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# Thrall Library Times

What's New & Interesting at Middletown Thrall Library!

## Spring 2018 Edition

"Thus came the lovely spring with a rush of blossoms and music..." - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

### From Our *Library Director* Matt Pfisterer

#### Annual Community Report

[www.thrall.org/reports](http://www.thrall.org/reports)

We have just completed our **Annual Report to the Community** for 2017, and I am happy to report to you that people are continuing to make great use of the materials and resources available to them at Middletown Thrall Library. Here are some interesting statistics from the report:

- The Library circulated 247,117 items in 2017
- The Library circulated 13,318 electronic books (E-Books)
- The Library added 29,152 to our collection in 2017 for a grand total of 417,197.
- The Library logged more than 61,817 uses of our internet workstations
- The Library Website [www.thrall.org](http://www.thrall.org) logged 3,237,221 visits
- The Library logged 153,107 uses of our free public Wi-Fi

The Library also provided a full slate of quality programs for children, teens and adults including:

- Summer Reading Program
- One on one employment counseling
- Foreign, independent and classic films
- A book discussion group for adults, Remarkable Reads!

All of these numbers are worth bragging about but what they really demonstrate is the continued commitment of the Library Board of Trustees and staff to providing outstanding Library service to our community!

### Middletown Thrall Library

11 - 19 Depot Street, Middletown, New York 10940

#### Winter - Spring 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

Adult Events Coordinator: 341-5483

For more library news and free services,  
please visit [www.thrall.org](http://www.thrall.org)

### From Our *Head of Reference Services* Mary Susan Flannery Climes

#### Going Beyond OverDrive:

More Free eBooks!

[www.thrall.org/art](http://www.thrall.org/art)

[www.thrall.org/booklovers](http://www.thrall.org/booklovers)

[www.thrall.org/computers](http://www.thrall.org/computers)

[www.thrall.org/literature](http://www.thrall.org/literature)

While many of you already know and enjoy the **OverDrive eBooks service** ([www.thrall.org/ebooks](http://www.thrall.org/ebooks)) which is freely available to members of Thrall, there are a number of *other free eBook providers* you can easily explore right through our website by visiting any of the above Web links.

For example, in our **Art guide** you will find lists of major museums offering a variety of book-length "**art catalogs**" (many in PDF format) highlighting, and in many cases documenting in-depth, with beautiful photos, some of the finest works ever created, including paintings, sculptures, porcelain, pottery, metal works, illustrations, and more.

Our **Computers** section includes links to eBooks on **programming**, major **operating systems**, and related topics.

Our **Booklovers** and **Literature** guides offer even *more* possibilities! Simply visit the **eBooks** sections in either guide to discover more **free eBooks** and **eAudioBooks** providers.

Also check out our **Virtual Reference Library** ([thrall.org/vrl](http://thrall.org/vrl)) for *always-available reference works* you can *read online!*

### Multilingual Options

A number of our **article databases** include an impressive array of multilingual options. These options enable you to **translate full-text articles** into a number of *different* languages (Arabic, Chinese, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Russian, Spanish, and more). Some databases include the ability to have these articles **read to you in that language**.

Examples of **Gale databases** offering these computer-based translations include: **Academic OneFile**, **Biography in Context**, **Business Insights: Essentials**, **Encyclopaedia Judaica**, **Encyclopedia of Religion**, **Encyclopedia of Scientific Principles**, **Encyclopedia of World Biography**, **General OneFile**, **Literature Resource Center**, **Opposing Viewpoints in Context**, **VideoHound's Golden Movie Retriever**, and more. Most of these databases also enable you to change the **interface** to *another* language.

**Here's how it works:** when at any database offering such options, you will usually see a **Language** tab at the top. That usually alters the **interface**. When viewing a **full-text article**, look for **Translate options** *beside* the article and select a language. After doing so, often a **Listen** option will appear. That can be used to **hear** the newly translated article!

**From Our Government Information Librarian  
Karen A. Heil**

When we think of the census, we think of the forms we have to fill out every ten years to make sure we are all counted, something the **Constitution** requires. But the **Census Bureau** website ([www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)) has tools and products that are specifically designed to help **Small Businesses**.

One in particular is the **Census Business Builder (CBB)** ([www.census.gov/data/data-tools/cbb.html](http://www.census.gov/data/data-tools/cbb.html)): "Are you looking for data to help you start or grow a business or understand the business landscape for a region? The CBB is a suite of services that provide selected demographic and economic data from the Census Bureau tailored to specific types of users in a simple to access and use format."

