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Thrall Library Times

What's New & Interesting at Middletown Thrall Library!

Fall 2019 Edition

"I believe a leaf of grass is no less than the journey work of the stars." Walt Whitman, *Song of Myself*

From Our Library Director
Matt Pfisterer

2020 Budget + Library Trustee Vote

Middletown Thrall Library, located at 11-19 Depot Street Middletown, NY, 10940 will holding a **2020 Public Budget Vote and Trustee Election on Tuesday, October 15, 2019**. The vote will be held in the **Library's Reading Room** between the hours of **8 AM – 8:00 PM**. Residents of the Library District will vote on the proposed 2020 gross operating budget in the amount of \$3,795,595.00. The proposed budget will increase the tax levy by \$113,100 or 3.2% over the previous year.

There are **two seats on the Library's Board of Trustees** that are subject to a vote this year with terms commencing in 2020. Interested candidates must have one (1) year residency in the district immediately preceding the date of the annual meeting and election. Such petitions must be signed by at least fifty (50) qualified voters of the Library District, shall state the residence address of each signer, and the name and residence address of the candidate. Trustee terms are for four years. Nominating petitions may be picked up from the director's office at Middletown Thrall Library between the hours of 9:00am -4:00pm Monday through Friday. Completed nominating petitions must be filed with the Director's Office at the Library by no later than **4 PM on September 17, 2019**.

Those who wish to vote early **before the Library is open** (between 8 AM and 9 AM) can enter the Library from one of two entrances located on the **Depot Street** side of the building. All registered voters who reside in the Thrall Public Library District are eligible to vote. This includes residents of the Enlarged City School District of Middletown, residents of the Town of Mt. Hope who reside within the Pine Bush Central School District, and residents of the Town of Wallkill who reside within the Pine Bush Central School District, Valley Central School District, or Minisink Valley Central School District.

Please direct any questions about the 2020 budget to Library Director **Matt Pfisterer**, in person, by phone **(845) 341-5485**, or by e-mail thrall7@warwick.net.

Middletown Thrall Library

11 - 19 Depot Street, Middletown, New York 10940

Regular Library Hours

Mon.-Thurs.: 9 AM-8 PM Fri.: 9 AM-6 PM Sat.:10 AM - 5 PM Sun.: 1 – 5 PM

Main Desk: (845) 341-5454 Reference Librarians: 341-5461

Youth Services: 341-5470 Local History: 341-5454, ext. 5479

For *more library news* and *free services*,
please visit www.thrall.org

From Our Head of Reference Services
Mary Susan Flannery Climes

New Salem Press Titles Available

www.thrall.org/salem

We recently added these **five Salem Press reference works** in our **Reference** section (descriptions provided by the publisher):

Defining Documents in American History: The Gun Debate (2 volumes; call number: **363.33 GUN**)

"This volume analyzes documents that have played a significant role in the attempt to balance the long tradition of gun culture in this country with calls for gun control, including: The Second Amendment; St. George Tucker, Blackstone's *Commentaries*; *No Treason* by Lysander Spooner; *U.S. v. Miller*; *District of Columbia v. Heller* and *Firearms in America: Personal Liberty versus Collective Responsibility*."

Defining Documents in American History: Slavery (2 volumes; call number: **306.362 SLA**)

This title "delves into the extremely long and violent history of the titular subject. These volumes discuss slavery in multiple contexts, from ancient times to the slave trade during colonial America, and from the abolitionist movement to issues of slavery in the modern era."

Infectious Diseases & Conditions

(3 volumes; call number: **616.9 INF**)

"An A-Z encyclopedia covering all aspects of infectious diseases and their prevention, offering historical and technical background with a balanced discussion of discoveries, developments, and prognoses."

Principles of Ecology (call number: **577 PRI**)

"In 110 articles, this title considers how organizations of the same species interact with each other, how organisms of different species in the same space interact, and how multiple communities interact to make up an ecosystem, information crucial in understanding how biodiversity affects ecological function."

Principles of Modern Agriculture (call number: **630 PRI**)

"This volume provides new ways to think about and study issues, policies and practices in today's agricultural production."

These titles are **shelved numerically** according to their respective **call numbers** above. A librarian can help you locate any of these!

Outside the library, members of Thrall can freely access online editions of these, and *many* other Salem Press titles we acquired, including in-depth **literature, health, science, and history works**.

Simply visit our **website** (www.thrall.org), go to **Databases**, and follow the Salem link. You can also use the Web address above.

When you reach Salem's login page, simply enter your **Thrall library card number** (without any spaces) and *enjoy!*

Discoverability www.thrall.org/discover

As a **member of our library**, your **Thrall library card** empowers you to enjoy free access to an **incredible spectrum of content!**

We consider it part of our **core mission** to develop and refine ways to help *you* discover – and then *take full advantage of* – these ever-growing and evolving resources and services.

We recently added a **digital display** at our **Circulation Desk** to highlight **upcoming Thrall events** as well as **amazing research works** and **online tools** you can use within the library - and **often elsewhere** as well.

