Freehold Public Library

JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER

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What's New!

- **Programs via Zoom are in BLOOM!** Though we can't meet in-person, your library is offering virtual programs. This month, the Conversation Cafe, Come Write In Writers group, a "Book Chat" (holding the place of our Book Group), a teen meeting, and Crochet Club. We're shaking-off the rust with a **Zumba class** on June 16! See details below, and contact us at the library if you need a little help accessing Zoom (or any library resources).

- **Library Card Sign-Up for Freehold Borough Students** Information was sent to students' homes about how to get library cards even while the library's doors are closed. With library cards, students can access ebooks, audiobooks and videos. Our goal is to have library cards in every student's "virtual" hand before summer.

- **Garden Behind the Garden.** Michael Zamorski, a member of Boy Scout Troop 18, has received approval to create a garden space behind the library (between the parking spaces and the Appleyard Family Reading Garden's fence) for his Eagle Scout project. Recently, the Borough removed two ash trees and some overgrown shrubbery, creating a great opportunity for Michael to install an educational "native plants" garden. Featured will be an existing bicycle parking dock with improved hardscaped access and a new bench. Many of the materials will be reclaimed, adding to the focus of sustainability Michael has planned for the garden.

- **Construction Grant Application Submitted!** Based on the information we have from the State, we anticipate knowing sometime in September which of the many libraries applying will be selected. Keep your fingers crossed!

- **Congratulations to the Freehold Borough Intermediate School Grant Writers Program** which was recognized by the New Jersey Department of Education. The library has been chosen as beneficiary by several of the program's grant writers with projects ranging from new children's books, shelves for expanding collections, and Spanish-language material for adults, teens and children.

- **Friends of the Library's "Tea Bag Letters" Fundraiser a success.** Though interrupted by the state of emergency, the Friends' campaign has so far raised $160 for gifts to the library.

- **Free books** are available for the taking in front of the library (weather permitting). Take as many as you like, with our compliments.

- **Meet (via Zoom) @ the Library.** When the building was open, many groups and clubs, along with tutors and playgroups, met at the

library. During our closure, we may be able to host your meeting "virtually." Contact us at help@freeholdpubliclibrary.org for more information.

- **"Imagine Your Story" Summer Program.** All the library's summer programs will be "summerized" (get it?) on a separate page for your convenience. We'll share announcements on social media as well.

- **June 14 is Flag Day!** As in years past, if you have an old, unserviceable American flag to dispose of, you may bring it to the library. Since our building remains closed, please place the flag in a **sealed plastic bag** and put it in our book drop. Our Freehold TLC 4-H Club will arrange for respectful retirement of collected flags.

- **Operation Save the Honeybees!** Local Beekeeper Anthony Accetta and his partner Linda rescued honeybee swarm that decided to gather in front of the library. Thanks to their quick action, the hive was saved. The Freehold Borough Police Department also helped keep pedestrians from stumbling into a buzzy surprise (see pictures at the bottom of this newsletter).

June Library Events and Meetings [Link to Online Calendar]

- NEW **Toddler Time!** View at your family's convenience. New content added regularly. Click/subscribe to our YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-DHL7CFSzchNK2VU8oyQhw

- NEW **Book Chat. Wednesday, June 3, 7:30 PM (via Zoom)** Free-flowing discussion about books, literature, libraries, or whatever, facilitated by library director/staff.
  Click on this link to join:
  https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85912479651?pwd=eDd3OUZDZlZTT2ZQMXdya0VDQTNoUT09
  Meeting ID: 859 1247 9651
  Password: 132239

- **Conversation Cafe. Monday, June 8, 7:30 PM (via Zoom)** Practice conversing in "entry level" Spanish. The group meets monthly, and is still fairly new. Absolute beginners welcome, as well as people more proficient in Spanish who want to help.
  Click on this link to join:
  https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86337301620?pwd=UjNrOVF6N1FvMUc4NTMvM1pBVUNtQT09
  Meeting ID: 863 3730 1620
  Password: 749905

- **Trustees Meeting. Tuesday, June 9. 7:00 PM (via Zoom)** The Trustees are tasked with the operation of the library. Public participation is welcome.
  Click on this link to join:
  https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86746998258?pwd=NkNNcjRFRjVkTVRqRUV2dlY5N0NvQT09
  Meeting ID: 867 4699 8258
  Password: 481458

- New **Zumba! Tuesday, June 16, 3:00 PM (via Zoom)** Zoom on in to Zumba thanks to our friends at the Community Affairs and Resource Center. Great for the whole family.
  Click on this link to join:
  https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86012719357?pwd=MWMrb2QvMXBOQzhEZUQrTXVHcXpiZz09
  Meeting ID: 860 1271 9357
  Password: 470208

- NEW **Teen Meeting (TLC/Freehold TLC 4-H Club/volunteers). Wednesday, June 17, 7:30 PM (via Zoom)**
  Click on this link to join:
  https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87386614101?pwd=WnpCUjlYV1NGb0Q4VVdyYTZHcXc3UT09
  Meeting ID: 873 8661 4101
  Password: 866827

- **Come Write In! Meeting. Wednesday, June 24, 7:30 PM (via Zoom)**
  Click on this link to join:
  https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84640525319?pwd=SldxQ0tVZndBbEhJa3lXbW1oMmtCZz09
  Meeting ID: 846 4052 5319
  Password: 685700

- **Crochet Club Meeting. Monday, June 29, 7:30 PM (via Zoom)** Join your friends in Crochet Club as we chat, share progress (or lack of progress!) on projects, learn a few tips, and catch-up with each other.
  Click on this link to join:
  https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89119994188?pwd=c0drejNRK3dsazR5dk15dUhnWkpnUT09
  Meeting ID: 890 1132 3198
  Password: 944014

- **Check-in with your Librarians!** Make an appointment. (flexible schedule): Individuals or groups. Via Zoom, Facebook Video Call/Messenger, or telephone (848-863-5075). Email Kathy at kmulholland@freeholdpubliclibrary.org, or find her on Facebook to set-up a day/time. To speak with someone in Spanish, email Evelyn at esoto@freeholdpubliclibrary.org for an appointment.

