



Happy 2018! New Year's resolutions can sometimes feel overwhelming, but not when we've put together a list of things you can do at the library to improve your life in the New Year. The library is a fantastic resource to help you accomplish your 2018 goals, so why not consider some of these 18 New Year's resolutions in 2018?

1. Attend Library Events

The library is a great place to explore new ventures, develop a new hobby, find entertainment, or learn something new. From DIY & crafts to book clubs to yoga to Mah-Jongg to local history, we provide dozens of adult events every month. To discover more, check out our seasonal newsletter or visit the Adult Events section of our website.

2. Exercise Your Mind & Body at the Library

We offer Senior Strength Training, Tai-Chi, and Yoga, and offer several events that speak to physical therapy, essential oils, and healthy eating. We even have Yoga for children (grades K-3). Check out our seasonal newsletter and the Events section of our website.

3. Take the Library with You

If you have an eReader, smartphone, or tablet, you can download thousands of eBooks right to your device. In addition to popular titles, we also have eBooks for kids and young adults, as well. Start reading by heading to Overdrive or Hoopla.

4. Tune In

The library has a collection of audiobooks for adults, young adults, and children. Whether you have a long commute or are traveling, be sure to stop in for a book to listen to on CD. We also have a large array of music CDs. Plus, you can access our Overdrive app in order to listen to hundreds of audiobooks right on your device. Try the Hoopla app for access to movies, music, audiobooks, and more!

5. Read All of Your Favorite Magazines for Free

If you have a smartphone, tablet, or computer, you can read hundreds of digital magazines from our website. Try RB Digital and you'll always have your favorite issues ready for reading—wherever you are.

6. Make it a Movie Night, Any Night

There's no need to pay a monthly service fee to see all the movies you love. The library has hundreds of free DVDs and TV shows available for rent. You can check out 10 DVDs at a time, all for a 7-day rental period. Plus, you can stream movies for free through the Hoopla app.

7. Access Technology

Whether you simply need access to a scanner, fax, or printer, would like to learn how to set up and send email, or create a social media account, we have your technology needs covered. We have several public access computers and a reference librarian on staff for assistance. Plus, you can drop by for our Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program every Thursday morning at 10:30am for a personalized look at your technology/device needs.

8. Check out a Museum

We offer free museum pass rentals to the Children's Museum of Manhattan, Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, and the Montclair Art Museum. Make a day trip out of it! Visit the "Museum Passes" section on our website for more information.

9. Explore Local History

Have you ever wondered about the history of Fairfield Township? Our library has a small but growing local history repository. We also have an extensive New Jersey collection on the floor for browsing. Stop by for our first local history gathering on January 20, 2018 at 1:00 pm.

10. Research

We offer dozens of electronic resources provided by the NJ State Library and the IMLS. Use these scholarly database for research, business assistance, and more. Follow www.ffpl.org > Digital Resources > JerseyClicks.

11. Discover Our Italian Collection

The Fairfield Free Public Library has an established Italian Collection for adults and children. The collection boasts several hundred books of fiction, non-fiction, and biographies. This March 2018, we are also offering Italian classes for grades 5-8.

12. Get Young Minds Ready for a Lifetime of Learning

Storytime isn't just reading--your child will be introduced to songs, fingerplays, action rhymes, and stories. Storytime provides an opportunity for children to interact with one another, to develop print motivation and awareness, to master concepts, vocabulary, literacy, and narrative skills. Check the Children's Events section on our website for a listing of storytimes we offer for babies through Kindergarten.

13. Get Your Kids Involved

From monthly LEGO Labs, to therapy dog programs, baby classes, music events, book clubs, STEM programs and more, the Children's Department has your kids covered. We offer several children's events, clubs, and classes each month for birth-grade 6. Check out all of our events at the Kid's Events section of our website.

14. Homework Help

Join our Homework Help club for K-6th graders on Tuesdays from 4-5pm. Bring your homework to receive help from our teen volunteers! Need help at home? Access Encyclopedia Britannica to conduct research, complete homework assignments, projects, and more. Follow www.ffpl.org > Digital Resources > Encyclopedia Britannica.

15. Young Adult Involvement

Looking to volunteer? We have a Teen Advisory Board that meets once a month, which can help young adults to gain volunteer hours, develop new library programs, and assist the library throughout the school year. We also have several other volunteer opportunities, including weekly assistance in our Homework Help program for students in K-6. Have an idea for a Young Adult event or program you'd like to see at the library? Email o'donnell@ffpl.org. Check out all of our YA information on our website.

16. Learn a New Language

Learn a new language with Rosetta Stone Library Solution. All Fairfield Free Public Library cardholders can access this language learning software where you have the opportunity to learn up to 30 different languages. Plus, we have an Italian and Spanish collection for both children and adults. We also have travel books and quick guides to phrases and languages for traveling!

17. Discover a New Favorite

We always have the best reviewed new books, so stop by our new books section! All of our new items are prioritized for Fairfield patrons, so browse what's new, unplug, and wander through our stacks. Whether you're aiming to find a new author, eat healthier, lose weight, get a better education, find a job, learn a new language, manage your finances, take a trip, manage stress, or simply read more in the New Year, we've got plenty of books for you! Browse and reserve your titles and pick them up at the library through our catalog:

https://palsplus.ent.sirsi.net/client/en_US/PALSPLUS

18. Display your artwork

Do you have photography or artwork you'd like to showcase? Place it on display for a month at the Fairfield Free Public Library. We're looking for artists and/or photographers to display their artwork in our public meeting room space. Email colombo@ffpl.org.