

Thrall Library Times

What's New & Interesting at Middletown Thrall Library!

Winter 2015 Edition

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is: 'What are you doing for others?'" – Martin Luther King, Jr.

From Our Library Director Matt Pfisterer

Wonderful Winter Programs for Adults

When the weather is cold outside, come on into the Library for some great adult programs like these:

Afternoon Movies for Adults – Great Hollywood movies shown in the **2nd floor Community Room** on the **3rd Wednesday** of each month at **3 PM**. All movies are **free**.

Real Eclectic Film Series 2012 - "Reel Eclectic" is Middletown Thrall Library's year-long art / independent / international film festival. Throughout this series we present thought-provoking, unique, and critically-acclaimed films. All movies are shown in the library's **2nd floor Community Room** on the **first Thursday of each month at 7 PM**. Admission is **free**.

Remarkable Reads – Our **book discussion group for adults** usually meets on the ***last Wednesday** of each month at **3 PM** (***this February, it's a Tuesday**) for people who enjoy **great books** and **stimulating discussion**. Please call the Library for this month's **movie** and/or **book discussion title**.

So here's to a mild winter made warmer by quality programs at the Library. And since we are talking about winter, if you want the most up to date information regarding the status of the library during inclement weather, please call the Library at **(845) 341-5454**, or check out the Library's website, **www.Thrall.org** (click the link for **Closings/Delays** on the **upper most right side of the page**), or listen to these Cumulus media radio stations: WALL-AM 1340, WRRV-FM 92.7 OR FM 96.9, WPDH-FM 101.5, or WPDA FM 106.1, WZAD-FM 97.3, WCZX FM 97.7

Summer Reading Program Thanks

We would like to express our thanks to **Assemblymember Aileen Gunther** who secured a **\$1,250 Summer Reading Support Grant** to help fund our 2014 **Fizz... BOOM... READ!** program. This grant allowed the Library to present outstanding programs like, "Play, Move and Sing" classes, "Lego Creations," and "The Battle of The Books," for children ages 18 months to 17 years old. These programs advance literacy, foster a love of reading and involve parents and all family members in the summer reading experience. Thanks to all who participated this year and to Assemblymember Gunther for helping to make this year's program a truly memorable one.

Middletown Thrall Library

11 - 19 Depot Street, Middletown, New York 10940

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

From Our Head of Reference Services Mary Susan Flannery Climes

eBooks News: *Download Popular Magazines!*

The RCLS / OverDrive eBooks system now offers free access to over **forty popular magazines** to anyone who has a supported Barnes & Noble Nook or the free Nook app! Complete technical details about this are available in our **Reference News Blog** at **www.thrall.org/refblog**

Federal Tax Forms & Instructions

Due to recent cuts in their budget, the IRS is only providing us with preprinted copies of **basic federal tax forms**: 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ. We will **not** receive **instruction booklets** to distribute. We are trying to get booklets for Reference to *lend*.

For instruction booklets or *other* forms, the options are:

- to **order them directly** from the IRS
- download and print them **at home**
- download and print them **at Thrall (\$.20 per page)**.

If you do plan to **find and download NYS or IRS forms online on your own**, please keep **these websites** handy:

- IRS website: **www.irs.gov**
- New York State website: **www.tax.ny.gov**

NYS forms / instructions are available in our **Reading Room!**

Black History Month

www.thrall.org/blackhistorymonth

Since 1976, February has been nationally designated as "Black History Month." Each year we update our online information guide in this period of shared national awareness and appreciation of African-American culture and history. Through our guide you can explore **websites, multimedia, books, videos**, and more quickly and easily!

Library Items & "Local Holds" Study

In the near future, libraries in the **Ramapo Catskill Library System (RCLS)** - **Thrall included** - will participate in a system-wide study doing away with the "Local Holds Only" status for library items. During this time, **all items** (except those designated as non-circulating or "browsing only") **can be reserved** by any RCLS library patron at any RCLS library!

Thrall patrons will continue to get first preference when placing holds on any items Thrall owns. The same will be true for other patrons at their libraries. It will be important **not to wait** to find specific items on the shelf, but to **place holds as soon as possible** since Thrall items will be used to fill holds at other libraries if there are no Thrall holds for them.

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(From Our Head of Reference Services – continued)

The **very positive** side of this study is that **most of the circulating items of other libraries will now be available for you to place holds on as well!** This will broaden the variety of items available to you as well as shorten the time you have to wait for new materials!

