

# Thrall Library Times

What's New & Interesting at Middletown Thrall Library!

## May 2011 Issue

"To see a world in a grain of sand..." – William Blake

### From Matt Pfisterer Director of Middletown Thrall Library

Here at the Library our wonderful staff, and professional librarians, have always been committed to providing outstanding library services to our community. Library statistics from our 2010 Annual report to the State show that for 2010 library users:

- Borrowed 261,819 total items
- Borrowed 82,042 children's items
- Answered 30,386 reference questions
- Added 31,534 items to our collection
- Provided 244 Children's Young Adult and Adult Programs
- Thrall Library's website was visited 2,615,829 times!

These numbers show that for 2010 the Library experienced increased usage. Our challenge is to maintain our high level of customer service while consistently meeting or exceeding the needs of our Library users. This is our goal, and I am confident that you will find that we are up to the task.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the Library with questions or suggestions about how we can improve your experiences at the Library.

### A Fond Farewell

We will be wishing a fond farewell to one of our professional librarians, Barbara Chumard, who has announced that she will be retiring at the end of June. Barbara has had a distinguished career at the Library during which she has been involved with various aspects of Library operations including: publicity, circulation desk, reference, interlibrary loans, and adult programming on and off since 1973. After earning her Masters Degree in Library Science in 1996, Barbara became the Library's full-time Adult Programmer and a Reference Librarian. Some of the most significant contributions she made to the success of the Library include innovative programs like the "Reel Eclectic" independent and international film series, (continued)

### Middletown Thrall Library

11 - 19 Depot Street, Middletown, New York 10940

Matt Pfisterer, Library Director

**Library 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:** 341-5483

**Adult Programs and Book Discussions:** 341-5454, ext. 5479

For more news and free services, please visit [www.thrall.org](http://www.thrall.org)

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"Afternoon Movies for Grown-Ups," and our ongoing book discussion series. Barbara has also obtained several grants which have brought exhibits featuring George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Alexander Hamilton and Benjamin Franklin to the Library. Barbara also managed the distribution of State and Federal Tax forms to the public, and she went to great pains, including lifting, stacking, and rummaging through endless boxes of tax forms to make sure that they were available to the public.

Although I have only had the pleasure of working with Barbara for a few short months, I have been impressed with her seemingly boundless energy, can do attitude, grace under pressure, and absolute dedication to meeting the varied needs of Library users at the reference desk or in planning and managing quality library programs for adults.

Barbara, I would like to extend the thanks of the Board of Trustees, staff, and Friends of the Thrall Middletown Library for your many years of valuable service, and we wish you a happy, healthy, and fulfilling retirement. You will be missed.

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

#### Poetry Resources & Guide [www.thrall.org/literature](http://www.thrall.org/literature)

In honor of **National Poetry Month** (April), we expanded our **Literature guide** to include a number of new poetry resources available **on the Internet and within the library system**.

In addition to **websites**, you can explore **famous poets and poems** as well as select **poetry anthologies** within the library catalog.

To begin browsing, please go to the link above (or go to our **home page** at [www.thrall.org](http://www.thrall.org) and select **Literature** from our list of **Web Guides**). From there, select either the "**Poetry in the Library Catalog**" or "**Poetry**" (Literature on the Web) option from the menu.

We also created a **concise guide** to notable poets and poetry. Free copies of "**Looking for: Poetry**" are available at the library (near the adult library catalog computers) and online at our **Thrall Publications** page (in the **Reference Services and Research** section at [www.thrall.org/docs](http://www.thrall.org/docs)).

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## World Literature Collection

We recently enriched our **literature collections** with more **classics and contemporary works of literature from around the world**. Sample titles include:

*The 100 Best African-American Poems*  
*Anthology of Japanese Literature*  
*An Anthology of Modern Irish Poetry*  
*The Art of the Story: An International Anthology*  
*Basho: The Complete Haiku*  
*The Cambridge Companion to Cervantes*  
*The Cambridge Companion to Jewish American Literature*  
*The Cambridge History of Spanish Literature*  
*Classical Chinese Poetry: An Anthology*  
*The Columbia Anthology of Modern Chinese Literature.*  
*A Companion to German Literature*  
*A Companion to Latin Literature*  
*The Ecco Anthology of International Poetry*  
*FSG Book of Twentieth-Century Latin American Poetry*  
*The Facts on File Companion to the World Novel:*  
*1900 to the Present (2 volumes)*  
*The Greek Poets: Homer to the Present*  
*Introduction to Italian Poetry: A Dual Language Book*  
*The Kalevala: An Epic Poem After Oral Tradition*  
*Latin American Folktales: Stories from Hispanic and Indian Traditions*  
*The Literature of Australia: An Anthology*  
*The Longman Anthology of World Literature*  
*The Mabinogion*  
*Native American Songs and Poems: An Anthology*  
*The Norton Anthology of Latino Literature*  
*The Norton Anthology of World Literature (2 volumes)*  
*The Oxford Book of French Short Stories*  
*The Oxford Guide to Arthurian Literature and Legend*  
*Pancatantra: The Book of India's Folk Wisdom*  
*The Penguin Book of Modern African Poetry*  
*The Poetic Edda*  
*The Reader's Companion to World Literature*  
*Russian Short Stories: From Pushkin to Buida*  
*Scotland's Books: The Penguin History of Scottish Literature*  
*The Shambhala Anthology of Chinese Poetry*  
*The World's Greatest Short Stories*  
*The Yale Anthology of Twentieth-century French Poetry*

