

Thrall Library Times

What's New & Interesting at Middletown Thrall Library!

Fall 2018 Edition

"The heart should have fed upon the truth, as insects on a leaf, till it be tinged with the color, and show its food in every the minutest fiber." – Samuel Taylor Coleridge

From Our *Library Director* Matt Pfisterer

Thrall Brawlers Capture "Battle of the Books" Second Place Banner!

We are very proud to announce that on Saturday, September 8, 2018, the "Thrall Brawlers," Middletown Team Two and their coach, Children's Librarian Theresa, captured the Second Place banner at this year's *Battle of the Books* held at SUNY Orange.

The Battle of the Books is a young adult program in which middle and high school aged children read a series of books over the summer and meet regularly to review plot elements of the books in preparation for a quiz bowl style battle which features teams from the Ramapo Catskill Library System in Orange, Rockland, Ulster and Sullivan counties.

Eighteen teams competed in this year's battle and the competition was fierce. Through several rounds of competition the Thrall Brawlers persevered while exhibiting expert knowledge of each book, good sportsmanship, and a winning attitude. Congratulations and thanks to Theresa and Middletown Team Two for their fantastic performance at this year's Battle of the Books!

Middletown Thrall Library Hosts Fifth Annual Local Authors & Illustrators Showcase

Middletown Thrall Library will host its *fifth* annual Local Authors and Illustrators Showcase on **Saturday, October 20th from 10:30 am to 3 pm**. This free event is a wonderful opportunity for readers and writers to meet local authors, to learn about the publishing process, and to view and purchase books directly from the people who create them.

"This is Thrall Library's signature event," says executive director Matt Pfisterer. "We are pleased to provide an opportunity to connect a diverse group of talented, local authors with those who come to our library in search of great reads and unique literary perspectives."

Middletown author Marianne Sciucco, event organizer, and library trustee says, "The Hudson Valley is rich with talent, especially literary talent. This event gives these authors exposure, and introduces them to readers who may be looking for something beyond the bestsellers."

Middletown Thrall Library

11 - 19 Depot Street, Middletown, New York 10940

Library Hours

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

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

NEW: *Consumer Reports* www.thrall.org/databases

Members of Thrall can now enjoy **free and complete access** to **ConsumerReports.org**, the official website of *Consumer Reports*.

From their official description: "We buy and test thousands of products every year to generate reviews and ratings to help consumers, support our investigative journalism and trusted consumer guidance, and advocate for consumer-friendly marketplace practices. Before any product even enters one of the dozens of labs at our Westchester, NY headquarters, CR conducts considerable research — gathering data about products and services, consumer demand in the marketplace, and what our members care about most. Editorial, technical, and research staff then scrutinize that material, along with suggestions from our members, to develop our testing protocols and schedule."

Locate **news**, **product reviews**, and **ratings** for products like:

Appliances, Babies and Children, Cars (new and used), **Electronics, Health, Home and Garden, Money / Credit / Insurance**, and more.

To access this website freely, please first visit our website, either via the **Databases** link above or from the Databases section of our **home page** (www.thrall.org).

NEW: *Change Your World* www.thrall.org/change

For anyone (well, hopefully *everyone*) interested in **participating more** in their **community** and **government** (local, state, or national) while exercising their **democratic duties, rights**, and individual / collective **powers**, we created a new guide online.

Anyone can use **Change Your World** to begin to understand:

- how social, political, and other changes happen in our society
- peaceful, practical, prudent, and productive means to inspire and lead to change

This resource is intentionally *neutral*, favoring no single ideology.

Topics include...

Civics: duties / rights / freedoms of citizens, government

Elections: elections, voting, candidates, running for office

History: movements, documents, and more

Taking Action: lobbying, writing letters to editors, petitions, contacting government representatives, promoting ideas, invoking Constitutional freedoms of speech and assembly to highlight and address (or protest) concerns and advocate change in a peaceful yet prominent public manner.

Terminology: important words you should know

Explore **websites**, **videos**, **library items**, **news**, and more.

