Freehold Public Library

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THE GENUINE ARTICLE

October is National Book Month. Organized by the National Book Foundation (whose mission is "to celebrate the best literature in America, expand its audience, and ensure that books have a prominent place in American culture"), National Book Month gives people who love to read just another excuse to indulge in the excitement surrounding literature and authors.

You probably already believe that many people who obviously ***know how to read*** don't read ***books***. One survey shows that fewer people reported reading books in the United States in 2019 than in 2011.

This isn't to suggest that shorter reading has less value. Your library supports reading of any duration (magazines, newspapers, online articles, etc.). [And not just reading. Though traditionally considered "a place to get books," modern libraries are fundamentally about unrestricted access to material of the consumer's choice and quality/accuracy of information via any format.]

But consider this: books aren't just about ***reading***. They provoke a sense of immersion, a deeper relationship with a subject, and may even temporarily alter the reader's state of mind. Picking up a book may feel like a commitment because books require more *time* and *attention*. Maybe that's why books can feel so daunting--there are so many demands on our time and attention already. But "you get what you pay for." Reading longer works brings a different set of rewards than "quick reads."

If you haven't sunk your teeth into a longer read (a book) in a while, perhaps National Book Month can be your excuse to give it a go. Pick something--anything--you're interested in. The library staff will be happy to help you select from our shelves or our ebook collection (OverDrive/Libby).

~Kathy Mulholland

NEWS & UPDATES

- **HOURS:** Monday through Friday, 9am - 5pm. We hope to announce increased operating hours soon.

- NEW **LIBRARY HOMECOMING MONTH!** In other words, if you've been holding on to books/DVDs/CDs you borrowed before or during the library's closure for COVID-19, it's time to bring them back. You may use our book drop (located near our side door) anytime, or bring them to the library during our opening hours. There will be no late fees through the end of October.

- 🏛**Free Grab Bags for Children!** Ask at the circulation desk for a prize bag (children ages 3 and up due to small parts).

- 💻**Community Bulletin Board.** Feel free to send any free/local community events to share to Kathy at kmulholland@freeholdpubliclibrary.org. Hyperlinks to event notices are appreciated. Link: https://calendar.google.com/calendar?cid=a211bGhvbGxhbmRAZnJlZWhvbGRwdWJsaWNsaWJyYXJ5Lm9yZw

- **Outdoor Library Spaces** are available for your use.
  - WiFi reaches areas close to the building, but there is no place to plug/recharge.
  - Please remember to keep at least six feet between people and/or wear a mask.
  - Tables/benches in the (rear) Appleyard Family Reading Garden are available on first-come, first-served basis. **NEW**: Community groups/clubs may reserve dates/space in the Garden--contact library director for information. If you'd like to have a picnic, bring a blanket to sit on in event the tables are being used.
  - Remember to dispose of trash properly. There is a garbage can just outside of the gate in the rear garden, and along West Main Street out front.
  - The garden is not a dog park. Pets are permitted for only brief visits, must remain on-leash, and no pet waste may be left behind.
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- Kids! Join **iPlay America's Book Club** and earn a free ride pass! Your parent/guardian/care-taker may sign instead of "teacher" on the form. See the reading log for information: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HJkICxmY2XQZijU9fb_eo2219XgfNMw8/view?usp=sharing

October Library Events and Online Meetings [Link to Online Calendar]

- 💻**Homework Help. Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2:30-3:30 PM (via Zoom).** Students in elementary school through 6th grade are invited to hop-on their devices to consult with local high school students for a little help.
  For security/safety purposes, please register to access this program. *Email kmulholland@freeholdpubliclibrary.org with student's name and grade, and a joining link (good for all sessions) will be sent to you.*

- 💻**English as a Second Language (ESL) Level 1 (beginner) Class (via Zoom). Mondays & Wednesdays, 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM.** Presented by our partners, Community Affairs and Resource Center (CARC). For information/registration, contact Aina at Aina at 732-774-3282 or email aholmscheller@carcnj.org.

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

- NEW 💻**180 Turning Lives Around Programs and Services (Adults). Wednesday, October 7, 7:30 PM (via Zoom).** Discover the myriad ways this service provider can help you or someone you love.
  Click on this link to join:
  https://zoom.us/j/91270543363?pwd=M1EwMTNCYmtkK1N0TEZXSmdiUUJsdz09
  Meeting ID: 912 7054 3363
  Passcode: 490263

- 🏛**October 12. Library Closed** (Columbus Day)

- 📞**Trustees Meeting. Tuesday, October 13, 7:00 PM (via Zoom).** The Trustees are tasked with the operation of the library. Public participation is welcome.
  Dial In: 929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 867 4699 8258; Password: 481458

- 💻💮**Freehold TLC 4-H Club Meeting. Wednesday, October 14, 7:30 PM (via Zoom).** For Club members and guests (grades 6 through high school) interested in joining. Email kmulholland@freeholdpubliclibrary.org for information (club members will receive link via email).

- 💻**Teen Library Committee Meeting. Wednesday, October 21, 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

- 💻**Crochet Club Meeting. Monday, October 26, 7:30 PM (via Zoom).** Join your friends in Crochet Club as we chat, share progress on projects, learn a few tips, and catch-up with each other.
  Click on this link to join:
  https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89011323198?pwd=OHh1KzQ0U3Z2V1ZZald3RE5BSFpjQT09
  Meeting ID: 890 1132 3198
  Password: 944014

- 💻**Come Write In! Meeting. Wednesday, October 28, 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

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

- **Webinars/Online Events Presented by the New Jersey State Library**:
  https://www.njstatelib.org/events/2020-10/

Dear Library Patron

In hopeful preparation for our facility being selected to receive a Library Construction Bond Act grant (fingers crossed!), library staff have been doing a little rearranging. If you find yourself feeling lost, please just ask. We *like* questions, remember!

On a personal note, thank you for your expressions of sympathy following the recent death of my husband. The community that is Freehold Public Library proves its merit at every turn.

Sincerely,

Kathy Mulholland

Kathy Mulholland
Library Director

Library Information Page

Information that doesn't change much from month to month:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1g8sa1tvLCYIcbj7C1RAY4tWxbTvnlQceq5IYmlNbxjs/edit?usp=sharing

- **COVID-19 Safety Reminders:**
  - All returned material is quarantined for 3 days, so items will still be shown as "on loan" to patrons during that time. This protects staff as well as the next borrower.
  - High-touch surfaces are sanitized throughout the day (computers after each use).
  - Visitors are limited to one hour, twice per day. Groups are not permitted to gather inside the building, including one-on-one tutoring or study groups.
  - Mask and hand-washing/sanitizing are required.

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