

Thrall Library Times

What's New & Interesting at Middletown Thrall Library!

Fall 2014 Edition

"Music is a higher revelation than all wisdom and philosophy." – Ludwig van Beethoven

From Our Library Director Matt Pfisterer

Library Budget and Trustee Vote October 7, 2014

The public vote on the proposed **2015 Library District Budget and Election of Trustees** will be held in the **Reading Room** of the Middletown Thrall Library (11-19 Depot Street Middletown, NY 10940) from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm on Tuesday, October 7, 2014. Those who wish to vote prior to 9:00 AM can enter from one of two entrances located on the Depot Street side of the building. 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 Walkkill who reside within the Pine Bush Central School District, Valley Central School District, or Minisink Valley Central School District.

The proposed budget will increase the tax levy by \$57,466.00 or 1.98% over the previous year. The proposed Library District tax levy for 2015 is \$2,953,737.00. The proposed gross operating budget for 2015 is \$3,435,637.00 representing an increase of 2.3% from the previous year. 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. We continue to be grateful for the generous support we receive from the **Friends of Middletown Thrall Library**. This support allows us to purchase furniture and equipment and greatly enhances our ability to provide quality materials and programs to our community.

Currently there is one trustee (**Carl S. Berkowitz**) running unopposed for a four year term on Thrall Public Library District's Board of Trustees.

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

Middletown Thrall Library

11 - 19 Depot Street, Middletown, New York 10940
Matt Pfisterer, Library Director

Fall Hours: Mon. – Thurs.: 9 AM – 8 PM
Fri.: 9 AM - 6 PM Sat.: 10 AM – 5 PM Sun.: 1 PM – 5 PM

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

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

Adult Events Coordinator: 341-5483

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

From Our Head of Reference Services Mary Susan Flannery Climes

Our Shelves Are Alive with the Sounds of Music!

We hope you will join us in welcoming this new season with happiness and perhaps a little *beautiful music* as well!

Both our **Classical Music** and **Mattie B. Gaines Jazz CD collections** will be expanding *in the future!* Already vast, these collections are located on the **first floor**, near the **stairs**. They are fun to **browse** and always **free** to borrow!

In addition to a new infusion of **critically acclaimed** artists – **Art Tatum, Keith Jarrett, Marian McPartland, Joshua Bell, Yo-Yo Ma, and Lang Lang**, just to name a few – both collections **will eventually grow to include these and other contemporary greats**, such as **Chris Botti, Cindy Bradley, Hiromi, Anna Netrebko, Nicola Benedetti**, among others.

While here, you might also want to check our calm **Wellness collection of peaceful music**. In fact, many albums in *all three of our CD collections* can potentially help to establish a more **tranquil and contemplative audio environment** for activities such as **reading, meditation, or relaxation**.

Even if you *don't* have access to a regular CD player or stereo, these music CDs can also be played in **vehicles** with CD players, **computers or laptops** with **CD/DVD drives**, as well as almost all **DVD / Blu-ray players** connected to TVs.

Our musical offerings do not end there! **Members of Thrall** can also enjoy a number of **free music streaming services**:

African American Song - blues, folk, gospel, and more

American Song – Over 50,000 songs from American history

Classical Music Library – a vast selection of classical works

Contemporary World Music – Bollywood, Flamenco, more

Jazz Music Library - thousands of jazz artists, bands, albums

Smithsonian Global Sound – Native American, folk, more

For more about our free music services and resources – which include **books, encyclopedias, sheet music**, as well as **educational items** of potential interest to beginning *and* advanced **musicians and composers** – please see our **free Music Resources brochure** at the library.

You can also go online to www.thrall.org/music for our comprehensive **guide to all things musical**.

Online Updates

Our **Literature guide** (www.thrall.org/literature) includes a number of new **World Literature** resources.

The **Sheet Music** section of our **Music information guide** (www.thrall.org/music) grew to include a number of historic collections of musical **manuscripts** and **orchestral scores**.

Thrall's Special Coverage Center (thrall.org/special) recently covered New York State's continued implementation of **Common Core** curriculum standards.

Our **Health** and **Environment** blogs (www.thrall.org/blogs) respectively explored the **Ebola outbreak** as well as the recent **United Nations Summit on Climate Change**.