At the end of this study, the **Directors** of the RCLS libraries will decide whether to make the change permanent.

Best Books of the Year

www.thrall.org/best

If you'd like to catch up on – or *discover* – some of the most **critically-acclaimed fiction or nonfiction** of 2014, you can do so easily at our website. You can also explore **bestseller lists, literary classics, poetry**, and more!

From Local History Librarian Charles P. DeYoe, III

The building that Thrall Library calls home turns **twenty years old** this year! The official grand opening was on **February 12, 1995**. There is a **display next to the entrance inside the building** showing various things relating to the building's anniversary such as **floor plans, photographs** of the opening celebration, and **memorabilia** from years past. One of the more interesting items is a **proclamation** from the Mayor declaring **February 12** to be **Middletown Thrall Library Day**. A quotation from the proclamation follows:

“NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: I, Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor of the City of Middletown, do hereby declare the Twelfth Day of February, MIDDLETOWN THRALL LIBRARY DAY in the city of Middletown...”

While it was likely intended that the holiday would be celebrated *just* in 1995, you might, if just in fun, interpret the text to mean *every* February 12 is *Middletown Thrall Library Day!* Well, if you agree, perhaps you might “celebrate” the day by coming to the library and checking out a book or DVD!

Upcoming Events

www.thrall.org/events

These **free events** will be held in our **2nd Floor Community Room**.

In case of bad weather, please call the library at 341-5454 **before coming** to confirm the library is still open.

Remarkable Reads Book Discussion

Tuesday, Feb. 2015, 3 PM

We will discuss *Coming Clean: A Memoir* by Kimberly Rae Miller.

Completing Your Living Will & Healthcare Proxy

March 3, 2015, 6:30 - 8PM

Presented by **Katherine Schwarz**, Public Health & Nutrition Educator

The Parting Glass Band

March 10, 2015, 6:30 - 8 PM

Enjoy traditional and contemporary **Irish music!**

Kayaking: How to Get Started

March 31, 2015, 6:30 - 8 PM

Presented by **Don Urmston** / Adirondack Mountain Club.

Poetry Workshop: Sensory Images in Poems

April 18, 2015, 1 - 4 PM

Presented by **Lynn Marie Houston**.

Meditation / Guided Imagery Workshop

April 25, 2015, 1 - 3 PM

Presented by **Lynne Newman**.

State of the City / State / Union

www.thrall.org/govblog

Our Government Information blog includes four major addresses for 2015: The State of the City of Middletown, The State of the City [i.e. New York City], The State of the State [i.e. New York State], and the State of the Union.

Children's Events

Story Time 2015

Registration begins **Tuesday, February 10, 2015**

Story Time starts **Wednesday, February 25, 2015**
and concludes **Wednesday, March 25, 2015**

"First Step" Storytime

Ages 18 months - 35 months

Wednesdays, 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

In the Story Time Room. *No registration.*

"Explorers" (Story Time & Craft)

Ages 3 & 4. **Wednesdays, 10:15 AM - 10:45 AM**

In the Story Time Room. **Registration required.**

"Moving on Up" (Ages 5 – 7)

Wednesdays, 4:15 PM - 5:00 PM

In the Story Time Room. **Registration required.**

Wii Gaming 2015

Join us for video game fun on the **First Friday of the month** from **4 PM - 6 PM:**

February 6th March 6th April 3th May 1st

For ages 6 and up. No registration required!
We will meet in the **2nd Floor Community Room!**

Read to Sasha the Therapy Dog!

Mondays (4:15 PM - 5:30 PM) in the Story Time Room:
February 9 & 23 March 9 & 23 April 20 May 4 & 18
For ages 6 - 13. **Registration required.**

Learn to Knit & Crochet in 2015!

Sign up for a **free** class. Classes are held on Monday evenings (**6 PM - 7:45 PM**):

Feb. 9 & 23 March 9 & 23 April 20 May 4 & 18

also available...

Afternoon Knitting & Crochet

Thursdays (2 - 4 PM) in our Story Time Room:
Feb. 12 & 26 March 12 & 26 April 23 May 7 & 21

Get Free Homework Help!

Now to June 18, 2015

Get free help in **English, Math, and other subjects!**

*** For Students in Grades 1 - 6 ***

No registration required!

Parents / guardians must be present.

Homework Help will be available **every Tuesday & Thursday (4 PM - 7 PM) *except*** on **April 7, 2015 and April 9, 2015.**