From Our New Government Information Librarian
Victoria Turner

The Federal Depository Library Program (www.FDL.gov) has recognized the New York State State Library in its *Depository Library Spotlight* newsletter: www.fdlp.gov/all-newsletters/depository-library-spotlight/3471-depository-spotlight-new-york-state-library

Our State Library, which serves as our regional depository library for government documents, is celebrating its 200th Bicentennial Anniversary celebration this year!

Established in April of 1818, the New York State Library, part of the Office of Cultural Education, serves the state government in addition to the people of New York. Their collection includes over 20 million items, making this library "...the largest of the nation's state libraries, and the only one to qualify for membership in the prestigious Association of Research Libraries. How it rose to its present preeminence is a fascinating, suspenseful and even uplifting chapter in library and State History."

Discover more about the State Library's fascinating history either at nysl.nysed.gov/library/otherpubs/capasset.htm or by visiting their library in person!

This fall, their library's commemorative exhibits included **Read All About It**, which features **New York State newspapers** that were published in 1818, 1918, and 2018. A second exhibit, entitled, **As It Was In The Beginning**, will open in November of 2018, and will feature titles acquired by the Library at the time of its creation- *two hundred years ago!*

Free Public Events at Middletown Thrall Library

These events will be held in our 2nd Floor
Community Room (unless otherwise noted):

Career Coaching: Resume Help and More!
Please call Gregg Knowles at (845) 325-9240 for registration and location of private sessions:

- October 4, 18, 25
- November 8, 29
- December 6, 13, 20

**Middletown Fire Department
Touch a Truck!**
Saturday, October 13, 2018, 12 - 4 PM

Local Authors & Illustrators Showcase 2018
October 20, 2018, 10:30 AM - 3 PM
Meet the authors and illustrators, learn about their works!

The Esposito Family Concert
Sunday, October 21, 2018, 2 PM
A memorable multi-musical-genre event for all ages!

Remarkable Reads Book Discussion
The Residence Inside the Private World of the White House by Kate Andersen Brower
Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2018, 3 PM

Meet Maria Patrizio, author of *Successfully Navigating Family Court in New York*.
Nov. 7, 2018, 6 - 8 PM!

Children's Events

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

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE!

Sherlock Holmes Takes the Case

Sat., October 13, 2018, 1 PM

Performed by Traveling Lantern Theatre Company
FREE! Family event! No registration required!

Drawing Haunted Houses

with Art Instructor Catherine DeMaio

Sat., Oct. 27, 2018, 11 am - 1 pm

For ages 7 through 13. Registration required.

Teen Book Club

We'll meet at 4:30 pm - 5:45 pm in our Story Time Room on:
October 19, November 16 & 30, December 14

Registration required. For students in grades 6 through 12.

Soap Making for Beginners

Friday, October 26, 2018, 3 - 5 pm

Let's learn how to make soap using essential oils!
For ages 8 to 13. Registration required.

2018 - 2019 Homework Help!

Available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays,
& Thursdays 4 PM to 7 PM:

For students in grades 1 to 6. No registration required.

PLEASE NOTE: No Homework Help when either the Middletown School District is CLOSED or when after-school activities are cancelled. Also, there will be NO Homework Help on: Nov. 21 & 22 and Dec. 20, 2018 through Jan. 1, 2019. Homework Help then resumes on Wed., Jan. 2, 2019.

Knit & Crochet Workshops

"Sit-N-Knit" or "Sit-N-Crochet" Mondays, 6 PM - 7:45 PM

Dates: October 15, 22, & 29, November 5, 19, & 26

December 3 & 10 (Holiday Gathering)

Learn a new stitch! Make a new friend! Have fun!

Must be proficient in knitting or crochet.

For ages 8 and up. Registration required.

**Also available: Workshops for Beginners (by appointment)
and**

Afternoon Workshops, Thursdays, 2 PM - 4 PM:

October 11 & 25, November 8 & 29, December 6.

Bring your projects or start a new project!

For ages 8 and up. Registration required.

Must be proficient in knitting or crochet.

Arts & Crafts with Ms. Rainbow

Saturdays, 11 AM - 12:30 PM

For ages 6 - 12. Registration required.

Choose from any of these free art workshops:

"Happy Halloween": Saturday, October 20, 2018

"Let's Give Thanks!": Saturday November 17, 2018

"Holiday Art": Saturday, December 8, 2018