World War I Centennial Guide

www.thrall.org/war

A century ago the world witnessed the beginning of "the war to end all wars," a global conflict of unprecedented scale and devastation. To commemorate this historic period, we have prepared an **online guide** to **educational resources**.

Five New Online Reference Works

www.thrall.org/databases

Members of Thrall can **freely** access these new works:

- **The Complete Mental Health Directory** – Research associations, organizations, support groups, and more.
- **The Complete Television, Radio, & Cable Directory** – includes information on 22,000+ companies / stations.
- **Financial Ratings Series Online** – Includes *Weiss Ratings Consumer Guides* on topics such as auto insurance, elder care, homeowners insurance, health savings accounts, Medicare, and much more.
- **The Value of a Dollar: 1860 – 2014** – Learn the prices of items people purchased from the Civil War up to now.
- **Working Americans: 1880 – 2012** – Thirteen volumes focus on the history of workers, social movements, educators, inventors, women in the workforce, and more.

For full details, please visit our website at the above link.

Gazing into the Future...

www.thrall.org/future

Each month we publish **Future Title Watch**, our very own guide to the very latest **fiction** and **nonfiction books**. Free **printed copies** are available in the library. You can also download and read or **print** these guides from our website.

You can also browse new titles **visually** (by **book cover**) or **textually** at www.thrall.org/newbooks and search the library system catalog instantly. Titles, as they become available, can be **reserved** within a few clicks!

Not sure how to **reserve items** in the library catalog? Our **librarians** can help you at **Reference** (341-5461), or you can learn more about the catalog at www.thrall.org/cathelp

Have You Met Mrs. Thrall?

www.thrall.org/mrsthrall

While little is known about **Sabra Maretta Thrall**, the person who made our public library possible *over a century ago*, we created a new website so you can view her **portrait**, read her **obituary**, and learn more about her amazing charitable legacy, which changed **Middletown, New York forever!**



Coming Soon: Catalog Update

Later this year, the library system (**RCLS**) hopes to complete a fairly **major update** for the **library system catalog**.

Their update is intended make eBooks **easier to find** and to **manage** by enabling access to eBook titles – as well as your **eAccount** – *directly in the library system catalog*.

You'd only need to **log in once** to the **regular catalog** in order to **find / reserve / renew** items (regular or electronic) or to check either your regular or your eBooks account.

Learn a New Language

Now with **Rosetta Stone SA**

www.thrall.org/rssa

Tell Me More, the language learning service (free to **members of Thrall**), is now known as **Rosetta Stone SA**. Learn languages such as **Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, and Spanish** online and at your own pace!

New Computers Available!

Need to use **Microsoft Office** (*Word, Excel, PowerPoint*)? How about **free access to the Internet**? Need to **print** something or get/send **e-mail**? Please stop at **Reference** and inquire about our **new** public computers, which we're able to offer you thanks to the generous **Friends of Thrall!**

From Our Government Information Librarian, Karen Heil

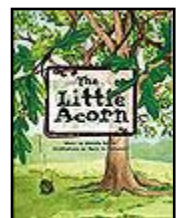
*I think that I shall never see/
A poem lovely as a tree.*

- from "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer

Fall has arrived, and, hopefully, its beautiful colors will not be too far behind. Even the government pays careful attention to our trees. The **Department of Agriculture** (usda.gov) has produced some interesting, informative and delightful documents centered on trees. One of the newest, **Why Would Anyone Cut a Tree Down?**, is a beautifully illustrated book for children.



We are surrounded every day by items produced from the forest: our homes, our books and magazines, that syrup on your morning pancakes. To understand the cambium layer or cellulose fibers and lignin read **How a Tree Grows** or **A Little Acorn**.



For the gardeners out there, try **How to Prune Trees** or **Fruitful Legacy: A Historic Context of Orchards in the United States**, with **Technical Information for Registering Orchards in the National Register of Historic Places** or **How to Recognize Hazardous Defects in Trees**.

For the entrepreneur, helpful titles include the **Nursery Manual for Native Plants: A Guide for Tribal Nurseries** and **Profitable Farms and Woodlands: A Practical Guide in Agroforestry for Landowners, Farmers and Ranchers**.

Trees protect us from the sun, provide homes for animals, nurture the soil, help purify the air, and give us food and materials that make our lives better. Celebrate them, enjoy them by reading **A Botanic Garden for the Nation**. Come and learn their story!

