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Meeting Notice
Hybrid In-person & Virtual
7:00 PM, Wednesday, March 5, 2025
Pennepack Baptist Meetinghouse
8732 Krewstown Rd, Phila, 19115

Topic: *Libraries of Northeast Philadelphia*

Speaker: Janine Pollock, Special Collections, Free Library of Phila



Interior view of the first Frankford Branch, ca. 1900.
Courtesy Free Library of Philadelphia Archives

The Free Library of Philadelphia was chartered in 1891 “a general library which shall be free to all.” As early as 1894, the Frankford Free Library joined the Free Library system, becoming the Frankford Avenue Branch and the first location in the Northeast. As the area grew and developed additional locations were established, connecting Northeast Philadelphia to one of the preeminent library systems in the United States. This talk will present a pictorial tour and recount the rich histories of these cherished spaces of learning, literacy, and community.

Janine Pollock is Chief of the Special Collections Division at the Free Library of Philadelphia, where she is responsible for the stewardship of its many outstanding holdings, including maps, music, rare books, manuscripts, fine art prints, and photographs. Janine began her career at the Free Library in 1999 as the organization’s first Web Librarian after receiving her MS in Information Science and Technology from Drexel University. She serves as the Secretary of the Friends of Northeast Philadelphia and President of Philobiblon Club, an association for bibliophiles established in Philadelphia in 1893. Janine grew up in Fox Chase and has lived in Somerton for the past 30 years.

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