We also created a new **Discover section** at our **website** (www.thrall.org/discover). From there, you can explore many **subjects**, **educational opportunities**, and **research tools**.

Our **blogs** (thrall.org/blogs) illuminate topics like the **Apollo 11** anniversary, our new **Poet Laureate**, **immunizations**, **vaping**.

Our **home page** (thrall.org) also features new items, such as the **Kanopy video streaming service** and **museum passes**.

For even *more* on what's available to you, we invite you to visit our **Reference Department** to speak with our **librarians**.

From Our Government Information Librarian

We celebrate **Constitution Day** on **September 17th** to commemorate the signing of the **United States Constitution**, on **September 17, 1787**. This monumental document establishes our government's framework, along with the rights and freedoms we enjoy today. Constitution Day also recognizes those who are either born in the U.S., or by naturalization, have become citizens. The original U.S. Constitution, on display at the Rotunda of the National Archives Building in Washington D.C., "...is the world's longest surviving written charter of government. Its first three words – 'We the People' - affirm **our government exists to serve its citizens**. Since 1789, the Constitution has evolved through amendments to meet the changing needs of a nation now profoundly different from the 18th-century world in which its creators lived." (www.senate.gov). **FDLP libraries** across the country commemorate Constitution Day with different activities and displays. Our own display was **featured by GPO** on their Instagram page. **Please stop by our department anytime to pick up your complimentary copy of the U.S. Constitution!**

Free Public Events @ Thrall

in our 2nd Floor Community Room. For more: thrall.org/events

Local Authors Showcase 2019

September 28, 2019, 10:30 AM - 3 PM
Children's Authors: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Adult Authors: 1 - 3 PM

The Mellow Classics Duo

October 6, 2019, 2 - 3:30 PM
Featuring classic songs from the 50s thru the 80s!

Muddy Boots String Band

October 13, 2019, 2 PM
Enjoy Cajun-inspired, Traditional, and "Old Timey" songs!

All Access Yoga

"Gently stretch, strengthen, and relax!"
Mondays, 10 - 11 AM on: Oct. 21, Oct. 28,
Nov. 18, Nov. 25. Please register: 341-5483.

Hudson Valley Flamenco

Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019, 2 PM
Learn about Flamenco and enjoy live performances.

Remarkable Reads Book Discussion

October 30, 2019, 3 PM
Discussing *Us Against You* by Fredrik Backman.

Scared of Investing?

October 30, 2019, 6 - 7 PM
"Learn how you can take your very first steps to investing!"

Youth Services Events

To register, or for more information, please visit our **Children's Dept.** or call us at **341-5470**.

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE!

THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW October 9, 2019, 1 PM

Experience Washington Irving's **most famous American ghost story** in a fresh and dynamic production, full of comedy and excitement! Enjoy a memorable theatrical performance enhanced with mime, music, and dance!

Fall Story Time

Wednesdays in our **Story Time Room**
Sept. 25, 2019 - Nov. 5, 2019

Registration required. Please choose from:

1. "First Step Growing Time" (9:30 - 10 AM)

For children ages **18 months through 35 months**. This Story Time focuses on **literacy through stories and play**. At this stage in your toddler's life he or she is happiest playing alongside rather than with other children. "First Step" encourages **independent play** as well as **social skills** with other toddlers in a safe environment.

2. Explorers" Story Time & Craft (10:15 - 10:45 AM)

This fun event promotes creativity and a love of stories among participants of ages of 3 to 4 years old.

Ghoulish Treats for Halloween!

Saturday, October 26, 2019, 11 AM -12 Noon

Participants will learn basic safe kitchen and food prep skills as we prepare not-so-scary eats (bloodshot eyeballs, bloody punch, and mini eye-popping pops). For ages: 8-13. **Registration is required** and begins on **Mon., Oct. 7, 2019**.

Give Thanks for Super Spuds!

Saturday, November 16, 2019, 11 AM - 12 Noon

Participants will learn basic safe kitchen and food prep skills, and how to prepare basic baked potatoes. Set up toppings as well (grated cheese, bacon bits, sour cream, butter substitute, steamed broccoli, scallions, and flavored cream cheese). For ages 8 - 13. **Registration is required** and begins on **Mon., Oct. 28, 2019**.

Celebrating the Holidays: Tasty Doughnuts!

Saturday, December 7, 2019, 11 AM - 12 Noon

Participants will learn basic safe kitchen/food prep skills, as we prepare quick and easy fried donuts using an electric skillet. We'll make a glaze to drizzle over warm doughnuts, then decorate with seasonal sprinkles or shake in a bag with powdered sugar or cinnamon & sugar. Following cleanup, we'll enjoy yummy creations! For ages: 8-13. **Registration is required** and begins on **Mon., Nov. 18, 2019**.

For more about these and *other* upcoming events, please visit our **Children's Dept.**, or call us at **341-5470**. You can also visit us online:

www.thrall.org/youthblog