

Thrall Library Times

What's New & Interesting at Middletown Thrall Library! Fall 2012 Issue

"We have more possibilities available in each moment than we realize." - Thich Nhat Hanh

From Matt Pfisterer

Director of Middletown Thrall Library

"Library Budget & Trustee Vote"

The Thrall Public Library District of Middletown and Wallkill will be conducting a special meeting regarding the proposed 2013 Budget. The meeting will take place in the Library's conference room on **Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2012, at 7 PM** and is open to the public.

The Public Vote on the proposed 2013 library district budget and election of trustees will be held from **8:00 AM - 8:00 PM on Tuesday, October 2, 2012**. Polls will be open in the Reading Room of the Middletown Thrall Library (11-19 Depot Street, Middletown, NY 10940).

All registered voters who reside in the Thrall Public Library District are eligible to vote. This includes residents of the Enlarged City School District of Middletown, residents of the Town of Mt. Hope who reside within the Pine Bush Central School District, and residents of the Town of Wallkill who reside within the Pine Bush Central School District, Valley Central School District, or Minisink Valley Central School District.

The proposed operating budget for next year is \$3,243,506.00 representing an increase of 3.5% from the previous year. The proposed budget will increase the tax levy by 3.6% over 2012. This budget reflects an effort to maintain library district resources at their current levels and a desire to keep budget and tax levy increases to a minimum.

One full-time staff position has been reduced to part-time through attrition in order to meet this goal. We are thankful for the generous monetary support we receive from the Friends of Middletown Thrall Library. Two Library Trustees are up for reelection for four year terms.

You can pick up a copy of the proposed budget in the library or view the information on the library's website at www.thrall.org/budget.

MIDDLETOWN THRALL LIBRARY

11 - 19 Depot Street, Middletown, New York 10940

Matt Pfisterer, Library Director

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

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

Youth Services: 341-5470 **Local History:** 341-5454, x. 5479

Adult Programs and Book Discussions: 341-5483

For more news and free services, please visit www.thrall.org

From the Head of Reference Services Mary Susan Flannery Climes

Business Database Update

The **Business & Company Resource Center** database will soon be replaced by a new database: **Business Insights: Essentials**. In addition to a new interface, the database will provide improved searching, statistical data tools, and more.

For all the details, please visit our **Reference Services blog** at www.thrall.org/refblog

RCLS/OverDrive eBooks Upgrade

The library system's eBooks service (OverDrive) is scheduled to undergo a major upgrade later this year. According to OverDrive, the upcoming changes will include "a new search engine, one-step checkout, responsive websites optimized for every screen, and a new way for users to experience eBooks-OverDrive Read."

Our **Reference Services blog** (www.thrall.org/refblog) provides a complete list of OverDrive's promising updates.

Presidential Election Guides

We continue to update our online **Election 2012** guide (www.thrall.org/election2012) in hopes of helping people make truly informed decisions this November. Additions include new online / library resources as well as a link to a downloadable edition of our **Election Year Survival Guide**. Free printed copies are also available at our library!

From the Local History Department

With the "Back to School" season upon us, and the spirit of education swirling in the air, it's the perfect time to brush up on your local history knowledge with a visit to Middletown Thrall Library's Local History Room! The Local History Room has a wealth of resources including: genealogies, church records, maps, city directories, photographs, yearbooks, archival collections and more. The collection includes books on Middletown and Orange County history, neighboring counties, local cookbooks, Hudson Valley hauntings, railroads, and local waterways, among other topics. Check out the Local History Department's Web page at www.thrall.org/localhistory for links to Thrall's digital history texts and photographs, genealogy and newspaper databases, and helpful Internet resources. Curious minds are welcome, and walk-in viewing of the collection can usually be accommodated between **9 AM and 5 PM**, Monday through Friday. Please call ahead to schedule an appointment for in-depth local history research assistance, **(845) 341-5454, ext. 5479**, or e-mail your local history questions to: midhistory@rcls.org.

From our Government Information Librarian Electronic Payments Transition

March 1, 2013 is an important date to remember if you are receiving any type of Federal Benefit Payments such as those from Social Security, Veteran's Benefits, Supplemental Security Income, Railroad Retirement, Department of Labor or Office of Personnel Management. You are required by the U.S. Treasury to switch from paper checks to electronic payments by that date. You may choose to have the payments directly deposited into your bank or credit union or have your payments deposited on a prepaid debit card. Only certain fees may be charged to the card including card replacement, after one free card per year, receipt of a monthly paper statement or funds transfer. For more about the DirectExpress Debit MasterCard, visit the website USDirectExpress.com or call **1-800-333-1795**. If you are about to retire or are already receiving payments, check out GoDirect.org to sign up, watch a video or have frequently asked questions answered. Make the switch *now!*

Upcoming Films at Thrall...

