From Matt Pfisterer
Director of Middletown Thrall Library

Library Budget Vote

The vote for the library budget will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2013, 8 AM - 8 PM at Middletown Thrall Library. A public hearing will be held on Wed., Sept. 11, 2013, 7 PM in the Board Room at Middletown Thrall Library. A copy of the library’s budget can also be found in print at the library and online at www.thrall.org/budget.

For more information, please contact me at (845) 341-5485 or thrall7@warwick.net.

Remarkable Reads

I am extremely pleased to announce the formation of the Remarkable Reads monthly book discussion group for adults at Thrall. Following the success of this summer’s special programs What to Read This Summer and What I Read this Summer, Thrall staff member Jen Binnie and I will host a monthly book discussion at the Library. Our selections for the group will run the gamut from the classics to the “trashics,” and include crowd pleasers like “chick lit,” historical fiction, popular non-fiction, mystery and much, much more. Please check our website www.thrall.org for more information on each month’s title. Here’s to good books and great conversation at the Library!

On Tuesday, October 22, 2013 7 - 8 PM, we will start our discussion series with the book Bossypants by Tina Fey. From her youthful days as a vicious nerd to her tour of duty on Saturday Night Live; from her passionately halfhearted pursuit of physical beauty to her life as a mother eating things off the floor; from her one-sided college romance to her nearly fatal honeymoon, comedian Tina Fey reveals all, and proves that you’re no one until someone calls you bossy. Genre: American humor; Arts and Entertainment; Autobiographies (Adult literature); Biography/Autobiography.

From the Head of Reference Services
Mary Susan Flannery Climes

RAVES! Readers Advisories
www.thrall.org/raves

The latest version of our website for readers is more dynamic and powerful than ever! With every visit you’ll see new reading recommendations, interesting authors, and themes. You can also add books to popular reading social networks (e.g. Goodreads), find reviews from other readers, as well as locate related titles, authors, and topics in the Novelist database. Find your next favorite book or suggest books to other readers in this fast, free, and fun service!

Science & Technology
www.thrall.org/scitech

Our home page now has a Science & Technology link to a new research topic menu you can use to access the many great scientific and technological resources available in our databases, throughout our library system, and on the Web.

Other Website Updates

Our library’s website offers many new features, resources, and research aids we have established for you, including:

- a monthly calendar of events (thrall.org/calendar)
- library catalog help pages (thrall.org/cataloghelp)
- a website navigation bar on all of our pages
- title / author / topic suggestions while you search
- new databases
- a new and improved monthly film / TV release blog and library video (DVD) browser online (thrall.org/videos)
- an expanded Ready Reference Center (thrall.org/ref)

Please visit our blog at thrall.org/refblog or our newsletter RE: fresh! (in print at Thrall or online at thrall.org/refresh) for more about these and other exciting developments!

Affordable Care Act
www.thrall.org/aca

To help you learn more about new health laws and related topics, we updated our Health & Wellness guide to include the official websites from the U.S. and state government agencies (including the new New York exchange introduced by our Government information librarian on the back page).

Library System Catalog

The library system catalog (Enterprise) was recently upgraded by its developer (SirsiDynix). Users of Internet Explorer 8 or earlier should visit our blog thrall.org/refblog to learn about potential issues and solutions.
Upcoming Events at Thrall  
www.thrall.org/events

These free events are held in our 2nd Floor Community Room:

Blood Drive: Wednesday, Sept. 4th, 12 - 6 PM. Hosted by New York Blood Center. Receive a free movie ticket!

Your Stories: Penning Your Very Own Memoir. Tuesday, Sept. 10th, 6:30 - 8 PM. Presented by Louis Alexander. Learn how to write and publish your memoir! Registration required. To register: please call (845) 341-5483 or send e-mail to thrall3@warwick.net

Book Discussion + Movie: Tuesday, Sept. 17th, 6:30-8 PM. Presented by Dr. Lynn Houston. We will discuss Chocolate by Joanne Harris. Copies available at Thrall. On Tuesday, Sept. 24th, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, we will show the book's movie adaptation starring Juliette Binoche, Judi Dench, and Johnny Depp. The movie is rated PG-13.