Information comes from the **American Community Survey** (2012-2016), the **Economic Census** (every five years), **Census of Agriculture, International Trade Data, Quarterly Workforce Indicators**, and **Consumer Spending** data. You use interactive maps, with lots of color options, to choose geographic locations down to the neighborhood level, type of industry (such as Food Services – Bakeries) to create a **Local Business Profile**. Make charts, graphs and reports for business plans. Use your desktop, laptop, or smartphone since it's mobile friendly. There is even a short YouTube video that helps to explain the process. Use the tool to help start a new business or expand an existing one!

## Free Public Events at Middletown Thrall Library

These events will be held in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Community Room (unless otherwise noted):

### Gardening with Native Plants to Attract Birds

May 2, 2018, 6:30 - 7:45 PM

Presented by **Orange County Audubon Society & The Master Gardener Program**, Cornell University Cooperative Extension, Orange County. Learn to help birds survive!

### Afternoon Movie: *Phantom Thread*

May 3, 2018, 2 PM. Rated R. 130 minutes.

### ReferenceUSA: Start, Manage, Grow Your Business

May 3, 2018, 6:30 - 8 PM

Presented by **T.J. Pridell of ReferenceUSA**. Learn to use Thrall's free **ReferenceUSA** service to grow *your* business!

### Spring, Tradition, & Chinese Culture. May 5, 2018, 1 PM

Enjoy a Dragon Dance, traditional songs, a performance with an ancient ehru, pipa, dizi, and Guzheng, calligraphy, Han Couture, creating lotus flowers and lanterns, and more!

### Starting Your Own Business

May 12, 2018 (part one) and May 19, 2018 (part two)

(breaks between 12:30 - 1:30 PM: please bring your lunch.)  
Presented by **Steven Lindner**. Learn to launch a business!

### The Music of Tim Quinn. May 20, 2018, 2 PM

Enjoy "an eclectic acoustic mix of traditional, contemporary American, and Irish folk music." This event was made possible thanks to the Friends of Middletown Thrall Library, Inc.

### Remarkable Reads Book Discussion

May 30, 2018, 3 PM

We will discuss ***The Lost City of the Monkey God: A True Story*** by Douglas Preston. Free copies of this book available for borrowing or reserving at Thrall.

**More events coming soon!** Please visit our website at [www.thrall.org/events](http://www.thrall.org/events) for the latest details. You can also call our **Adult Program Coordinator** at 341-5483 for more details.

# Children's Events

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

**ALL EVENTS ARE FREE!**

## Spring Story Time

Wednesday, April 18, 2018 - Wednesday, May 23, 2018:

1. **"First Step" Storytime**  
Ages 18 months - 35 months  
Wednesdays, 9:30 - 10:00 AM  
In the Story Time Room. **No registration.**
2. **"Explorers"**  
Story Time & Craft Ages 3 & 4  
Wednesdays, 10:15 - 10:45 AM  
In the Story Time Room. **Registration required.**

## Sign Up for Private Knitting Classes

You've asked, and we delivered! We now offer private sessions on **learning how to knit or crochet!**

**When? What time?** Just call us at 341-5470 and set up a appointment for one-on-one instruction!

**It's simple and FREE!!! For ages 8 and up.**

## Spanish Story Time

Ms. Hanna read some favorite stories in Spanish!

**No registration required. May 19, 2018:**

**Session 1:** Ages 2-5, 11 - 11:30 AM.

**Session 2:** Ages 6 -12. 11:30 AM – 12 pm.

## Homeschooler's Science Club

Our Homeschooler's Science Club will meet on the **third Friday of the month, 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**, in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Community Room at Thrall:

**May 18, 2018      June 15, 2018**

## Homework Help

Homework Help runs **Tuesdays and Thursdays (4 PM -7 PM)** and also **Wednesdays (5-7 PM)** in the **Story Time Room** at Middletown Thrall Library.

Homework Help concludes on **Thursday, June 7, 2018.**

For students in grades 1 to 6.  
**FREE! No registration** is required.

## Summer Preview: **Libraries Rock!**

The **2018 New York State "Libraries Rock!" Summer Reading Program** will kick off at Thrall on **Monday July 2, 2018**. There will be *many* activities for children of all ages! A listing of events will be available at **registration**. **In-person Registration** begins on **Monday, June 18, 2018**.

We will celebrate and honor all the participants who worked so hard reading so many books with a **Ice Cream Party** sponsored by **Stewart's Shops**.

**Stewart's Shop** also awarded the **Home Work Help Program** @ Middletown Thrall Library **\$400.00**. Monies will be used to buy supplies for the **Homework Help Program!** We want to thank Stewart's Shop for their continuous generosity.