

# Thrall Library Times

What's New & Interesting at Middletown Thrall Library!

## Fall 2017 Edition

"Knowledge is more than equivalent to force." - Samuel Johnson

### From Our Library Director Matt Pfisterer

#### Budget & Library Trustees Vote

The public vote on the proposed 2018 library district budget and election of Trustees will be held from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm on Tuesday, October 3, 2017.

Polls will be open in the Reading Room at 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 Wallkill 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 2018 is \$3,562,635.00 representing an increase of 2.9% from the previous year. The proposed budget will increase the tax levy by \$250,560.00 or 8.26% over the previous year. This increase was necessitated by a significant loss of revenue caused by the expiration of the P.I.L.O.T. agreement between the Town of Wallkill and the Crystal Run Galleria Mall. The proposed budget represents the minimum amount of funding required to maintain Library hours of operation and services at their current levels.

Currently there are two incumbent Trustees running for reelection to serve four year terms on Middletown Thrall Library's Board of Trustees.

You can pick up a copy of the proposed budget in the library, view the information online at [www.thrall.org/budget](http://www.thrall.org/budget) or for more information call (845) 341-5485.

### Middletown Thrall Library

11 - 19 Depot Street, Middletown, New York 10940

Fall Hours (as of Sept. 9, 2017)

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](http://www.thrall.org)

### From Our Head of Reference Services Mary Susan Flannery Climes

#### Getting to Know Your World [www.thrall.org/know](http://www.thrall.org/know)

Increasing our personal awareness about the world can help us not only to become better informed, but also more understanding, perhaps more patient, tolerant, if not more compassionate as we take the time to begin to understand others, past and current events, ideas, and our larger world.

It can also be fun to engage our intellectual curiosities, exciting to accept the challenge of new perspectives, and pleasantly surprising to discover we have a nearly limitless potential to navigate new ideas and discover fresh interests.

With this in mind, we invite you to try our newest online service for members of Thrall: **Know Your World**. From this one interface you can investigate major ideas, places, persons, and events –past and present – without typing! Just select something, specify what to search, and press go.

Instantly locate articles within our subscription databases and online encyclopedias – or easily identify related items (books, DVDs, etc.) in our library system. Follow our guides to locate potentially informative websites or quickly access our Ask a Librarian service to inquire further on any topic!

Knowledge is power, and we invite you to explore this free service – and your library's other services – so you can further discover and develop your personal interests and your many great potentials. Know your world and empower yourself now!

#### Informe Academico [www.thrall.org/informe](http://www.thrall.org/informe)

This new Spanish-language database is now available at the above Web address!

#### Official descriptions provided by the publisher:

**Spanish:** "Diseñada especialmente para los estudiantes e investigadores de America Latina, Informe Academico alberga en su portal mas de 7 millones de articulos de caracter cientifico, academico y de interes general, provinientes de 18 paises."

**English:** "Designed specifically for Latin American students and researchers, Informe Academico is home to more than 7 million scientific, academic and general interest articles from 18 countries."

This database can be freely accessed at Thrall or outside the library (for example, at home). If outside the library, you can log in with your Thrall / RCLS library card or with your location (as long as you are in New York at that moment).

## From Our Government Information Librarian Karen A. Heil

Now that Summer is almost over and the back to school push has begun, it's time to remind our children that it is always a good time to read! **The Center for the Book** in the **Library of Congress** has a website that can help: [www.read.gov](http://www.read.gov)

We all know how hard it can be to get the kids away from technology, so why fight it when we can encourage them to find an adventure by reading a great book online?



**Classic books** with their **original covers** can appeal to young children and teens, especially when some of those titles are on **school reading lists**. Read a book like *The Raven* by Edgar Allan Poe just as it was published in 1884.

Video webcasts of authors like **Stephen King** and **Cassandra Clare** add a new dimension to their writing. The site includes a **Young Reader's Center** with a **Teen Board** that reads critically and offers reviews of new books.

There is also a link to **Contests for Young People** that encourages **budding authors** to write **books, poems, or speeches** that are judged on a local and national level.

If you are in **Second or Third Grade**, you can even help write a book by collaborating on a new chapter for "The Technicolor Adventures of Catalina Neon," a bilingual, illustrated poem created by Poet Laureate **Juan Felipe Herrera** and artist, **Juana Medina**.

Experience books that have shaped the world and maybe add some of *your own!*

## Free Public Events at Middletown Thrall Library

Please visit [www.thrall.org/events](http://www.thrall.org/events) for full details or call 341-5483. These **free events** will be held in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor **Community Room** (unless otherwise noted):

**Freedom, Fun, Genius – A Book Talk**  
with author **Johanna Sophia**  
September 5, 2017, 6 PM

**Blood Drive with New York Blood Center**  
September 6, 2017, 12 - 6 PM  
Medical eligibility questions? Please call 1-800-688-0900.

