do a quick search on the author. Are
they credible? Are they real?



READ BEYOND

Headlines can be outrageous in effort to
get clicks. What's the whole story?



SUPPORTING SOURCES?

Click on those links. Determine if the
info given actually supports the story.



CHECK THE DATE

Reposting old news stories doesn't
mean they're relevant to current events.



CHECK YOUR BIASES

Consider if your own beliefs could
affect your judgement.



IS IT A JOKE?

If it is too outlandish, it might be satire.
Research the site and author to be sure.



ASK THE EXPERTS

Ask a librarian, or consult a
fact-checking site.

Credit: International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)



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