

Thrall Library Times

What's New & Interesting at Middletown Thrall Library!

Summer 2014 Edition

"The least movement is of importance to all nature. The entire ocean is affected by a pebble." – Blaise Pascal

From Our Library Director Matt Pfisterer

Hot Summer Days & Cool Resources at Your Library

We are pleased to be able to provide the community with some great information and entertainment resources to help make this an enjoyable and productive summer for one and all. Families are encouraged to take advantage of our **Summer Reading Program** where we have scheduled some wonderful programs for children and teens. Did you know that studies have shown that Elementary School aged children who participate in summer reading programs at public libraries are far less likely to experience a decline in reading and writing skills over the summer break which is commonly referred to as "summer slide?" Adults will enjoy our afternoon movies, book discussion and foreign film programs. The Library is also the place to find all of the **hot new summer releases** in books, audio-books, e-books and DVD movies. You can also access the Internet at one of our **new and improved public Internet workstations**. I think you will find that these resources will make for a cool way to spend some hot days at the Library this summer!

Remarkable Recommendations!

If you are interested in discovering some wonderful summer reading choices, do we have a very special program planned for you! Come to the Library's second floor **Community Room** on **Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at 6:30 PM** for "Remarkable Recommendations with Matt and Jen."

This program will introduce you to a number of interesting and **entertaining reading choices** from several different popular genres that run the gamut from the classics to the "trashics."

So, if it feels like your summer reading list has become stuck in "boring," or if you just want to learn about some interesting and entertaining summer reading choices, make sure you do not miss this very special summer reading presentation for adults.

Middletown Thrall Library

11 - 19 Depot Street, Middletown, New York 10940

Matt Pfisterer, Library Director

Summer Hours: Mon. – Thurs.: 9 AM – 8 PM
Fri.: 9 AM - 6 PM Sat.: 10 AM – 2 PM Sun.: Closed

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 news and free services, please visit www.thrall.org

From Our Head of Reference Services Mary Susan Flannery Climes

New Computers & Software

Thanks to the very generous *Friends of Middletown Thrall Library* organization, we recently replaced all of our public Internet workstations with new computers, wide screens monitors, the latest **Microsoft Office** and **OpenOffice** software, and more.

Whether you want to do some **research**, explore **employment opportunities**, prepare a **resumé**, develop a **flyer** or a **presentation**, or simply check your e-mail or browse the Web, we encourage you to take advantage of the **power** and **speed** of these new computers!

We also created a mini *Microsoft Office* support library at Reference so you can learn more about **Microsoft Word**, **Excel**, **PowerPoint**, **Publisher**, etc.. Circulating copies of these books are also available in our regular collection!

Maximize Your Summer!

www.thrall.org/summer

As summer returns, we invite you to pick up a free **printed copy** of our **Summer of Fun & Fresh Possibilities brochure** the next time you visit our library. In it you'll find free services, useful information, and more than a few ideas to help you enjoy and make the most of your summer!

From Our Government Information Librarian, Karen Heil

Mobile Government Apps apps.usa.gov

"Government apps and mobile sites offer official information and services from the palm of your hand." According to the **Government Printing Office (www.gpo.gov)**, over 21 million publications were *harvested* from thirty-nine government agency websites between 2012 and 2014. "Harvested" – now that's an interesting new word representing a novel way of accessing information in a constantly growing digital world!

To help you access much of that incredible information, we invite you to check out our very own Government Information portal at www.thrall.org/gov and to explore the many free apps available from your government.

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From Our Government Information Librarian (continued)

GPO has developed apps allowing users to access **Congressional publications** like the *Congressional Pictorial Directory*, the *Budget of the United States*, the *Plum Book* (information on presidentially appointed positions), and the **Daily Compilation of Presidential Documents**.

Useful apps developed by other government agencies can be accessed through USA.gov's **Mobile Apps Gallery** - <http://apps.usa.gov> - there are apps for *everyone!*

For example, check out the **Alternative Fuel Station Locator** app that helps you find fueling stations that offer electricity, natural gas, biodiesel, E85, propane, or hydrogen, or the **National Library of Medicine's MyMedList**, which helps you keep track of daily medications.

