## 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 resumés 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.