

**MIDDLETOWN THRALL LIBRARY
11-19 DEPOT STREET
MIDDLETOWN, NY 10940**

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Main Telephone Number: 341-5454
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341-5462
Government Information: 341-5465
Circulation: 341-5454, x5456
Local History: 341-5483
Adult Programs: 341-5454, x5479
Library Director: 341-5485

LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday - Thursday 9 AM - 8 PM
Friday 9 AM - 6 PM
Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM
Sunday 1 PM - 5 PM

SUMMER SCHEDULE:

The same except for the following:
Saturday 10 AM - 2 PM
Sunday - Closed

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**THE THRALL PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
OF MIDDLETOWN AND WALLKILL
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REPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY FOR YEAR 2008



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FAST FACTS

- Items borrowed in 2008: 248,134 (up 3.7%)
- Reference Questions Answered: 30,539
- Interlibrary Loans Filled: 24,858
- Registered Borrowers: 20,814
- Internet Resources Used in Library: 77,204
- Thrall.org Website Visits: 1,464,000 (up 10.8%)
- Attendance at Library Programs: 7500 (included visitors to Benjamin Franklin exhibit)
- Library Visitors: 511,100
- Total Collection Items (for all materials): 295,853
- Operating Budget: \$2,793,816

HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2008

- New and expanded online information services, including: Databases and Virtual Reference Library, Blogs, Literature, Sports, and Law web guides, Special Coverage Center topics, Reader's Advisory Services, and the Virtual NewsStand. Our home page (www.thrall.org) improved access to these and many other research tools provided by or through Thrall's website.
- The library was selected as the only site in New York State to host a national touring exhibit on the life of Benjamin Franklin.
- Brian Fucci completed a raised garden, including the installation of a park bench, on the southwestern side of the building as part of his successful Eagle Scout activities.
- Received state grants from Senator John J. Bonacic; Assemblywoman Aileen M. Gunther; and Assemblywoman Annie Rabbitt.
- Received over \$30,000 in support for new materials, equipment, and programs from Friends of Middletown Thrall Library, Inc.
- Added 18,926 new items to the collection in print and media formats.
- Began participation in a new 24/7 service providing free, live reference assistance to our patrons.
- Installed new brighter, and more energy efficient lights in the front parking lot.
- Saw significant increases in public demands for assistance with job searches, resume writing, and online job applications. Added a variety of new resources to help patrons with these demands.