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Thrall Library Times

What's New & Interesting at Middletown Thrall Library!

Fall 2015 Edition

"In all things of nature there is something of the marvelous." – Aristotle

From Our Library Director
Matt Pfisterer

2016 Library Budget Vote

The **Public Vote** on the proposed **2016 library district budget and election of trustees** will be held from **8:00 am – 8:00 pm on Tuesday October 6, 2015**. Polls will be open in the Reading Room of the Middletown Thrall Library (11-19 Depot Street Middletown, NY 10940).

Those who wish to vote early before the Library is open can enter the Library 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 gross operating budget for 2015 is \$3,481,497.00 representing an **increase of 1.3%** from the previous year. The proposed budget will increase the tax levy by \$65,860.00 or 2.23% over 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 Thrall Middletown 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 are **two trustees** 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 on the library's website at www.thrall.org/budget

From Our Head of Reference Services
Mary Susan Flannery Climes

Back to School

As a new school year commences, we invite students of *all* ages and academic pursuits to visit us and discover how our library and its website (www.thrall.org) can help you advance with your **homework assignments** or **research projects** while also enabling you to broaden your **interests, awareness, abilities, and career potential** through our *many* free resources and services.

Gain the **academic advantage** you deserve through our **free research tools** (many of which you can access from *home*), our **computers** and **word processors**, **free WI-FI** service, **study guides, books** and **eBooks, databases, Web guides, encyclopedias** (in print or online), **study guides, literary criticism**, guides to **colleges** and **financial aid**, and *more*.

Our **Reference librarians** are eager to help you find the information you need! You can also **ask us questions** online at any time by going to www.thrall.org/ask or **call** our **Reference Department** at **(845) 341-5461** when we're open!

OverDrive eBooks Drop-In Support

If you need help getting started with our **eBook** and **eAudioBook service OverDrive**, consider coming to a drop-in support session. You will need to bring your fully charged **device**, and your valid and current **library card**. These sessions are first-come-first serve and will begin at the **Reference Desk**. **September's schedule is:**

- **Thursday, September 3rd**, 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM
- **Saturday, September 19th**, 1 PM – 2 PM
- **Monday, September 28th**, 4 PM - 4:45 PM

Librarians at our **Reference Desk** can always help you to navigate our website to: find our **e-collection**, get started and troubleshoot with **OverDrive**, and contact the OverDrive technical **support desk**. But, if you need *more* help, please come to one of our drop-in sessions.

China... Election 2016... Pluto...

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Use our **Blogs, Special Coverage Center, and Current Interests Center** websites to keep up with **major news topics** and to find **key links** to related information.

Wherever You Go

From hi-def monitors to smartphone screens, our **website** is *wherever you are* and on nearly *any Web-enabled device* you use. No "apps" required! Just visit www.thrall.org on your **tablet, smartphone, computer, laptop, etc.**, and *enjoy!*

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Middletown Thrall Library

11 - 19 Depot Street, Middletown, New York 10940

Our **Fall / Winter hours** (as of **Sept. 12, 2015**):

Mon.- Thurs.: 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, ext. 5479

Adult Events Coordinator: 341-5483

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

(From Our Head of Reference Services - continued)

Have You Tried **TERC**?

Testing Education Reference Center
www.thrall.org/terc

This amazing service is available at our library (and *at home* to members of Thrall via their **library cards**). **TERC** includes:

- **Study materials and practice tests** (SAT, ASVAB, NCLEX, GRE, and many more)
- Information on **4,000+ accredited schools**
- **Scholarship** searching
- **High School Tools** (TASC, GED, AP)
- **College Prep** and **Family College Planning**
- **Career Tools** (resume, cover letter, interviews)
- **Graduate School Tools**
- **International Tools** (TOEFL, TOEIC, U.S. Citizenship)

Upcoming Events

www.thrall.org/events

These **free events** will be held in our **2nd Floor Community Room**:

New York Blood Center Blood Drive
Wed., Sept. 2, 2015, 12 - 6 PM

Notes from the Other Side

Tuesday, September 1, 2015, 6 - 8 PM

Book talk and book signing with local history author Marc B. Frie.

Traditional Chinese Music
Saturday, Sept. 12, 2015, 1:30 PM

Musical selections from past concerts, a documentary on the history of Chinese music, and more about the culture and stories behind it all.

Afternoon Movies: 3rd Wednesday each month, 3 PM:

Sept. 16: *Anne of the Thousand Days* (1969). 145min. Drama. PG.

Oct. 21: *Casper* (1995). 100 min. Comedy/fantasy. PG.

Nov. 18: *Mary, Queen of Scots* (1971). 132 min. Bio. PG-13.

Dec. 16: *Cold Comfort Farm* (1996). 104 min. Comedy. PG.

Job Search Assistance & Career Coaching

Presented by career coach and resume writer Gregg Knowles. Choose from one or both options: **Thursday, September 10, 3 - 6 PM** or **Thursday, September 24, 1 - 4 PM**. Get help writing or updating your **resum **, exploring **career options**, **applying** for jobs online, preparing for **interviews**, or learning how to use **LinkedIn**.