- **CARC's English as Second Language Classes (ESL) Level 2**. Mondays & Wednesdays , 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. through June 2020. Zoom classes for current students. For more information or to sign up, contact: Aina Holm Scheller, Monmouth CCYC; E-mail: aholmscheller@vnahg.org; or call 732-589-0259 or 732-774-3282.

Dear Library Patron:

We trust you know how much you count as part of the Freehold Public Library family. You're far more than a (library card) number!

It's important, however, that you also *count* in the **United States Census**. Please take some time, if you haven't already, to fill out the questions at this link: https://2020census.gov/. If you need a little help, email or call the library (848-863-5075). We'll get back to you and walk you through the application (or help with the computer part, if you don't have access to the Internet).

And now the question everybody's asking me: ***When is the library going to reopen***? As of this writing, we're working on plans, preparing the building, acquiring supplies and equipment, studying recommendations and best-practices shared by the New Jersey State Library and other library-focused entities, and paying very close attention to directives from Governor Murphy. As we move toward opening, both the Borough of Freehold, the Library Trustees and I will make the best decisions we can to protect your health and the health of library staff by reducing the spread of the SARS CoV-2 virus, while also connecting you with the resources you want and need. As they used to say, "stay tuned."

Sincerely,

Kathy Mulholland

Kathy Mulholland
Library Director

LOCAL Resources: Information and Help

COVID-19 Information:

- NEW "Know Before You Go" Information on Monmouth County Beaches
- NEW Important information about voting! New Jersey Primary Election
- Freehold Borough's COVID-19 Telephone Hotline: 908-839-8508
- "The Road Back" - Governor's principles to "recover economic health through public health"
- "Road Map" of resources assembled by the Borough of Freehold
- DowntownFreehold.com for local restaurants open for take-out/delivery and events
- Monmouth County Clerk's Dashboard for finding relevant public notices and information
- How to Manage COVID-19 Symptoms at Home
- Subscribe to notifications from Freehold Borough
- State of New Jersey Information Hub

Food:

- Ways to help
- Rainy-Day Pizza Fund (give or receive)
- Fulfill of Monmouth & Ocean (FoodBank)
- Freehold Area Open Door (give or receive)
- Casa Freehold
- Unity Coalition of Greater Freehold

How can I get a Library Card?

If you live in Freehold Borough:

- Email help@freeholdplubliclibrary.org with your full-name, telephone number, grade in school (if student) and a scan/image of a bill or piece of mail sent to you (a cell-phone picture is fine). A library card will be mailed to you.

What if I don't live in Freehold *Borough*?

- You should contact the library that serves you based on which town you live in. For people in Freehold Township, that would be the Monmouth County Library System.
- The Freehold Public Library is not, during this temporary shut-down, offering membership for people residing outside of Freehold Borough. Current non-resident card-holders may have their membership extended temporarily, by request.

What Digital Resources Can I use with my Library Card?

Ebooks, downloadable audiobooks:

- eLibraryNJ.com (you'll need library card number and PIN) [this is otherwise known as "OverDrive"]

Download the "Libby" app for easy access via a smartphone, tablet or computer.

Videos:

- Kanopy and Kanopy Kids (you'll need library card number and PIN)
  Enjoy critically-acclaimed movies, inspiring documentaries, award-winning foreign films and more.

Databases:

- Subscription Databases (you'll need your library card number for most of these)
- HeritageQuest (contact help@freeholdpubliclibrary.org for access code; users must be residents of New Jersey)

Instructions to set your Freehold Public Library Password (PIN) If you need help, email help@freeholdpubliclibrary.org.

Our Physical Collection:

- Card Catalog (We hope to offer access to this collection soon, but currently, physical items are not available.) Material may be returned in the Book Drop (near ramp to side door) or through the mail slot in the library's front door. We're still buying books to have ready for you when we can lend again!

What else have you got?

Pathfinders & Launchpages (to other resources):

- Library's YouTube Channel
- Library's "Stay at Home Resources"
- "Destination Game" (edit to mark the places you've been!)
- "Silver Linings Journal"
- Freehold Borough's Notification System
- Freehold Borough's "Roadmap" to emergency information and resources
- NJ Mental Health Cares
- Help for 10-24 year-olds in crisis

Our Wi-Fi is ON!
Use it from the Appleyard Family Reading Garden (at rear) or front plaza. *Just be sure to "keep your distance" (at least six feet from other people) and follow mask-wearing recommendations.*

How can I be in touch with the library?

- Telephone: our temporary telephone number (with voicemail) is 848-863-5075. Leave a message and the library director (or library assistant, if you speak Spanish) will get back to you.
- Like & Follow us on Facebook (we're most active here)
- Twitter
- Instagram
- Chat box on library's webpage (real-time available weekdays 9am - 5pm; messages after that)

- Email the Library Director, Kathy: kmulholland@freeholdpubliclibrary.org
  Or the Library Assistant, Evelyn: esoto@freeholdpubliclibrary.org (yo hablo español)
- Schedule a teleconference/meeting/chat using Zoom, Facebook Messenger, or other app. Contact Kathy (kmulholland@freeholdpubliclibrary.org) for information about this free online tool.
- Mail! Yes, we still check our mail. If you or someone you know would like a note of encouragement mailed to them from the library, please contact us.