

Books & eBooks



Would you like to find a book?

You can use our **Library Catalog computers** to locate books and other library materials, such as DVDs.

Need some help? A librarian can help you – just *ask!*

Books at Middletown Thrall Library are arranged in a few different ways:

- **Adult and Young Adult books** are located on the *first floor*.
- **Children's books** are located in the **Children's Department**.
- *Similar kinds of books* are kept together in collections: **fiction, nonfiction, biographies, graphic novels**, and so on.
- **Fiction books** are arranged **alphabetically** by the *author's last name*.
- **Nonfiction books** are arranged according to the **Dewey Decimal System**, – numbers that go from **000** to **999**. Each topic has its very own number!
- **Biographies** are arranged **alphabetically** by the *person's last name*.

Some other things you should know:

- Our library catalog searches **the entire library system** (not just Thrall).
- **Most books can be borrowed** (“checked out”) if you have a library card.
- **Reference books** are always kept in the library so *everyone* can use them.
- **If books are checked out or are only available at another library**, you can try to request (“reserve”) those books to be held aside for you once they become available. Just ask a librarian to show you how to do that!
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