To check on these titles, please **search by title** in the **library system catalog** or visit the **World Literature Collection** post in our **Booklovers** blog (found at [www.thrall.org/blogs](http://www.thrall.org/blogs)). More titles are listed there!

### Seen the Movie? Now Read the Book!

We expanded our **library catalog video browser** to include titles of **books made into movies**.

From literary classics (such as the novels of Jane Austen) to modern adaptations of contemporary works of fiction (such as *Atonement* or *The Time Traveler's Wife*), there are many titles you can quickly locate or request in the library catalog.

Book titles are arranged in two sections: **For the Entire Family** and **For Adult Audiences**. Some books have more than one edition, and **audio books** may be available as well.

We also have a printed ***Movies Inspired by Books*** flyer available at the library (which can also be downloaded from our website – see **Movie Guides** at [www.thrall.org/docs](http://www.thrall.org/docs))

Our online video browser now also features titles of notable **New Releases** starting with January 2011. You can easily and instantly check on (and try to reserve) these or other titles listed in our video browser within a couple of clicks!

## "Reel Eclectic" Film Series

Our independent and international film series continues in 2011 on these dates at 7 PM: **June 2, July 7, August 4, September 1, October 6, November 3, December 1**

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### "Afternoon Movies for Grown-Ups" 2011

This series of "something-for-everyone" films continues in 2011 on the following dates at 2 PM: **May 18, June 15, July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21.**

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### Kids: Get Creative & "Come Draw with Me!"

On **Saturdays** for ages **7 to 12**. Limit of 15 members of Thrall Library. **Registration required**. Upcoming themes:

<b>May 7</b>	1 - 2 PM	"Rainbows"
<b>June 4</b>	12 - 1 PM	"Circus"
<b>July 9</b>	12 - 1 PM	"N.Y.C."
<b>August 6</b>	12 - 1 PM	"Red Cardinals"
<b>September 10</b>	12 - 1 PM	"Yellow School Bus"
<b>October 8</b>	1 - 2 PM	"Frankenstein"
<b>November 5</b>	1 - 2 PM	"Cornucopia"
<b>December 3</b>	12 - 1 PM	"Doves"

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### Game Days at Thrall

Join us for Game Days the **first Friday of each month** starting **May 6** from **4 PM to 6 PM**: May 6, June 3, July 1, October 7, November 4, December 2. We will have games for all ages! Please Note for August and September there are no First Friday Gaming nights. For more information, please visit the Children's Department or call **341-5470**.

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### Go Getters' Book Club

Kids, please join our club! We will meet in the Children's Department. There will be **two groups**: **Ages 6 & 7** (grades 1 & 2) and **Ages 8 & 9** (grades 3 & 4). Both groups will meet separately on the following **Tuesdays** from **4:15 to 5:15 PM**: **May 10, May 24, June 7.**

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### Story Time Schedule

Story Time continues on **Wednesdays** up to **June 1**:

**"First Step" Storytime** (18 - 35 months) **9:30 - 10:00 AM**  
**"3 to Get Ready, 4 to Go!"** (3 & 4 years old) **10:15 - 10:45 AM**  
**"Moving Up"** (5 to 7 years old) **4:15 PM - 5:00 PM**

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Friends of Middletown Thrall Library, Inc. Present  
*The Annual Ed Kurdyla Commemorative Program*

## Let Me Sing!

Starring **Jeanne MacDonald**

**May 15, 2 PM at Thrall**, 2nd Floor Community Room.  
Enjoy **classic songs & great music!** Refreshments served.

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## Art of the Doll

**June 14, 7 - 8: 30 PM**

Starring **Michele Severino**,

*Award-winning Doll Artist, Sculptor, Mold Maker, Illustrator, and Creative Consultant*

Learn the history, process, and "heart and soul" of doll making. Michele has designed dolls for Marie Osmond, QVC, HSN, Effanbee, The Hamilton Collection, and more.