Afternoon Movies (2 PM): Oct. 17th, Nov. 21st, Dec. 19th

Reel Eclectic (7 PM): October 4th, Nov. 1st, Dec. 6th

Please call 341-5461 for titles. All movies are free!

RED, WHITE, AND BLUE Fall 2012 Book Discussions at Thrall

September 25th: *Founding Mothers - the Women Who Raised Our Nation* by Cokie Roberts. Discover the women who helped inspire our nation. Presented by Mary Makofse.

October 9th: *Game Change - Obama and the Clintons, McCain and Palin, and the Race of a Lifetime* by John Heilemann & Mark Halperin. Revisit the 2008 run for the White House. Presented by Tony Nappo.

Movie Event - October 16th: *Game Change*

These events will be held **7 - 9 PM** in the **2nd floor Community Room at Thrall**. For more, call **341-5483**.

The Friends of Middletown Thrall Library, Inc. Present

Latin Jazz: A Tribute

Starring Lo NY Salsa Boys

Sunday, September 23rd, 2012, 2 PM
at Thrall, 2nd Floor Community Room

Charcoal Workshop

Saturday, October 27th, 1 - 2:30 PM

Presented by Diane Ouzoonian at Thrall in our 2nd Floor Community Room. Learn drawing, shading, and more. Materials will be freely provided for participants.

Ghost Investigator

Tuesday, October 30th, 7 - 9 PM

at Middletown Thrall Library, 2nd Floor Community Room. Linda Zimmermann will discuss local investigations, how to find evidence a home is haunted, and how to research the history of the location.

OrangeREADS & Middletown Thrall Library Present

FOREVER

Join us as we celebrate the epic Irish tale of *Forever*, the award-winning and magical novel by Pete Hamill.

Saturday, September 29th, 2 PM: Keynote Speech. Andrew Tomko, Ph.D. of Bergen Community College to speak. **At Thrall**, 2nd floor Community Room.

Tuesday, October 2nd, 7 PM: Book Discussion. We will discuss *Forever* by Pete Hamill. Presented by Mary Langton. **At Thrall**, 2nd floor Community Room.

Oct. 20th, 7 PM: Pete Hamill & Performers. Bagpipes from the Ancient Order of Hibernians, drama, author address, and a book signing. Refreshments served. At the **Sugarloaf Performing Arts Center** (formerly the Lycian) in Sugarloaf, NY. Limited tickets to be available.

Oct. 25th, 7 PM: Myths and Magick Drums, Songs, and Stories from Ireland. **At Thrall**, 2nd floor Community Room.

For more information: please call 341-5483.

Youth Services Events

Apple Cider Time Workshop!

September 29, 10 - 10:45 AM in our **Story Time Room** (first half of event) and outside (second half, behind the library). For ages 5 to 12. Registration required

"Come Draw with Me!"

Saturdays for ages **7 to 12**. Limit of 15 members of Thrall Library. **Registration required.** Upcoming events include: **Oct. 13** (1 - 2 pm: Barns), **Nov. 3rd** (1 - 2 PM: Thanksgiving Dinner), **Dec. 1st** (12 - 1 PM: Dinosaurs).

Read to Sasha, the Therapy Dog

Mondays (4:15 - 5:15 PM): Sept. 24th, Oct. 15th, Oct. 29th, Nov. 19th, Dec. 10th. For ages 6 - 13. Registration required. Events will be held in our 2nd Floor Story Time Room.

Story Time Returns!

Story Time begins **Sept. 26th** and continues to **Oct. 31st**. Register starting Sept. 10th.

"First Step" Storytime (18 - 35 months). **Wednesdays, 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM** in the Story Time Room. No registration.

Story Time & Craft (ages 3 & 4). **Wednesdays, 10:15 AM - 10:45 AM** in the Story Time Room. Registration required.

"Moving Up" (ages 5 - 7), **Wednesdays, 4:15 PM - 5:00 PM** in the Story Time Room. Registration required.

Game Days at Thrall

Wii gaming fun! For ages 4 & up. **4 - 6 PM** at Thrall (2nd Floor Community Room) on: **Oct. 5th, Nov. 2nd, Dec 7th.**

Free Knitting & Crocheting Workshops

Our popular workshops start up again on Monday, **September 24th** in the **Story Time** room at Thrall and continue each **Monday, 6 - 7:45 PM**. Learn the basics. For ages 8 & up. Please **register** in the Children's Department.