

Thrall Library Times

What's New & Interesting at Middletown Thrall Library!

Spring 2016 Edition

"See, the grass is full of stars..." – Marjorie Pickthall, "Daisy Time"

From Our Library Director Matt Pfisterer

Fine Free for April!

Attention Thrall Library Patrons: The Library is excited about that fact that we are going "Fine Free" for the entire month of April 2016! This means that all Middletown Thrall Library Items checked out and returned at Middletown Thrall Library will not accrue any fines for the entire month of April 2016!

This is being done in honor of **National Libraries Week** (April 10 -16, 2016). Waiving fines on Middletown Thrall Library items is a small way that we can say thank you for coming to the Library.

Did you know that Library supports literacy through story times, homework help and Summer Reading Programs?

Did you know that the Library provides people of all ages with access to our computer workstations, informational and entertaining programs, and millions of items in multiple formats through the online catalog of the Ramapo Catskill Library System? Check us out on the Web at www.thrall.org.

Our fine free month is our way of encouraging everyone to come to the Library to take advantage of all that we have to offer.

Please note: Only Middletown Thrall Library items checked out April 1, 2016 through April 30, 2016 at Middletown Thrall Library will be fine free.

Fines still apply to items returned late prior to April 1, 2016 or on items that are returned late that belong to other libraries. Replacement fees for lost or damaged items will continue to apply.

Middletown Thrall Library

11 - 19 Depot Street, Middletown, New York 10940

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

From Our Head of Reference Services Mary Susan Flannery Climes

Jobs & Careers Guide

www.thrall.org/jobs

Our recently updated and expanded "InterJob Search" resource guide enables job seekers to explore job opportunities and career paths. You can also learn about **cover letters**, **resumés**, **civil service** exams and positions, **interviews**, **licensing**, and more. We also offer free **readable/printable materials** you can download as well as a basic and easy-to-use **resumé generator**: www.thrall.org/resgen

Gardening (Books, Websites, Events)

www.thrall.org/gardening

www.thrall.org/events

Whether you're planning your first garden or will soon be preparing your garden for the new season, we invite you to check out our extensive guide to gardening resources online as well as within our library system.

We also encourage you to attend one of our upcoming programs presented by Master Gardeners, from Cornell University Cooperative Extension Orange County. These events are free and very informative! Event dates and times can be found on the back page.

Become a Poet!

www.thrall.org/poetry

April being **National Poetry Month...** have you ever wanted to **write a poem** but didn't know where to start? We created a **new guide** with some **books**, **tips**, and **websites** you can use to discover and nurture your inner poet! Printed copies of this guide are available at the library. You can also download this guide, along with our other **free** poetry guides, at the above website.

We invite you to visit our **National Poetry Month** website: www.thrall.org/npm

OverDrive eBook Support

Need help getting started with the **RCLS / OverDrive eBook service**? Please consider coming to one of our free upcoming "drop-in" support sessions at **Reference**:

April 9th (3 PM - 4 PM), **April 20th** (12 PM - 1 PM),
and **April 30th** (2 PM - 3 PM).

You need to bring your **fully charged device** and your **valid / current library card**. Sessions are first-come-first serve and begin at our **Reference Desk**.

From Our Government Information Librarian...

"Laughing Out Loud, I Fly
Laughing out loud, I fly, toward the good things,
to catch Mama Lucha on the sidewalk, after
school, waiting for the green-striped bus,
on the side of the neighborhood store, next to the almonds..."

"A carcajadas, yo vuelo
A carcajadas, yo vuelo, por bien,
por ver mama Lucha en la banqueta, despues
de la escuela espornado el bus de verdes listones,
al lado de la tienda de abarrotes, cerca de las almendras..."

These are lines from a poem by **Juan Felipe Herrera**, "author of 28 books of poetry, novels for young adults, and collections for children" and our **21st Poet Laureate**, appointed in 2015 by the **Librarian of Congress**.

This April, let's celebrate **National Poetry Month** by participating in Herrera's national project "**La Casa de Colores**" ("the House of Colors") "*is a house for all voices. In this house we will feed the hearth and heart of our communities with creativity and imagination. And we will stand together in times of struggle and joy.*" <https://www.loc.gov/poetry/casadecolores/index.html>.

Everyone is invited to contribute a verse to an epic poem, "La Familia" reflecting the American Experience. The poem "will unfold monthly, with a new theme each month about an aspect of American life, values or culture. Herrera will compile the contributions and announce the next theme on the Poetry and Literature Center's blog, *From the Catbird Seat*." <http://blogs.loc.gov/catbird/> Learn about resources at the Library of Congress through videos, poems and blogs as Juan Herrera reacts to the responses. Learn about his life and work. Be creative and find the poet that hides in each of us!

