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We at Middletown Thrall Library work constantly to help provide you more opportunities for personal and professional growth. We encourage you to use all of our services! Here are some of the many areas where our library can help you:

Decision Making: Your life depends on the choices you make. Better information leads to more informed decision making and greater awareness of the consequences of your decisions. You can achieve improved awareness through our free services and resources. Make the best decisions you can, whether it's choosing the next president or what book you're going to read next. Let each decision bring you closer to what, where, and who you want to be!

Consumer Information: Use our comprehensive print and electronic information resources to maximize your purchasing power. Become aware of product benefits and deficiencies as well as recalls through consumers guides and publications. Ready to buy or sell a car or a home? Educate yourself before doing anything!

Health, Nutrition, & Fitness: Our print and online health information services can help you locate doctors, better understand medical terminology, become aware of various procedures and new treatments or medications and listed side-effects, as well as natural and alternative health practices. Our fitness and nutrition resources can help you learn more about healthy foods and lifestyles.

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Research Services: Our library is dedicated to helping you find the best information possible. We license databases and other research services so you can enjoy free access to information that would otherwise be very costly to get. On top of that, we regularly expand our print and electronic collections and scour the web for the best information out there, indexing and annotating web resources for you. Spare yourself the time, frustration, and dangers of random web search by using our fast, easy, and direct Internet services.

Book Discussions & Events: Because libraries are more than just books, Thrall offers its community a vibrant variety of memorable and free programs for persons of all ages and interests. Enjoy music concerts, dramatic performances, historic and artistic exhibits, art and foreign films, lectures, book discussions, and more.

Self-Help: Kick bad habits, overcome fears, achieve a clearer mind and sense of self, or learn how you can harness and direct your creative and intellectual energies through our extensive and friendly self-help collections. Meditation, yoga, and many other paths to betterment of body, mind, and spirit are all within reach at our library. Start a journey to enlightenment and inner peace today!

Local History & Genealogy: Use our local history collections to learn more about local communities or research your family tree. Also available: old newspapers on microfilm and in web databases.

Literacy: Whether you are new to reading or new to the English language, our language learner and "LIT" collections can help you or someone you know learn English faster and more enjoyably.

Travel & Foreign Languages: Ever wanted to visit a foreign country or learn a language? Our extensive travel guides will help you locate attractions and learn more about the culture and history of any area you might want to go, stateside or abroad. Our print and audio language learning materials can also help you quickly learn words and phrases for travel or advanced conversational skills.

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Technology: Enjoy free, high-speed Internet access and wireless access in the comfort of our library, as well as exclusive access to extensive databases, word processing "office" software, and other electronic services available to Thrall members. Ask at Reference to learn about our computers and other free services, many of which you can access freely online through our website.

For Children: Picture books, illustrated stories, reading and age-level appropriate fiction and nonfiction, special encyclopedias, entertaining and informative displays, Story Time, special programs and activities, computer "edutainment" games, and more await young ones and their parents in the Children's Department at Middletown Thrall Library.

For Young Adults: Magazines, novels, short stories, graphic novels, special books about teen issues and more form a vital part of our collections for young adult readers, along with events to enable you to express yourself and learn.

Parenting: In our Children's Department we have special collections of particular interest to parents and guardians to help you discover more about your child's development and potential. We also maintain in-depth Developmental Disabilities Collections as well as library materials of interest to new parents.

Entertainment: Let's admit it: we all like to have fun! From crafts and hobbies, games and music, to feature and foreign films and documentaries in High Definition, our audio, video, print, and online video collections expand regularly to keep you entertained for hours on end. Be sure to check out our free digital video service at our website!

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