CDC offers **Healthy Swimming**, an app answering questions about where we swim (and the germs possibly lurking in the water), as well as **Solve the Outbreak**, which lets you play the *disease detective!*

NASA's **Space Place Prime** app connects you with the **Astronomy Picture of the Day**; while **MilitaryOneSource** helps servicemen find potentially useful resources.

The Justice Department's **FBI.gov Mobile** alerts you to the **Most Wanted List**.

The U.S. Census Bureau's **dweller** app helps you discover the top **25 U.S. cities and towns** that best fit *your* lifestyle.

The FCC **Speed Test** app measures your **mobile broadband performance** and displays an in-depth view of its factors.

For even *more* apps, plug-ins, and downloads, try this link: www.thrall.org/apps

Upcoming Events

www.thrall.org/events

Unless otherwise noted: these **free events** will be held in our **2nd Floor Community Room** and no registration is required.

Blood Drive

Tuesday, July 8, 2014, 12 - 6 PM

Conducted by New York Blood Center. Each donor can earn and redeem points for prizes! Please contact Gail Myker to make an appointment. Walk-ins welcome as well!

* **Reel Eclectic Film Series (7 PM):**

Throughout this series we present thought-provoking, unique, and critically-acclaimed films, many of which are international in scope. Upcoming dates include: **July 3rd**, **August 7th**, and **September 4th**. For adult audiences only.

* **Afternoon Movies for Grownups (2PM):**

Upcoming dates include: June 18th, July 16th, August 20th, and September 17th.

* Due to licensing restrictions, we cannot publicize film titles outside of the library. Please call (845) 341-5483 for more details or send e-mail to thrall3@warwick.net.

Children's Events

Please visit the Children's Department, visit our **Youth Blog** (at www.thrall.org/youthblog) or call us at (845) 341-5470 to learn more about these and other upcoming youth events.

Fizz... BOOM!!! Read!

The 2014 New York State Summer Reading Program at Middletown Thrall Library

To register for summer reading, please visit our Children's Dept. or register online at www.thrall.org/summerreg

A Truly Full Schedule of Events!

We have **MANY** fun and free events and story times planned for *you* – so many we *cannot list them here!* For a **printed copy** of our **complete list of summer events**, please visit our Children's Department. Our calendar is also online:

www.thrall.org/youth

Here's just a **sampling** of upcoming events and dates...

- July 1st, 9:30 AM:** "Fizz, Boom, Read" Story Time
Ages: 18 months - 35 Months
- July 1st, 10:15 AM:** "Fizz, Boom, Read" Story Time & Craft
Ages: 3-5 years
Registration required.
- July 1st, 4:00 PM:** "Fizz, Boom, Read" Reading Club
Ages: 10-12. **Participants must attend all four sessions** (July 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd)
- July 1st, 6 PM:** "Battle of the Books"
For 6th graders -12th graders.
Registration required.
- July 2nd, 9:30 AM:** "PlayMove&Sing" with Sukey Molloy
Ages: 18 months - 35 months
- July 2nd, 9:30 AM:** "PlayMove&Sing" with Sukey Molloy
Ages: 3 – 5 years.
- July 2nd, 4 PM:** Exploring with Trivia
Ages: 8 and up.

For **all** of our events, please visit the Children's Dept. or go to www.thrall.org/summer2014

Battle of the Books Our 2014 Reading List

Once again we are inviting **students** who **love to read** (and are **entering grades 6 – 12**) for this **friendly competition** between Thrall and other local RCLS libraries.

The list of titles to be read – *in any order* – are:

- **Bomb** by Steve Sheinkin
- **Book Thief** by Markus Zusak
- **Divergent** by Veronica Roth
- **Doll Bones** by Holly Black
- **Eleanor & Park** by Rainbow Rowell
- **Page by Paige** by Laura Lee Gulledge
- **The Princess Bride** by William Goldman
- **A Wizard of Earthsea** by Ursula K. Le Guin

Copies are available for borrowing through our library system!

For more details, please call **Theresa** at (845) 341-5470.