

# Thrall Library Times

What's New & Interesting at Middletown Thrall Library!

## Spring 2014 Edition

"That is one good thing about this world... there are always sure to be more Springs." – Anne Shirley, *Anne of Avonlea* by Lucy Maud Montgomery

### From Our Library Director Matt Pfisterer

I would like to take a moment in advance of **National Libraries Week** (April 13 - 19, 2014) to give a shout out of thanks and appreciation to our **Library staff**, **Board of Trustees**, and the **Friends of Middletown Thrall Library** for all of the hard work they do to ensure our community continues to benefit from outstanding library materials and services. **Libraries are more important and relevant today than they have ever been.**

Consider the following facts from a recent **Pew Research Center** study of people's opinions about public libraries:

**95% of Americans ages 16 and older** agree that the materials and resources available at public libraries play an important role in **giving everyone a chance to succeed**;

**95% say that public libraries are important** because they promote **literacy** and a **love of reading**;

**94% say that having a public library improves the quality of life** in a community;

**94% said that based on their own experiences**, they would say that "public libraries are welcoming, **friendly places**."

My guess is that the folks who *disagree* with these statements are ones who have never visited their local public library to discover all of the incredible resources available to them. If you know *any* of these folks, please send them down to the Library and we will be happy to introduce them to all we have to offer.

Please take a moment during National Libraries Week to consider **the value that public libraries provide to their communities and how they help to make our communities a better place for everyone!** You can also show your support and appreciation by participating in the **Friends of Middletown Thrall Library's Annual Membership Drive** which will take place on **April 16 and 17 from 1 PM until 3 PM** in the Library's second floor Community Room. – *Thank you!*

### MIDDLETOWN THRALL LIBRARY

11 - 19 Depot Street, Middletown, New York 10940

Matt Pfisterer, Library Director

**Spring Library Hours:** Mon. – Thurs.: 9 AM – 8 PM  
Fri.: 9 AM - 6 PM Sat.: 10 AM – 5 PM Sun.: 1 PM – 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

#### New Signage

Throughout the circulating portion of our **adult nonfiction** collections we have posted new signs to highlight relevant **services** and **resources freely available** to members of our library.



These custom "shelf-talkers" (as they are often called in the retail world) include smartphone-scannable "**QR codes**" (suarish barcodes), which let you copy our special Web addresses (URLs) quickly and easily for later exploration!

#### National Poetry Month

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

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

Whether you are interested in **learning more** about poets and poetry, a **student**, **teacher**, a lover of **literature**, an **aspiring poet**, or if you are simply interested in potentially **thought-provoking** and **inspiring words**, we invite you to explore our growing **poetry collections** at the library as well as our newly updated **poetry information guides** online.

In addition to **free printable guides** to **poetry terms** and **concepts**, we also enable you to experience poetry and poets in *many* different ways: **anthologies**, **audiobooks**, **biographies**, **daily poems**, **eBooks** (RCLS OverDrive and other providers), **literature** and **criticism databases**, **rhyming dictionaries**, **videos**, **writers' guides**, and *more!*

#### Special Coverage Center

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

Our **Special Coverage Center** can help you investigate major issues in the news through official documents and statements, along with other sources of related news and information. Recent topics include **Crimea**, **Ukraine**, and **Russia** as well as **Network Neutrality**.

#### For the Gardeners Among Us

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

Gardeners, we know you're *eager* to start planting! And so we invite you to explore our library's *many* gardening books and our **online guide** to gardening resources. Learn about **flowers**, **vegetables**, **trees**, **weeds**, and more! You can also **download** and **print** our **free guide** to gardening books and topics in the library: [www.thrall.org/gardening.pdf](http://www.thrall.org/gardening.pdf)

# Remarkable Reads

Wednesday, April 30, 2014, 6:30 PM

Our April 2014 book discussion will be on *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time* by Mark Haddon in the 2nd Floor Community Room at Thrall. Copies can be borrowed right at our **Circulation Desk**. This event is **free** and open to the public. **Refreshments will be served**. Our *Remarkable Reads* discussion group is intended for **adults** interested in a **variety of genres - classics, "trashics," historical fiction, nonfiction, mystery, and more.**

## Upcoming Public Events

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

Unless otherwise noted, **these free events will be held in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Community Room.**

If registration is required for an event, or if you would like to learn *more* about an event, please contact Gail Myker at (845) 341-5483 or [thrall3@warwick.net](mailto:thrall3@warwick.net).

