

Thrall Library Times

What's New & Interesting at Middletown Thrall Library!

Spring 2013 Edition

"The beginning of knowledge is the discovery of something we do not understand." – Frank Herbert

From Matt Pfisterer Director of Middletown Thrall Library

Some Library Statistics

Numbers from the Library's Annual Report to the State of NY indicate that our community continues to utilize the valuable resources available to them at the Library.

Did you know that in 2012...

- **277,763** total library items were borrowed.
- **92,651** children's items were borrowed.
- We answered **31,085** reference questions.
- We added **49,348** items to our collection!
- **218** educational and entertainment programs for children, teens, and adults were attended.
- Our www.thrall.org library website was visited **2,937,162** times!

Because our Library shares its resources with the other 48 members of the Ramapo Catskill Library System, we are able to offer an incredible return on investment to our users.

Here's an example of the power of resource sharing: the cost of buying (at an average of cost of \$20.00 per book) rather than borrowing all of the books for children and adults that the Library loaned in 2012 is \$3,816,200. The cost of renting all of the DVD movies the Library loaned in 2012 from RedBox (4 day rental at 1\$ per day) is \$224,208.

In addition to this return on investment, our courteous and professional staff is committed to providing the highest level of library service to our community.

All in all we at the library are proud to have offered this great return on investment opportunity to our community in 2012, and we hope you take advantage of all we have to offer in 2013.

MIDDLETOWN THRALL LIBRARY

11 - 19 Depot Street, Middletown, New York 10940

Matt Pfisterer, Library Director

Winter 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:** 341-5454, x. 5479

Adult Programs and Book Discussions: 341-5483

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

From the Head of Reference Services Mary Susan Flannery Climes

www.thrall.org

We continue to develop our library's website as we draw inspiration from your feedback and interests. For example, we now offer an **online calendar** (a popular request) so you can quickly browse all the public events upcoming at Thrall.

Our online guides (www.thrall.org/guides) are updated regularly to ensure you can directly explore major and trending topics as well as current events and interests.

Simpler menus, better search options, and other refinements are all part of our ongoing efforts to provide our community unique informational services, personal and professional enrichment opportunities, and powerful research tools.

Women's History Guide

www.thrall.org/whm

We recently expanded our Women's History resource guide to include many new topics, titles, websites, eBooks, and resources available within our local library system. You can now browse famous and historic women by name, locate children's materials, explore DVDs, and learn more about some of the most amazing and influential women in history!

National Poetry Month

www.thrall.org/poetry

April is National Poetry Month! Whether you're new to poetry or a lover of lyrical expressions, we invite you to use our online guide to "Get into Poetry," discover new poems, browse award-winning poets and poetry collections, or to begin to *write some verse of your very own!*

Major eBooks Update!

www.thrall.org/ebooks

OverDrive, the library system's eBook provider, recently updated its service:

- There is a new and improved catalog.
- Checking an eBook out is now easier than ever.
- New search filters can help you locate eBooks faster.
- Some books can now be read *right in your Web browser*.

For a video overview of the updates, please visit OverDrive's website through this link: www.thrall.org/onext

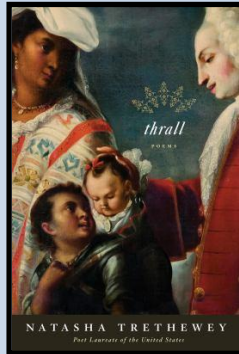
From our Government Information Librarian

The Poetry and Literature Center of the Library of Congress is celebrating its 75th year dedicated in its mission to "foster and enhance the public's appreciation of literature".

The LOC's website (www.loc.gov/poetry) includes short biographies of past poet laureates with webcasts of actual readings. A link to their Poetry Shop and a comprehensive guide to major poetry resources is also available.

In honor of National Poetry Month, I would like to highlight current Poet Laureate Natasha Trethewey's book of poems entitled: **thrall: Poems** (a very convenient name for us!)

The LOC says her poems are "at once deeply personal and historical" and "utterly American, connecting them to ours... as she reflects on a series of small estrangements from her poet father and comes to an understanding of how, as father and daughter, they are part of the ongoing history of race in America."



Urban Fiction on Display

Our newest book display features this popular subgenre. You can browse the display in the **older Adult Fiction** area.