Upcoming Events

www.thrall.org/events

These **free events** will be held
in our 2nd Floor **Community Room**:

Afternoon Movies: 3rd Wednesday each month, 3 PM:
Apr. 20, 2016: *Sunshine Boys* (1975) 111 min. Comedy. PG.
May 18, 2016: *High Society* (1956) 111 min. Musical. Not rated.
June 15, 2016: *Ricki & The Flash* (2015) 101 min. Comedy. PG-13.

The Brawny Men of Old New York and the Alley Cats They Adored - Sunday, April 10, 2016, 2 PM. Presented by Peggy Gavan.

Singer / Songwriter Marc Berger - Sunday, April 17, 2016, 1 PM
Marc and his band and will present their vision of the American West.

The Joys of Hiking - April 18, 2016, 6:30 PM
Presenter: Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK) hike leader Peter Reiner.

Woodcarving as a Hobby - Wednesday, April 20, 2016, 6 PM
Presented by the MidHudson Woodcarvers Guild

Meeting Your Guides & Angels - Thursday, April 28, 2016, 6 PM
Presented by Lisa Ann of Spiritquest Healing Center.

Butterflies & Moths of Orange County - May 11, 2016, 6-7 PM
Learn about and appreciate these lovely insects. Presented by a Master Gardener, Cornell University Cooperative Extension Orange County.

Kayaking: How to Get Started - May 16, 2016, 6:30 - 8 PM
Presenter: Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK) trip leader Don Urmston.

Creating Container Gardens - June 7, 2016, 6 - 7 PM
Presented by a Master Gardener, Cornell University Cooperative Extension Orange County.

Remarkable Reads Workshop

Tuesday, April 26, 2016, 3 PM

in our 2nd Floor Community Room

Are you stuck in a reading rut? Please join us for a **very special Remarkable Reads "Readers Advisory Workshop"** where attendees can share one or two titles or authors that they truly enjoyed and would like to recommend to our reading group.

Future reading group selections will be based on titles discussed at this workshop. Here is your chance to help the group discover some of your very own Remarkable Reads!

This **free** event is open to the public. **Refreshments will be served.**

Local Authors & Illustrators Showcase

Saturday, April 30, 2016, 11 AM - 4 PM

in our 2nd Floor Community Room

Meet and speak with **Sandra Bischoff, Frances Brown, Tom Ingrassia, Charles S. Isaacs, Tracey Lyons, Phil Murphy, and Marianne Sciucco**, and many others!

Refreshments served. Enjoy raffles and mini-talks as well!

This event is **free** and **open to the public**. For more information, please contact **Gail Myker**: thrall3@warwick.net or (845) 341-5483.

Children's Events

For more details, please visit our Children's Dept. or call 341-5470.

Bricks 4 Kidz

Saturdays at 10:30 AM in our 2nd Floor **Story Time Room**

Upcoming dates: **April 2nd, April 16th, May 14th**

A **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) program teaching principles of **engineering** and **architecture** through guided Lego building. Each session is one hour of instructed and fun Lego activity. For **ages 5 - 9**. **Registration required.**

Free Knitting & Crochet Classes

Mondays, 6 PM - 7:45 PM: April 18th, May 2nd, May 16th

also available: Afternoon Knitting & Crochet
April 7th, April 21st, May 2nd, 19th

Let's Read to Sasha!

Come meet Sasha, *the therapy dog who loves stories!*

Mondays (4:15 PM - 5:30 PM) in the **Story Time Room**:

April 4th, April 18th, May 2nd, May 18th

Homework Help

Tuesdays & Thursdays (4-7 PM) to May 19, 2016

in our 2nd Floor **Story Time Room**. **No registration required!**

Students in grades 1 - 6 can get free homework help! **Please note:** No homework help is available when the Middletown School District is closed or when it cancels after school activities.

Call for Volunteers...

If you're between the **ages of 12 and 18** and need to fulfill community service hours or simply would like to help us with our Summer Reading Program, please contact our Children's Department at (845) 341-5470. We also welcome new **Homework Help volunteers** (age 14 and up) for up to the 2nd week of June.

Story Time Update: our popular Story Time program is being **extended** until the end of April, every Wednesday until **April 27th**.
Times: **18-35 months 9:30-10 AM, 3-4 year olds 10:15-10:45 AM, and 5-7 year olds 4:15-5 PM.**