**Craft Stamping Class. Tuesday, April 8, 2014, 6:30 PM.** Learn stamping techniques to create special "Quick Spring" cards. **Registration required. Limited to 15 participants.**

**Kitchen Cosmetics & Herbal Skin Care. Saturday, April 12, 2014, 1 PM.** Using all natural ingredients, herbalist and author Dina Falconi will share recipes for natural body care products! Learn to make non-toxic personal care products in the comfort of your own kitchen! **Registration required.**

**Property Insurance. Tuesday, April 22, 2014, 6:30 PM.** Free seminar by Sheryl Abernethy. **Registration required. Limited to 20 participants.** If attending, please prepare a **list of questions** you would like answered at this seminar.

**Crimson. Saturday, April 26, 2014, 1 PM.** Book reading / signing event. Learn about the author and her new novel. **No registration required.**

**Employment Workshops. Registration required.** Please consider **registering** for 1, 2, or all 3 of these workshops:

**Workshop #1: Job Search Workshop. Friday, May 2, 2014, 10:30 AM - 12 PM.** Learn how to find job leads through networking, and how to search for jobs online.

**Workshop #2: Job Interview Workshop: Tuesday, May 6, 2014, 10:30 AM - 12 PM.** Dressing professionally, interviews, body language, salary negotiation, and more.

**Workshop #3: Individualized Job Coaching Sessions. Tuesday, May 20, 2014, 5 - 8 PM.** Assess skills, interests, and get answers to career questions. For this workshop we will meet by the library's **Job Computer**.

**Emotional Freedom Techniques. Tuesday, May 6, 2014, 6:30 PM.** Debra Hollinrake will introduce you to "simple techniques for instant relief from anger, stress, and grief." **No registration required.**

**Reel Eclectic Film Series (7 PM): April 3, May 1, June 5**  
**Afternoon Movies (2PM): April 16, May 21, June 18**  
**No registration required.** Please call 341-5461 for titles.

# Children's Events

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

**Bubble Trouble Tuesday, April 15, 2014, 2 PM**  
in the 2nd Floor Community Room at Middletown Thrall Library

Witness a Bubble VOLCANO, a bubble ROLLER COASTER, and more! This has been called "the craziest, most creative bubble show around." **No registration is required!** This is a free event for **the entire family!** This event is sponsored by The Friends of Middletown Thrall Library, Inc.

## Knitting & Crocheting

Have you ever dreamed of creating or designing your very own scarf, hat, or sweater? Attend our free workshops and learn! For ages 7 & up. **Registration is required.** Upcoming dates:

**Mondays (6 PM - 7:45 PM) in our Story Time Room:**  
**Apr. 7 & 21** **May 5 & 19.**

...or **Thursdays during the afternoon (2 PM - 4 PM):**  
**Apr. 10 & 24** **May 8 & 22**

## Homework Help

For students in grades 1 - 6. **Tuesdays & Thursdays 4-7 PM** in our 2nd Floor Story Time Room:

**April: 8, 10,** (spring recess April 15 & April 17),  
resuming on **April 22, 24, 29**  
**May: 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27**

## Afternoon Games

Enjoy Wii on a large projection screen **Fridays (4 - 6 PM): May 2** in our **2nd Floor Community Room.** For ages: 3 - 17.

## Read to Sasha!

Sasha the therapy dog *loves* to hear children reading! For ages 6 - 13. **Please register. Mondays (4:15 PM - 5:30 PM):**

**April 7** **April 21** **May: 5**

## Story Time

Our spring Story Time schedule continues from April to May 7 on **Wednesdays** at the following times:

**"First Step"** (18 - 35 months). **9:30 AM - 10 AM** in our Story Time Room. No registration required.

**"Explorers"** Story Time & Craft (3 to 4 years old). **10:15 - 10:45 AM** in our Story Time Room. Registration is required.

**"Moving on Up"** Story Time & Craft (5 to 7 years old). **4:15 PM - 5 PM.** Registration is required.

## Art Lessons

Presented by local artist Diane Kominick-Ouzoonian.

For ages: 7 - 12. Art sessions are held in our **Craft Room.**  
**Saturday May 24, 2014: Time: 1 PM - 2 PM: "Flowers"**  
Registration: **Monday, May 12 - Wednesday May 21**

## Battle of the Books Returns!

Once again we are inviting **students** (who **love to read** and are **entering grades 6 - 12**) for this **friendly competition** between RCLS libraries. For more details, including a list of books our Thrall team will read, please call **Theresa** at (845) 341-5470.