

# THRALL LIBRARY TIMES

*Information and Events at Middletown Thrall Library*

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“How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and the strong. Because someday in life you will have been all of these.” George Washington Carver

## **FROM KEVIN J. GALLAGHER MIDDLETOWN THRALL LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

### **Donation Received**

The library district received a generous donation from the estate of Alice Wengenroth late in 2006. The funds are to be used for the future development of the library collection and/or programs.

### **Thanks to Senator Bonacic**

Sen. John J. Bonacic secured a \$5000.00 grant that was used to replace the carpet in the second floor hallway and elevator. This grant was greatly appreciated, as it helped to stretch the library district's capital budget for repairs.

### **A Reminder: Town of Wallkill Bookdrop**

A reminder to our patrons that the bookdrop box in the Town of Wallkill has been open for several weeks. Thanks to the efforts of the Town's Department of Public Works, it was moved to the new Town office complex at 99 Tower Drive. Print materials can be returned in the bookdrop, but please do not return any audio-visual materials in it because they can easily be damaged by other items falling on top of them.

### **Student Art Exhibit**

An art exhibit featuring works by students aged 5 to 14 from the Raymond C. Cramer Elementary School at Orange-Ulster BOCES will be on display by Reference from February 5th - February 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **MIDDLETOWN THRALL LIBRARY**

11 - 19 Depot Street, Middletown, NY 10940

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### **Library Hours of Operation**

Monday – Thursday: 9 AM – 8 PM, Friday: 9 AM - 6 PM

Saturday: 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday : 1 – 5 PM

(Summer: Saturdays, 10 – 2 pm; Sundays, Closed)

Main Desk: (845) 341-5454 Reference: 341-5461

Children's Dept.: 341-5470 Local History: 341-5483

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## **FROM THE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT MARY SUSAN FLANNERY CLIMES, HEAD OF REFERENCE**

### **Now on Display:**

### **“HISTORY, HERITAGE, AND HEROES”**

In honor of Black History Month we have prepared a special book display highlighting African-American culture, history, and related stories. Both fiction and nonfiction works are available for checking out. The display is located on the first floor near the library catalog computers.

On the web we also have a guide to related works both in the library catalog as well as on the Internet. To access this guide, please go to our home page and click on the “Black History Month” link.

### **CURRENT INTERESTS & EVENTS**

At Thrall.org we have recently expanded and reorganized our “Current Interests and Events” guide to include direct links to news items and sources in a variety of categories, including Arts & Entertainment, Business & Finance, Environment, Government, Health, Science & Technology, and more. This guide is updated regularly and complements our existing “News and Weather” and “Special Coverage” guides. To access all these guides, simply go to thrall.org and follow the appropriate links.

### **EXPANDED COMPUTER BOOK SELECTIONS**

Whether you're curious about Linux or are interested in learning about Windows Vista or the latest Apple software and hardware, our computer book area continues to expand to meet your technical information needs. In addition to this, we are currently working on a new Technology information guide at our website to help you keep pace with the ever-changing world of computers.

### **TAGS**

On the web, “tags” are simple words used to describe and arrange items, such as photos or websites. These tags can vary in size to indicate popularity. Our Library Catalog Subject Browser now offers a “tag” display mode you can use to browse the catalog and parts of our website by subject or keyword. In addition to browsing tags, you can submit *your own* keywords for possible inclusion in this list. Just click “Tags” at thrall.org to get started.

## A Brief History of Local Baseball from the 1860s to the early 1900s

**Sunday, February 11, 2 PM**

in the 2nd Floor Community Room  
at Middletown Thrall Library

Robert Mayer, Baseball Historian and Collector, will take you back to baseball's earliest days as it existed locally.

Speaking on a foundation of 50+ years of experience with baseball at all levels of the game (hardball/softball leagues, tournaments, research), Robert will entertain and educate baseball and local history enthusiasts alike, as well as anyone else curious about life and sports at the turn of the century.

