

# *What We Do for You*

## **Every week, Middletown Thrall Library...**

- ✓ **answers questions** no one else could answer
- ✓ **helps scholars of all ages** find information needed to complete homework assignments and projects
- ✓ **issues free library cards** to qualifying applicants
- ✓ **enables job searchers** to type resumé and cover letters, find jobs, and to further their job-seeking skills by taking advantage of our free career development resources and computers
- ✓ **equips those already employed** with resources to help them advance their careers or find better jobs
- ✓ **supplies training and test-preparation materials** so people can excel in school or work
- ✓ **encourages early and adult literacy skills**, ESL, and the learning of new languages
- ✓ **shares scholarship and information on universities** with college-bound persons
- ✓ **contributes positively and economically to society** by helping to produce better-educated, increasingly productive, more capable individuals
- ✓ **strengthens community members and leaders** through resources and public meeting spaces
- ✓ **entitles everyone to free Internet access** (regular and WI-FI) and computers for various uses
- ✓ **advances and upgrades** its technological and informational capabilities
- ✓ **extends free access to premium full-text article databases**, encyclopedias, and other research services
- ✓ **maintains subscriptions** to periodicals, journals, and newspapers for everyone's benefit
- ✓ **facilitates easy access** to legal resources as well as local, state, and federal government information as part of the United States Federal Depository Library Program
- ✓ **preserves Middletown's past and access to it** through our Local History Department and microfilm reels
- ✓ **empowers** existing or prospective entrepreneurs and business-owners
- ✓ **cultivates** multicultural and multidisciplinary education and appreciation
- ✓ **enables consumers** to make better decisions, avoid scams, and take actions when necessary
- ✓ **makes it possible** for mechanics and enthusiasts to service or repair vehicles through in-depth auto guides
- ✓ **demystifies** medical and other terminology through updated, easy-to-understand reference works
- ✓ **breaks down barriers** between people and the answers they need
- ✓ **educates parents, guardians, students, and teachers** through special collections and services
- ✓ **connects readers of all ages and interests** with new books, authors, and other reader's advisories
- ✓ **inspires and heartens** individuals through access to comprehensive self-help and inspirational materials
- ✓ **develops and refines** our print and electronic collections to continue to meet your needs and interests
- ✓ **entertains and enriches** through its audio and video collections
- ✓ **plans or holds free programs**, events, and performances for the public
- ✓ **discovers, reviews, and acquires** new online or print resources for your benefit
- ✓ **works with other libraries** to pool collective resources and library materials
- ✓ **offers online researchers** powerful research tools and topical resource guides found nowhere else online
- ✓ **promotes freedom, democracy, and open access** to information in all forms
- ✓ **raises social awareness** on important local and global issues
- ✓ **exhibits and highlights** new materials, services, alerts, and other information that can help you
- ✓ **opens new worlds of possibilities and opportunities** to people of all ages, interests, and walks of life
- ✓ **provokes critical thinking**, dispels myths and urban legends, and opposes ignorance and intolerance
- ✓ **serves as a recognized leader** in our library system and an example to other libraries worldwide
- ✓ **welcomes and appreciates** your feedback and requests and acts accordingly
- ✓ **considers new and improved ways** to serve you, your friends and family, and our shared communities
- ✓ **thanks you** for your continued support of library service for everyone's benefit
- ✓ **does much more** than ever could be listed here.