

Thrall Library Times

Information and Events at Middletown Thrall Library

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"Every day is a journey, and the journey itself is home." Matsuo Basho

FROM KEVIN J. GALLAGHER MIDDLETOWN THRALL LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Reminder: 2008 Library Budget & Trustee Vote to be held on October 2, 2007

The public budget vote on the proposed 2008 budget for the Thrall Public Library District of Middletown & Wallkill will be held on Tuesday, October 2nd. The polling place will be in the Reading Room of the library. There will also be a vote for three trustee positions this fall. Additional information about the budget has been posted in the library and at our website (www.thrall.org/budget).

A Couple of Recent Approvals from the Friends. Thank You to the Friends of MTL

The Board of the Friends of Middletown Thrall Library recently approved funds for the purchase of *The Dictionary of Medical Biography*, a new five-volume set that will be added to the Adult Reference collection. They also provided funds for some additional free public programs for children and young adults for this fall. Please watch the library's website and check in the library for announcements about upcoming programs.

Library Hosts Visit by Lt. Governor Paterson; Assemblywoman Gunther

The library was pleased to host a visit by Lt. Governor David A. Paterson and Assemblywoman Aileen M. Gunther on Friday, September 21st. This was the Lt. Governor's first visit to the library. Both officials have long been strong advocates for New York's public libraries. He and the Assemblywoman met with local health care officials, as well as with constituents and local media. This visit helped to reaffirm the library's role as a resource center not only for the library district but also for a wider region in Orange and Sullivan Counties.

MIDDLETOWN THRALL LIBRARY

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Library Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday: 9 AM - 8 PM, Friday: 9 AM - 6 PM

Saturday: 10 AM - 5 PM, Sunday: 1 - 5 PM

(Fall/Winter: Saturdays, 10 AM - 5 PM; Sundays: 1 - 5 PM)

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

Children's Dept.: 341-5470 Local History: 341-5483

For more news and free services go to www.Thrall.org

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Government Information Librarian Awarded for Outstanding Achievements!

We are delighted and honored to announce Karen Heil, our Government Information Librarian, has been recognized by the New York Library Association (NYLA) for her ongoing efforts to make government information, in all its forms, available and accessible to the public. Here is the official press release we have received from NYLA:

Jesse Daly, President of the New York Library Association Government Information Roundtable (NYLA/GIRT), has announced that Karen Heil, Government Documents Librarian for the Middletown Thrall Library since 1993, is the 2007 recipient of the NYLA/GIRT Mildred Lowe Award for outstanding contributions to government information librarianship.

Ms. Heil has developed an extensive, attractive, user friendly collection of government information links and materials available at the library's website at www.thrall.org which averages several thousand accesses each month. She is also being recognized for her proaction in making the wide variety of government documents available, easy to use, and better known to borrowers and researchers.

She actively shares information with government documents colleagues and beyond. In addition, she conducts workshops on the use of federal and state documents in the classroom for teachers from area school districts.

The Mildred Lowe Award honors librarians who have made significant contributions to government documents librarianship, access to government information, and/or the encouragement of the use of documents in New York State libraries. It is given in memory of Mildred Lowe, Dean of the Library School at St. John's University and a tireless advocate for public access to government information.

We are most thankful to NYLA/GIRT for this significant recognition.

Middletown Thrall Library, a designated Federal Depository Library, houses tens of thousands of past and current local/state and federal government documents in print, microform, and electronic format. We encourage you to explore these collections and take advantage of the wealth of information available at our library.

FROM THE HEAD OF REFERENCE MARY SUSAN FLANNERY CLIMES

NEW EXPRESS PUBLIC INTERNET TERMINAL!

Thanks to contributions from The Friends of Middletown Thrall Library, Inc., a fifth "Express" terminal has been installed for public Internet access in our Reference area.

Express terminals are perfect for anyone who needs quick and instant access to the Internet or a word processor. True to their name, these terminals come with no actual guarantee of access time, but they may be used as long as no one is waiting for one.

Long-term computers as well as research stations, dedicated word processors, and laser printers are also available. Please inquire at Reference for more details about these services.

A New Book Display: ***Conflict and Character:*** *Stories and Studies of World War II*

A new book display has been established by the adult library catalog computers on the first floor. This display, "Conflict and Character," complements another display across from it honoring local World War II veterans George "Dugan" Cox of Bloomingburg and Harvey Horn of Monroe. Both have amazing stories to tell of their wartime adventures and both have given the library copies of their war reminiscences to be housed in our local history department.

Mr. Cox, drafted at 18, received the Purple Heart twice, the Bronze Star, and the French Legion of Merit Medal. He served in Audie Murphy's company. Mr. Horn, navigator of the flying fortress B17 "Pretty Baby's Boys," had his aircraft shot down by the German navy over the Adriatic Sea. He was taken prisoner of war and held at Stalag 13D. He survived and after the war went on to a distinguished business career which included receiving patents from the US Patent Office. Plans are currently underway to raise his plane from the sea.

Our library displays follow in the spirit of the Ken Burns/PBS documentary *The War*, which commenced on September 23, 2007. *The War* reintroduces us to this conflict through the personal accounts of a handful of men and women from four quintessentially American towns.

We invite all of you stop by, see the exhibit, and check out the many materials on this period in American history.

A New Reader's Advisory Guide for Fantasy/Adventure fans: ***Finished with Potter?***

If you have recently finished reading the Harry Potter books, or, if you would like to discover some new fantasy/adventure authors, a new reader's advisory guide has been created. Free copies are available at the Reference Department. You can also access this guide at our website (at www.thrall.org/blogs). Click on our Booklovers blog link, then read the entry "Finished with Potter." From there you can click on any of the title or author links to jump right into the library catalog to start exploring and reserving items of interest to you. Your next reading adventure is now just a few clicks away!

FROM GOVERNMENT INFORMATION LIBRARIAN, KAREN A. HEIL

"And the winners are..."



Each year the Government Documents Round Table section of the American Library Association chooses the year's Notable Government Documents. The choices this year, some of which are on display near the Government Documents collection, are as varied and vital as the critical issues that face us everyday. *A Failure of Initiative: Final Report of the Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina*, a must for those who hope to be better prepared for future disasters; *The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke: A Report of the Surgeon General*, "In 2005, it was estimated that exposure to secondhand smoke kills more than 3,000 adult nonsmokers from lung cancer, approximately 46,000 from coronary heart disease, and an estimated 430 newborns from sudden infant death syndrome." *National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza Implementation Plan*, a look at responses needed from an international to a local level; *Al-Qaeda: The Many Faces of an Islamist Extremist Threat: Report of the U.S. House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, a brief but very readable summary of the ongoing threat. On the lighter side, *Research-Based Web Design & Usability Guidelines*, a great book for anyone involved in Web site design; *Library of Congress Law Library: An Illustrated Guide offering a fascinating history of the law and the United States Senate Catalogue of Graphic Art*, a beautiful compilation and history of art work in the Senate. Come and see our display!

Still in progress...

Thrall's 2007 Fall Book Discussion Series

Animal Tales *A Menagerie of Creatures Great and Small*

Our book discussion series continues on these dates:

Wednesday, October 10th, 7-9 PM:
Book: *Animal Farm* by George Orwell

Wednesday, October 24th, 7-9 PM:
Book: *Straight Man* by Richard Russo

Wednesday, November 7th, 7-9 PM:
Book: *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen

All programs are FREE. For books, flyer, more details, or to get on our adult program mailing list (print or electronic) please contact the program coordinator at (845) 341-5479 or send e-mail to thrall16@warwick.net.