From Matt Pfisterer
Director of Middletown Thrall Library

Adult Programming Returns to Thrall

The people have spoken and we have listened. I am pleased to announce that adult programs will return to a full year schedule at the library for 2013.

We are pleased to offer you a full slate of programs this year that are designed to entertain, enlighten, and inform our community.

Our programs are anchored by the return of our widely popular “Afternoon Movie Series for Adults,” which takes place on the third Wednesday of each month at 2:00 PM in the Library’s second floor Community Room. This year we have selected a wide variety of movies that are sure to please those who like romance, mystery, adventure and comedy.

Also returning is the Library’s year-long art / independent / international film festival “Reel Eclectic,” which meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Library’s second floor Community Room. Throughout this series we present thought-provoking, unique, and critically-acclaimed films, many of which are international in scope.

In addition to these popular film series we will be hosting book discussions moderated by subject experts who allow you to gain a deeper insight into the material through focused and insightful conversation.

But wait – there’s more! Look for upcoming programs on a number of subjects including cooking, Chinese culture and Kayaking. For information on these and other library programs check us out on the Web at www.thrall.org.

Here’s to a great year of programs at the Library!

From the Head of Reference Services
Mary Susan Flannery Climes

Travel Guides Collection
www.thrall.org/vrl

Earlier this year we established a new section in our Virtual Reference Library: Travel Guides. We recently added a number of new titles to this online collection.

These Eyewitness Travel Guides and Rough Guides are always available online and can be accessed at Thrall or at home by members of Thrall. You can also download entire sections (PDF format) to compatible computers, eReaders and smartphones so you can also travel with the information!

Literature Collections Completed
www.thrall.org/litcrit

We recently purchased all previous volumes for the following literary reference works so Thrall members can enjoy complete access to them: Drama for Students, Novels for Students, Poetry for Students, and Short Stories for Students. Each volume offers plot / poem synopses, critical analysis of major literary works, and more.

Tax Forms

Federal tax forms were delayed this year due to changes from the American Taxpayer Relief Act (ATRA), which was recently signed into law in January 2013.

Until we receive all major forms in print, you can check www.irs.gov to see if the form(s) you need can be retrieved electronically (“downloaded”) and printed.

New York State tax filers can check for forms in our Reading Room or for forms online at www.tax.ny.gov

As a friendly reminder, printing costs $.20 per page at the library, and the library does not provide tax advice.

Thrall Databases
www.thrall.org/dbs

Each time you visit it, our Databases page now highlights a different reference work or educational service freely available to members our library. You can also browse all of our databases alphabetically or by topic. There are many! We encourage you to explore these excellent resources, most of which can be accessed at home by entering your library card number when prompted. They offer a great deal of in-depth information not freely found on the Web!
Children’s Events

Please visit the Children’s Department or call 341-5470 for more information about these and other upcoming events.

Come Draw with Me!
Get creative! Have fun! For ages 7-12. Upcoming themes:
- February 9th, 12 - 1 PM: Monkeys
- April 13th, 1 - 2 PM: Tigers

"Battle of the Books" 2013
A Friendly Competition between Libraries
Do you enjoy reading? Do you like to have fun? Do you like meeting new people? If you’re between the ages of 13 to 18, this is for you! Join us and compete with students from other libraries! Sign up in the Children’s Dept. at Thrall!

Afternoon Gaming
Play Wii on a large projection screen! No registration required!
Upcoming dates (4 – 6 PM): March 1, April 5, May 3 in the 2nd Floor Community Room at Thrall. For ages 3 – 17.

Afternoon Knitting & Crocheting
Thursdays (2 - 4 PM) in our Story Time Room
Learn to knit! For ages 7 and up. Registration required.
Dates: February: 14th, 28th, April 11th, 25th, May 6th

Knitting & Crocheting Workshops
Mondays (6 PM – 7:45 PM) in the Children’s Dept.
Upcoming dates: Feb 11th, Feb 25th, March 11th, March 25th, April 8th, April 22nd, May 6th. Registration required.

Sasha, the Therapy Dog
Do you love Dogs? Do you love to read? If so, Read to Sasha! Sasha is a Therapy Dog who loves to listen to children read! Upcoming dates: (4:15 – 5:30 PM):
- Feb 11th, Feb 25th, March 11th, March 25th, April 8th, April 22nd, May 6th
For ages 6 – 13. Registration required.

Homework Help Available!
Students (grades 1 – 6) can get homework help at Thrall on Tuesdays and Thursdays (4 – 7 PM). Upcoming dates:
- February: 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28
- March: 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21
- April: 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30