

Thrall Library Times

What's New & Interesting at Middletown Thrall Library

May & June 2010 Edition

"the distinction between past, present and future is only a stubbornly persistent illusion." Albert Einstein

From Kevin J. Gallagher Director of Middletown Thrall Library

New Chairs for the Children's Room Thanks to Our Friends

Four new lounge chairs are on order for the Children's Room. These will be used to replace the last remaining 15 year-old lounge chairs in the building. The funds to purchase the new chairs were provided by the Friends of Middletown Thrall Library.

Library Board Passes Resolution Supporting Merger of Library Systems

The Board of Trustees unanimously passed a resolution at their March meeting supporting the merger of the more than 70 state tax supported library systems in New York State as a cost saving measure.

The Board of Trustees passed this resolution in response to significant and continuing cuts in state library aid to library systems across New York. The trustees feel that merging library systems would result in better use of limited state aid.

Recommendations have been made by study commissions and the NYS Regents Commission on Library Service to undertake a merger of library systems in this state as far back as 1989. At the present time, New York has more state tax supported library systems than counties.

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Middletown Thrall Library

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Library Hours: Monday – Thursday: 9 AM – 8 PM
Fri: 9 AM - 6 PM *Sat: 10 AM – 5 PM *Sun: 1 – 5 PM

* Summer hours: Sat: 10 AM – 2 PM Sun: Closed
Summer hours begin on Saturday, June 19, 2010.

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

Youth Services: 341-5470 **Local History:** 341-5483

Adult Programs and Book Discussions: 341-5454, ext. 5479

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(Director's comments continued)

This state's library systems are organized with each system only serving a specific type of library: public, school, college, hospital, etc. All 49 other states have what are called "multi-type" library systems. In those states, all of the libraries within a geographic area are served by the same library system.

Mark the Date - Library District Budget Vote: October 5th

This year's budget vote will be held from 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM on Tuesday, October 5th. The polling place will be the Reading Room at Middletown Thrall Library.

Copies of the proposed 2011 budget will be available for review on the website (www.thrall.org) and in print in the library by mid-July.

There are no trustee seats up for election this fall.

From the Head of Reference Mary Susan Flannery Climes

Suggestions: from *and to us and you!*

Thrall's own entry page for the library catalog has two notable additions: you can now, as you begin to type, opt to see suggestions for recently published titles and/or authors matching your search terms.

This can be especially handy if you only know part of a title or an author's first or last name. It can also speed up your searches, save you from typing, and help you discover some other recent titles by an author.

To try out this new feature, go to our home page (www.thrall.org) and click on the **library catalog** link. Once the library catalog page appears, click the "**see suggestions**" link and a suggestion box will open. Possible matches will appear as you type.

You can click once to replace your search terms with a title or author's name or click twice to search instantly.

The *second* addition to our catalog entry page is a new link (at right side of page): **Suggest a Book Purchase**. Click this to suggest books for our collections. All our collections are developed with you in mind, and we always welcome your ideas!

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(From the Head of Reference - continued)

Speaking of reading suggestions, our desire to connect readers and researchers with interesting books and great information has never been stronger! In addition to our publications (*Beyond the Bestsellers*, Future Title Watch), and web services (*RAVES!*, personal reading plans, *Booklover's blog* and web guides), we are developing a new series of reader's advisory guides and library research aids to make finding what you want (or what you need) even easier, more enjoyable, and even exciting!

Visit Our New Special Coverage Center (www.thrall.org/special)

Our Special Coverage Center has been redesigned to improve our ability to connect you with key resources on current interests and issues.

In addition to our existing internationally-acknowledged Special Coverage Guides, we now provide a blog, which you can subscribe to via its RSS feed.

Back in 2006, Middletown Thrall Library established the Special Coverage Center to provide quick and easy access to websites and other resources relating to topics and events in the news.

Recent topics include: the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, the Greek debt crisis, Iceland's volcanic eruptions, Network Neutrality, Chile's earthquake, the economy, and more.

Our Special Coverage guides highlight essential and definitive information sources (including local, state, and federal government agencies), contact information, and relevant library system and Internet resources.

New information is added as events unfold, and existing guides are updated as necessary.

To Be Continued...

Please be sure to check out our Reference Department newsletter (***RE:fresh!***) in the near future to learn more about our latest research services and offerings.

Past issues of *RE:fresh!* are available online (at www.thrall.org/refresh), and new issues will be available in print at the library.

From the Youth Services Department

This summer...

"Make a Splash!"

Our New York State summer reading program for children will "splash off" on Tuesday, July 6, and continue through Sunday, August 8, 2010.

Registration begins on Monday, June 21, 2010, and will conclude Friday, July 2, 2010.

In-person registration is required. For more details, please visit the Children's Department or call 341-5470.

Knitting & Crocheting Workshops

Thrall's Youth Services Department invites you to join our Knitting and Crocheting Workshop. Learn basic stitches, or share skills you already learned! This program is open to children age 8 and up, young adults, and adults. Our next workshop will be on **Monday, June 7th, 6 - 7:30 PM.**

Programs for Adults

"Where Does Your Money Go?"

Wednesday, June 2, 2010, 7 - 9 PM

in the 2nd Floor Community Room at Thrall

This free presentation, presented by Stefanie Hubert (financial educator, Cornell University, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orange County), can help you learn how to get more out of your money, set realistic financial goals, develop budgeting strategies that work, establish credit and debt management skills, and more! Free handouts will be provided.

"You and Your Landlord"

Wednesday, June 9, 2010, 7 - 8:30 PM

in the 2nd floor Community Room at Thrall

Presented by Jaime Samarel, a staff attorney in the Housing Unit of the Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (Newburgh office) since November 1999. Have your questions answered by an expert! Discover your rights and legal options when dealing with: evictions, timely notifications, privacy, safety issues, Section 8 housing, seniors and disabled renters, mobile homes, and more. The presenter has represented tenants in eviction proceedings in courts located throughout Orange, Dutchess, Ulster, and elsewhere. For more information, please call 341-5454, ext. 5479.

"Best" Baseball Movies of All Time

"A Tribute to the Boys (and girls) of Summer"

Welcome baseball fans! Join us during July for some outstanding baseball-themed movies. All are **free** and begin at 7:00 PM in our 2nd floor Community Room. Here are the dates: **July 7, July 14, July 21, July 28.** Please call 341-5454, ext. 5479 for movie titles.

"Afternoon Movies for Grownups"

Movies are shown at Middletown Thrall Library in the 2nd floor Community Room on the 3rd Wednesday of each month throughout 2010. All movies are **free** and begin at 2 PM. Here are the dates: **June 16, July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15.** Please call 341-5454, ext. 5479 for movie titles.

"Reel Eclectic" Film Series Continues!

Our independent and international film series continues on these dates: **June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2, October 7, November 4, December 2.** Films begin at **7 PM** and are shown in Thrall's 2nd Floor Community Room. Admission is always **free!**