This program, made possible by Friends of Middletown Thrall Library, Inc., is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

## Youth Advisory Forum

Are you between 14-18 years old? Do you have new ideas for the library? If so, please attend the Middletown Thrall Library Youth Advisory Forum on Friday, February 9th, 4:00 - 5:30 PM in the 2nd Floor Community Room at the library. Refreshments will be served. Please call 341-5604 for more information.

Middletown Thrall Library Youth Services Presents  
**Award Winning Author Tonya Bolden**

Tonya Bolden will appear at Middletown Thrall Library on Sunday, Feb. 25th at 1 PM in the 2nd Floor Community Room. Ms. Bolden will sign copies of her newest title: *M.L.K.: The Journey of a King*. Other titles by Tonya Bolden will be available for purchase.

## TRUE TO LIFE Real Stories, Real People

Our Spring 2007 book discussion series will commence on March 20, 2007. We invite you to join us to read, discuss or merely attend a fascinating scholar-led series featuring "real stories, real people". We will transcend ourselves – our time, our place, and our backgrounds – to know others in new ways. Perhaps you will alter or deepen your views as you open yourselves imaginatively to the lure of others' lives. Here are the dates and titles for this discussion:

**March 20, 7-9 PM:** *Flags of Our Fathers* by James Bradley

**April 10, 7-9 PM:** *No Ordinary Time* by Doris K. Goodwin

**April 24, 7-9 PM:** *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson

**May 8, 7-9 PM:** *Teacher Man* by Frank McCourt

For books, a copy of our upcoming flyer, or more information please e-mail thrall16@warwick.net or call 341-5479.

## JAZZ: America's Art Form

Enjoy seven special evenings discovering "Jazz, America's Art Form" with the help of Chris Parker, pianist, composer, recording artist, and Professor of Music at Orange County Community College. He will be our scholar and performer for this series, which will conclude with a performance by the Chris Parker Band! Don't miss it! All programs begin at 7PM and run approximately 2 hours each.

### Here is the Schedule of Free Events:

#### Session 1: New Orleans and the Origins of Jazz

**Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>:** Ken Burns Jazz, Episode 1: Gumbo, Beginnings to 1917. Director: Ken Burns, 2000  
120 minutes. Film only, no discussion.

#### Session 2: The Jazz Age and Harlem as a Center for Jazz

**Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>:** Ken Burns' Jazz, Episode 2: The Gift, 1917-1924. Director: Ken Burns, 2002  
120 minutes. Film only, no discussion.

#### Session 3: The Jazz Vocalists - Tuesday, February 20th

Lady Day: the Many Faces of Billie Holiday, 1991.  
59 minutes. Following this film, Professor Parker will summarize and discuss the three films viewed thus far.

#### Session 4: The Swing Era - Tuesday, February 27th

Benny Goodman: Adventures in the Kingdom of Swing  
Director: Oren Jacoby, 1993. 60 minutes. Film followed by discussion with Professor Parker.

#### Session 5: Jazz Innovators: From Bebop, to Hard Bop, to Cool and More - Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Celebrating Bird: The Triumph of Charlie Parker. Director: Gary Giddens, 1987. 60 min. Film and discussion with Professor Parker.

#### Session 6: Latin Jazz and Jazz as an International Music

**Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.** A Night in Havana: Dizzy Gillespie in Cuba. Director: John Holland, 1988. 84 minutes.  
Film followed by discussion with Professor Parker.

#### Session 7: The Chris Parker Band - \*THURSDAY\*

**MARCH 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Pianist Chris Parker, violinist Rob Thomas, bassist Tony Marino and drummer Marko Marcinko will perform, discuss and demonstrate how jazz is performed based upon the information and examples presented in this video series. Highlights include creation of jazz improvisation and arrangement and current jazz styles – swing, Latin, funky, and ballad.

For more information please call 341-5479 or send e-mail to thrall16@warwick.net.

This series was partially funded by Friends of Middletown Thrall Library, Inc.

## “REEL ECLECTIC” Film Series

Our popular and varied art and foreign film series called “Reel Eclectic” continues in March with an award-winning film about a mysterious violin, an intriguing story spanning continents, centuries, and the full spectrum of human emotion. For film title and more information please call 341-5479.