Also: **Job Search Workshop (Saturday, September 19, 10 AM - 1 PM)**: Topics include: writing effective resumes, cover letters, effective job search strategies, and preparing for interviews.

Please note: free registration is required. Please call 325-9240.

Mystery Author Rich Zahradnik

Monday, September 14, 2015, 6:30-8 PM

Join us for a book talk, reading, and signing with this local author.

RJ Storm & Old School Bluegrass Band
Sunday, Sept. 20th, 2 - 3:30 PM

Enjoy energetic, artistic, and engaging bluegrass music!

Save Energy, Save Dollars!

Presented by Camille Marcotte, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County
Thursday, Sept. 24, 2015, 6 - 8 PM

Energy conservation information for residents. Receive **free CFL bulbs** at the end of this workshop! **Free registration required:** call (845) 677-8223, ext. 138 or send e-mail to ctm78@cornell.edu.

Remarkable Reads Book Discussion

Tuesday, Sept. 29th, 3 PM

We will discuss **10% Happier** by **Dan Harris**. Books are available for borrowing at Thrall or reserving through our library system (RCLS).

(Upcoming Events – continued)

Local Authors & Illustrators Showcase

Saturday, September 26, 2015, 11 AM - 4 PM

Meet **local authors** and **illustrators**! Enjoy **raffles** and **mini-talks**!

Get to know **Bill Braine, Jason Gehlert, MJ Hanley-Goff, Richard Hull, Eleanor Kuhns, Mike Worden, Frances Brown, and Marianne Sciucco**, and others! Refreshments will be served.

This event is **free** and **open to the public**. For more information, please contact **Gail Myker**: thrall3@warwick.net or (845) 341-5483.

Youth Services Events

For information on any of these events, please visit our Children's Dept. or call (845) 341-5470.

Learn to Knit or Crochet!

Sign up for a **free class** on **Mondays, 6 PM - 7:45 PM**:

Sept. 14th, Sept. 28th, Oct. 19th, Nov. 2nd,

Nov. 16th, Nov. 30th, Dec. 7th

also available: **Afternoon Knitting & Crochet**

Thursdays (2 - 4 PM): Sept. 3rd, Sept. 17th, Oct. 1st, Oct. 22nd, Nov. 5th, Nov. 19th, Dec. 3rd, Dec. 10th.

Read to Sasha the Therapy Dog!

Mondays (4:15 PM - 5:30 PM) in the Story Time Room:

Sept. 21st, Sept. 28th, Oct 19th, Nov. 9th, Nov. 16th,

Nov. 30th, Dec. 7th. Ages 6 - 13. **Registration required.**

Bricks 4 Kidz

Saturdays at 10:30 AM in our **Story Time Room** at Thrall

on: Sept. 12th, Sept. 26th, Oct. 17th, Nov. 14th

A **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)** program promoting **engineering** and **architecture** principles through guided **Lego building**. It's **free**! Ages 5 - 9. **Registration required.**

GAME ON! Fridays: Oct. 2nd, Nov. 6th, and Dec. 4th

Own a **Nintendo DS**? Bring your favorite **game(s)** and get ready for some serious **fun**! Ages 6-14. **No registration required.**

Need Help with Your Homework?

Middletown Thrall Library's Volunteers will assist staff in providing homework help to students in grades 1-6. Homework Help is available **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays (4-7 PM)** in our **2nd Floor Story Time Room**: **Sept. 22nd & 24th, Oct. 6th, 8th, 13th, 15th, 20th, 22nd, 27th, 29th, Nov. 3rd, 5th, 10th, 12th, 17th, 19th, (No Homework Help Nov. 24th or 26th), Dec. 1st, 3rd, 8th, 10th, 15th (No Homework Help on Dec. 17th, 22nd, 25th, 29th or 31st).** There is **no registration required** for homework help.

Story Time!

Register Mon., Sept. 7, 2015 through Mon., Sept. 21, 2015.

Story Time runs: Wednesday, Sept. 23rd to October 21st.

"First Step" (Drop-In Story Time) Ages: 18 months – 35 months
In our Story Time Room. 9:30-10:00 AM. **No registration required.**

"Explorers" (Story Time & Craft). Ages: 3 & 4
In our Story Time Room, 10:15–10:45 AM. **Registration required.**

"Moving on Up" (Story Time & Craft) Ages: 5-7
In our Story Time Room, 4:15 pm–5:00 pm. **Registration required**

Spooky Fun for Halloween!

Wed., Oct. 28, 2015

Come dressed in your favorite costume! Listen to our favorite spooky tales! These events will be held in our **Story Time Room**:

"First Step" (ages 18 to 35 months) 9:30 AM – 10 AM
No registration required.

"Explorers" (ages 3-4) 10:15 AM – 10:45 AM
Registration required.

"Moving on Up" (ages 5-7), 4:15 PM – 5:00 PM
Registration required.