New Perspectives. Tuesday, October 1st, 6:30 – 8 PM. Look at life's challenges with a new perspective through meditation. Inspire new opportunities for yourself! Presented by Maria Blon of SPARKS (sparksalive.com).

Charcoal Workshop. Saturday, October 5th, 1-3 PM. Presented by Diane Ouzoonian. Learn contour drawing, shading, and more. All materials will be provided! Limited to 18 people. Registration required. To register: please call (845) 341-5483 or send e-mail to thrall3@warwick.net

Book Discussion with Eleanor Kuhns, author of A Simple Murder and 2011 winner of the Minotaur Books/Mystery Writers of America First Crime Novel competition. Tuesday, Oct. 8th, 6:30 – 8 PM. Copies available at Thrall.

Planning Financially for College. Thursday, October 10th, 6:30 – 7:30 PM. Learn how you and your family can save and prepare. Presented by Anthony Nappo.

Ghost Detective. Tuesday, October 29th, 7-8:30 PM. Presented by Michael Worden, real life police detective, ghost investigator, and author of the book Ghost Detective.

How to Become a U.S. Citizen - Session 1: Tue., Dec. 17th, 6 - 8 PM (1st Session). Presented by Jane Lemkin. Learn about requirements, forms, vocabulary, and more. Session 2: Thursday, Dec. 19th, 6 - 8 PM.

Afternoon Movies (2PM): Sept.18, Oct.16, Nov.20, Dec.18 Please call 341-5483 or 341-5461 for the movie titles.

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.

Afternoon Gaming

Play Wii on a large projection screen Fridays, 4 PM - 6 PM: October 4, November 1, December 6 in the 2nd Floor Community Room. For ages: 3 – 17.

Homework Help

For students in grades 1 - 6. Tuesdays and Thursdays 4 to 7 PM in our 2nd Floor Story Time Room:

- September: 17, 19, 24, 26
- October: 1,3, 6,10 15, 17 22, 24, 29
- November: 7, 12, 14, 19, 21
- December: 3,5, 10 12, 17

Sasha, the Therapy Dog

Sasha loves to listen to children read! For ages 6 - 13. Registration required. Mondays (4:15 PM - 5:30 PM):

- September 30
- October 7, 21
- November 4, 18
- December 2, 18

Knitting & Crocheting Workshops

Have you ever dreamed of creating or designing your very own scarf, hat, or sweater? Registration required. Mondays (6 - 7:45 PM) in the Children’s Dept.:

- September 16, 30
- October 7, 21
- November 4, 18
- December 2, 16

Story Time


"First Step" (18 - 35 months). 9:30 AM - 10 AM in our Story Time Room. No registration required.

"Explorers" Story Time & Craft (3 to 4 years old). 10:15 – AM 10:45 AM in our Story Time Room. Registration is required.

"Moving on Up" Story Time & Craft (5 to 7 years old). 4:15 PM – 5 PM. Registration is required.

Afternoon Knitting & Crocheting

Thursdays (2 – 4 PM) in our Story Time Room: September: 19; October: 3, 10, 24; November: 7, 21; December: 5, 19. For ages 7 and up. Registration is required.

"Come Draw with Me"

October 19th, 1 PM - 2 PM: "Witches"
December 14, 12 Noon - 1 PM: "Christmas Bells"

Dinosaur Dig! Sat., Oct. 19, 1 - 2 PM in our 2nd Floor Community Room. Have you ever seen a REAL dinosaur before? (May not be suitable for children under 6 years old.)

Spooky Halloween with Matt Stevens. Wed., Oct. 30, 6 PM in the 2nd Floor Community Room. No registration is required. (May not be suitable for children under 4 years old.

Celebrate the Holidays: December 9, 2013, 6 - 7 PM. live performance of "A Christmas Carol." Family event (may not be suitable for children under 6 years old.)