From the Local History Librarian Charles P. DeYoe, III

As many patrons are already aware, we maintain a large collection of **newspapers published in Middletown** on microfilm. While our collection is extensive, due to the *unavailability* of some very *old* materials, it has always been incomplete. However the collection of our historical newspapers is going to soon be growing!

Earlier this year, a generous patron donated a bound collection of the **Middletown Evening Press** containing papers from 1870. These newspapers are currently being photographed onto **microfilm** and will be available for the general public to use this autumn.

This represents the first time individuals will be able to access these newspapers since they were first published **over 140 years ago!** The microfilming is also an important step towards ensuring Middletown's rich history for future generations.

While a specific date for when the newspapers will be added to the collection is still unknown, they should be available by **November** of this year.

Upcoming Events

www.thrall.org/events

All events are held in our 2nd Floor Community Room.



Cooking Class

November 15, 2014, 1 PM - 2 PM

John Moultrie, a Culinary Institute of America educated chef, will make **roasted butternut squash soup** and an **autumn salad**. Get **free samples** of food and **free copies** of his **recipes!** **Registration required.** To register: please contact **Gail Myker** at **341-5483** or thrall3@warwick.net.

Watercolor Workshop

November 10, 2014, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM



Learn about colors, values, hues, and paint! **Registration required.** Presented by **Diane Ouzoonian**. To register: please contact **Gail Myker** at **341-5483** or thrall3@warwick.net.



Fall-Scaping

Plants with Autumn Interest

October 14, 2014, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

"Explore the many trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals with autumn interest." A lecture by **Judy Boyd, Master Gardener, Cornell University Cooperative Extension, Orange County.**



Reel Eclectic Films (7 PM)

Throughout this series we present thought-provoking, unique, and critically-acclaimed films, many international in scope.

Upcoming dates (titles TBA): **October 2nd**, **November 6th**, and **December 4th**. These films are for **adult audiences** only.

Afternoon Movies for Grownups (2PM):

Upcoming dates for this "something for everyone" film series:

October 15th: **The Witches of Eastwick** (rated R)

November 19th: **Oliver** (musical; rated G)

December 17th: **Singin' in the Rain** (musical; rated G)

Orange Reads Unbroken

Three **free** public events in support of the
book **Unbroken** by **Laura Hillenbrand**

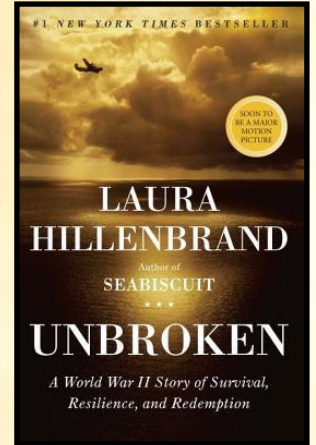
All events held in our 2nd Floor Community Room.

About the book...

Nonfiction. Based on a *true story!*

The complete title is: **Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resistance, and Redemption.**

Publisher's description: "Telling an unforgettable story of a man's journey into extremity, *Unbroken* is a testament to the resilience of the human mind, body, and spirit."



Event # 1

(** This event was cancelled by the presenter. **)

~~October 7, 2014, 6:30 PM - 8 PM~~

~~**Lawrence Winters**, author and therapist, will read from his new book, **Brotherkeeper**, the fictional account of the moral dilemmas faced by our returning soldiers and their families. He will discuss ways that we as a society can assist in the reintegration of our military men and women into the communities for which they fought so courageously.~~

* Event # 2

October 29, 2014, 6:30 PM - 8 PM

A scholar-led **book discussion** of **Unbroken** by **Laura Hillenbrand**. **Chris Godwin**, former head of the English Department at **SUNY Orange**, will lead the discussion.

* Event # 3

Nov. 12, 2014, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Susan King, singer and actress, will highlight the **Jazz era** and **WWII era songs** from the **Great American Songbook**.

* **The Friends of Middletown Thrall Library, Inc.** are sponsoring the **second** and **third** events as part of their **Ruth and Ed Kurdyla Commemorative Programs**.

We invite you to attend *any* or *all* of these **free** events!

Refreshments will be served.

For more information, please contact **Gail Myker** at **(845)341-5483** or thrall3@warwick.net.

You might also want to visit the **Orange Reads** website at www.orangereads.com to learn more about other **Unbroken** events hosted *elsewhere*.