Upcoming Movie Events

in the 2nd Floor Community Room at Thrall

Afternoon Movies (2 PM): April 17th, May 15th, June 19th
Reel Eclectic (7 PM): April 4th, May 2nd, June 6th

Films are free. Please call 341-5461 or 341-5483 for titles.

Book Discussion - April 2, 6:30 PM

in the 2nd Floor Community Room at Thrall

We will discuss the book *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert. Presented by Dr. Lynn Houston, of SUNY Orange.

Pastels - April 6th, 2013, 1 - 3 PM

in the 2nd Floor Community Room at Thrall

Materials provided free! Limited to 25 people. Registration is required: please call (845) 341-5483 to register.

Past Lives - April 16, 2013, 7 - 9 PM

in the 2nd Floor Community Room at Thrall

Lisa Ann will discuss "past life experiences" and more.

The History of Middletown, NY

Tuesday, April 23, 2013, 7 - 9 PM

in the 2nd Floor Community Room at Thrall

Presentation by **Peter Laskaris**, City Historian. Includes a slideshow and a discussion of our city's history.

Poetry Reading - April 30, 2013, 6:30 PM

in the 2nd Floor Community Room at Thrall

Joan I. Siegel, Emerita Professor of English at SUNY Orange, will read from her new book, *Light at Point Reyes*.

Linda Zimmermann - Hudson Valley UFOs

May 6, 6:30 PM: Movie (documentary) on UFOs

May 7, 2013, 7 PM – both events in the 2nd Fl. Community Rm. at Thrall. *Author of *In the Night Sky: Hudson Valley UFOs Sightings*.

Elder Law – May 14, 2013, 10 AM – 12 PM

in the 2nd Floor Community Room at Thrall

Learn about wills, powers of attorney, and more. Presented by the New York State Bar Association.

Orange Blossoms Discussion

May 19, 2013, 2 – 4 PM

in the 2nd Floor Community Room at Thrall

Chuck LaRocca will discuss his new book about the famous Civil War group, the Orange Blossoms.

Children's Events

Please visit the Children's Department, visit our **Youth Blog** (at www.thrall.org/youthblog) or call us at (845) 341-5470 to learn more about these and other upcoming youth events.

"Battle of the Books" 2013

A Friendly Competition between Libraries

Calling all readers grades 6 - 12! Battle of the Books is back in full swing and this year the battle is on our home turf! That's right: this year's battle will be held **Sunday, September 8th right here at Thrall!**

Our next meeting for Battle of the Books will be **April 30th**, so if you're interested, please visit the Children's Dept. for a list of the books and more details (or call us at 341-5470).

So you know: at our first Battle meeting book discussion we will discuss **Legend** by **Marie Lu**, so please make sure you pick up your copy in the Children's Department!

Come Draw with Me!

Get creative! Have fun! For ages 7-12. Upcoming themes:

April 6th 1 - 2 PM: *Tigers*
June 15th, 12 PM - 1 PM: *Snakes*

Afternoon Gaming

Wii on a large screen! No registration required!

Upcoming dates (**4 – 6 PM**): **April 5, May 3** in the 2nd Floor Community Room at Thrall. For **ages 3 – 17**.

Story Time

Register April 2nd - April 15th. Story Time starts: Wednesday, April 17, 2013. "**First Step**" (18–35 months old): 9:30 AM.

Explorers - Story Time & Craft (3 - 4 years old): 10:15 AM,
Moving on Up - Story Time & Craft (5 - 7 years old): 4:15 PM.

Get Homework Help!

Students (**grades 1 – 6**) can get homework help at Thrall on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays (4 – 7 PM)**. Upcoming dates:

April: 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30 **May:** 2, 7, 9

Meet Sasha, the Therapy Dog!

Love dogs? Love to read? If so, visit Sasha, a therapy dog who loves reading! New dates: (**4:15 – 5:30 PM**): **April 8th**, **April 22nd**, and **May 6th**. Ages 6-13. **Registration required.**

Knitting & Crochet Workshops

Mondays & Thursdays in our Story Time Room

For our very latest schedule, please check our **Youth Blog** (www.thrall.org/youthblog) or call us at 341-5470.

Coming this Summer...

Orange County 4-H is partnering with Middletown Thrall Library's Youth Services Department to provide a fun and innovative children's program for the month of July! Please stay tuned while we plan some *great free summer activities!*