**Harvesting, Drying, and Storing Flowers and Herbs**  
Presented by Cornell's **Master Gardener Speakers Bureau**  
September 12, 2017, 6 PM

Lisa Leonard Presents *Essential Oils & Hormones*  
September 17, 2017, 1 PM

**Starting Your Own Business** (Register: 341-5483)  
A free seven-week seminar with Steven Lindner:  
5:15 PM to 7:30 PM on: **Sept. 18, Sept. 25, Oct. 2, Oct. 16, Oct. 23, Oct. 30, 2017, and Nov. 6, 2017.**

**R.J. Storm & Old School Bluegrass Band**  
September 23, 2017, 2 PM

**Remarkable Reads Book Discussion: Sept. 2017**  
We will discuss *The Nest* by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney  
September 27, 2017, 3 PM

Dina Falconi Presents *The Art and Science of Foraging*  
October 21, 2017, 1 PM

**Afternoon Movies** (films begin at 3 PM)  
Sept. 20: *Florence Foster Jenkins* (2016). 110 min. Comedy. PG-13.  
Oct. 18: *The Grudge* (2004). 91 min. Horror. PG-13.  
Nov. 15: *City Slickers* (1991). 114 min. Comedy. PG-13.  
Dec. 20: *Xanadu* (1980). 96 min. Fantasy / musical. PG.

## Children's Events

To register for certain events or for more information, visit our **Children's Dept.** or call 341-5470.

**ALL EVENTS ARE FREE!**

### Robin Hood: A Live Performance

by **Traveling Lantern Theatre Company**  
October 7, 2017, 1 PM in our **Community Room** at Thrall

Learn about the heroic outlaw! This performance was made possible by the **Friends of Middletown Thrall Library**. For all ages. No registration required.

### Homeschooler's Science Club

1:30 - 3 PM, in our **Community Room** at Thrall:  
Oct. 20, 2017, Nov. 17, 2017, Jan. 19, 2018.

For questions or registration, please call (914) 772-0180.

### Spanish Story Time

**Ms. Hanna** will read Stories in Spanish for elementary school students on **Saturdays** in our **Story Time Room** on these dates: **Sept. 30, Oct. 28, and Dec. 16.** Choose a session:

Either **session 1** (ages 2 - 5 years old) **11 -11:30 am**  
or **session 2** (ages 6 - 12 years old), **11:30 am - noon.**  
**No registration is required.**

### Fall Story Time

Registration begins **Monday, August 28, 2017.**

**Special Story Time** with **Special Guest "Sukey Molloy"** on **September 13, October 4, and October 18.**

**Regular Story Time** runs **Oct. 25, 2017 to Nov. 1, 2017.**

**Sessions: 9:30 AM - 10 AM** (ages 18 months - 35 months)  
or **10:15 AM - 10:45 AM** (ages 3 - 4)

### Bricks 4 Kidz 2017

**10:30 AM** in our **Story Time Room**

Guided **Lego activities** and **great creative fun** for ages 5-9:

**Sept. 23, 2017** (register as of Monday, **Sept. 5, 2017**)  
**Oct. 21, 2017** (register as of Monday, **Oct. 2, 2017**)  
**Nov. 18, 2017** (register as of Monday, **Oct. 30, 2017**)  
**Dec. 9, 2017** (register as of Monday, **Nov. 20, 2017**)

### Knitting & Crochet 2017

**Free Evening Classes** (6 PM - 7:45 PM):  
Sept. 18, Oct. 2, Oct. 23, Nov. 6, Nov. 20, Dec. 4

### Afternoon Knitting & Crochet

**Thursdays** (2 - 4 PM) in our **Story Time Room**:  
**Sept. 21, Oct. 5, Oct. 26, Nov. 9, Dec. 7**

### Advanced Knitting & Crochet

**Mondays** (6 PM - 7:45 PM) in our **Story Time Room**:  
**Sept. 25, Oct. 16, Oct. 30, Nov. 13, Nov. 27, Dec. 11**

### Homework Help

Homework Help begins **Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2017: Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** (4-7 PM) and also **Wednesdays** (5-7 PM) in the **Story Time Room** at Middletown Thrall Library.

**No Homework Help** on **Sept. 21, Nov. 22, Nov. 23, and Dec. 21** through **Jan 1, 2018.** We resume **Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018.**

Also, we will **not meet** from **March 26 through March 30, 2018:** Homework Help resumes on **Tuesday, April 3, 2018** and concludes on **Thursday, June 7, 2018.**

**The last day in 2018 for Homework Help is June 7, 2018.** For students in grades 1 to 6. **No registration is required.**