Children's Events

Bricks 4 Kidz

For ages 5 - 13. **Registration is required.**

Bricks 4 Kidz is a **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) program that teaches children the principles of engineering and architecture through guided, motorized Lego model building, and... it's **FREE!**

Upcoming sessions:

- October 17, 4 PM - 5 PM
- October 27, 4 PM - 5 PM
- November 14, 4 PM - 5 PM
- November 17, 4 PM - 5 PM
- December 12, 4 PM - 5 PM
- December 29, 4 PM - 5 PM



All sessions are held in the **2nd Floor Community Room** at Middletown Thrall Library. Classes begin with lessons of **Lego models** to be built and are followed by guided construction. We end each session with related **trivia / games** and **creative play!**

To register, or for more information, please call our **Children's Department** at **(845) 341-5470**.



Story Time

Our ever-popular Story Time events continue up to **October 29, 2014**.

Events & Times...

"First Steps" (18-35 months old)
Wednesdays, 9:30 AM.

Explorers - Story Time & Craft (3 - 4 years old)
Wednesdays, 10:15 AM. **Registration required.**

Moving on Up: Story Time & Craft (5 - 7 years old)
Wednesdays, 4:15 PM. **Registration required.**

Join our...



Book Club with Betsy

For children in grades 1 - 4.

Each month we will read something new and have fun talking about what we read! **Registration required.**

Upcoming dates...

Grades 1 & 2: Fri., Oct. 10, 2014, 4:15 PM – 5 PM

Grades 3 & 4: Fri., Oct. 24, 2014, 4:15 PM – 5 PM

Please visit the Children's Dept. to **register** and *pick up your books!*



Get Some Homework Help!

Now to December 18, 2014

Get free help in English, math, and other subjects! For students in grades 1 - 6. No registration required! Parents / guardians must be present. Homework Help will be available in our **Children's Dept.** every **Tuesday** and **Thursday (4 PM to 7 PM)** except on these holidays: **Nov. 4th** (Election Day), **Nov. 11th** (Veteran's Day), and **Nov. 27th** (Thanksgiving). Homework Help continues on **January 6, 2015**.

Just for fun...

Dewey Brain Teaser # 1

Try to put **Books "A" through "I"** in their **correct order** according to their **"Dewey Decimal Number"** (their numerical locations within the library):

A 184	B 821.9109	C 759.05
D 306.0973	E 468 SPA	F 005.276
G 342.73	H 641	I 811

Your answers - write the **letters** of the books below in order:

Dewey Brain Teaser # 2

1 4 1 5 9 2 6 5 3 5 8 9 7 9 3 2 3 8 4 6
 2 6 4 3 3 8 3 2 7 9 5 0 2 8 8 4 1 9 7 1
 6 9 3 9 9 3 7 5 1 0 5 8 2 0 9 7 4 9 4 4
 5 9 2 3 0 7 8 1 6 4 0 6 2 8 6 2 0 8 9 9
 8 6 2 8 0 3 4 8 2 5 3 4 2 1 1 7 0 6 7 9
 8 2 1 4 8 0 8 6 5 1 3 2 8 2 3 0 6 6 4 7
 0 9 3 8 4 4 6 0 9 5 5 0 5 8 2 2 3 1 7 2
 5 3 5 9 4 0 8 1 2 8 4 8 1 1 1 7 4 5 0 2
 8 4 1 0 2 7 0 1 9 3 8 5 2 1 1 0 5 5 5 9
 6 4 4 6 2 2 9 4 8 9 5 4 9 3 0 3 8 1 9 6

Try to find, in **any direction**, each of these major **Dewey Decimal numbers** above:

200 300 400 600 700 800 900

Answers to Brain Teaser # 1:

Author Trivia: Who Wrote What?

1. *Charlotte's Web* _____
2. *Anne of Green Gables* _____
3. *The Cat in the Hat* _____
4. *Animal Farm* _____
5. *The Hunger Games* _____
6. *Divergent* _____
7. *The Time Machine* _____
8. *Alice in Wonderland* _____
9. *The Giver* _____
10. *The Hobbit* _____

Trivia answers (1-10): E. B. White, Lucy Maud Montgomery, Dr. Seuss, George Orwell, Suzanne Collins, Veronica Roth, H. G. Wells, Lewis Carroll, Lois Lowry, J. R. R. Tolkien