

# Thrall Library Times

What's New & Interesting at Middletown Thrall Library!

Spring 2017 Edition

"Our moments of inspiration are not lost, though we have no particular poem to show for them; for those experiences have left an indelible impression, and we are ever and anon reminded of them." Henry David Thoreau, *Journals*, 1851

## A Special Message from Our *Library Director* Matt Pfisterer

### Robert Nathan Isseks

"We are deeply saddened by the loss of Robert Nathan Isseks, a native son of Middletown who died unexpectedly on April 3, 2017. Robert was a highly sought after attorney who worked for the City of Middletown as well as serving as a City Judge and Civil Rights attorney. He was an attorney for the Hillside Cemetery Board and worked as a special counsel for the City of Middletown. He was also Assistant Corporation Counsel. He was the recipient of the Liberty Bell Award. Bob was a nature lover who enjoyed taking long walks through the City of Middletown each day. One of his frequent stops was at Middletown Thrall Library where he enjoyed checking out a wide variety of library items including audio books. Everyone at the Library will miss his strong but gentle presence."

### Save the Date

Middletown Thrall Library Trustee **Marianne Sciucco** has organized the Fourth Annual **Local Authors Showcase** that will take place on **Saturday, April 29, 2017, from 11 AM – 2 PM.**

The event provides a wonderful opportunity for readers to meet local authors, to learn about the publishing process and to view the authors' books.

Frances Brown, Marina Cramer and Jennifer Circosta, and many others are scheduled to be in attendance. This showcase will feature authors who publish books intended for an adult audience.

## Middletown Thrall Library

11 - 19 Depot Street, Middletown, New York 10940

Our **Regular / 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](http://www.thrall.org)

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

Coming Soon: **ArtistWorks**  
[www.thrall.org/aw](http://www.thrall.org/aw)

Members of Thrall will soon be able to enjoy **free access** to **ArtistWorks**, which, through "self-paced video lessons from Grammy Award-winning music and artistic professionals," enables you to learn *on your own* in the comfort of your own home! ArtistWorks includes:

- Video-based lessons from professional musicians
- Art and voice classes
- Beginner to advanced music instruction for popular string and band instruments
- Desktop and mobile device access

**Why Like Poetry?**  
[www.thrall.org/poetry](http://www.thrall.org/poetry)

If you have yet to discover the beauty, power, and relevance of poetry, we offer a new free "**Why Like Poetry?**" flyer in print at the library as well as online (at the above link, under "**Free Poetry Guides**"). There you can consider some of the *many* reasons to bring the promise of poetry into your life.

Beyond that, we invite you to explore our **National Poetry Month** ([www.thrall.org/npm](http://www.thrall.org/npm)) and Literature guide online ([www.thrall.org/literature](http://www.thrall.org/literature)) for more poetic possibilities: besides reading poems and learning about poetry, you can also watch poetry readings and even learn how to begin composing or publishing *your own poetry!*

**eBooks, Easier...**  
[www.thrall.org/ebooks](http://www.thrall.org/ebooks)

Did you know many **RCLS OverDrive eBooks** can be **viewed or heard *without* "apps" or downloads?** Patrons with laptops, smartphones, tablets, or desktop PCs can access "**OverDrive Read**" and "**OverDrive Listen**" titles *directly* through their device's Web browser!

Once at the **OverDrive catalog** (website above), you can determine whether a book you are interested in is available in either format by examining the "**Format**" section on the book's information page: if it says "OverDrive Read" or "OverDrive Listen," you should be able to log in, borrow it, and begin accessing that title immediately. Afterwards, simply log back in to pick up where you left off!

**OverDrive Read** editions are accessed like regular websites, and many can be read "offline" (i.e. *without* an Internet connection), if your Web browser supports "offline storage."

**OverDrive Listen** books do require an *active* Internet connection because they "stream" (play) audio from the Web.

For more details, OverDrive provides additional articles for both **OverDrive Read** (<http://thrall.org/e?139>) and **OverDrive Listen** (<http://thrall.org/e?140>) titles.

## Health Reference Series Online

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


In addition to numerous informational health **Sourcebooks** we offer in our **print circulating collection**, we are now able to offer our patrons **free access to online editions**, which you can access directly through your Web browser. Topics covered include: Aids, Alcoholism, Allergies, Alzheimers, Arthritis, Asthma, Blood and Circulatory Disorders, Brain Disorders, Cancer, Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Contagious Diseases, Diabetes, Disabilities, Medical Tests, Mental Health, and much more! Simply visit the **Health** section of our **Databases** menu (website above).

### Have You Tried Our Ready Reference Center?

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

When you need information *fast*, your first instinct might be to jump into a search engine and take your chances with whatever results appear there. Sometimes that might work, but, often enough, you have to dig through results and sift through a lot of *junk* before you find something useful. Instead of *searching*, perhaps you might try *browsing* instead! Our Ready Reference Center enables you to navigate topics *easily* and *quickly*. You can use it to find **websites** as well as **items** (related books, DVDs, etc.) in our library system (RCLS).

### From Our Government Information Librarian

  
The White House has been buzzing about the President's new **Budget**, which was just released. Articles appeared in magazines and newspapers listing Agencies that might disappear, what budget lines benefit or will be cut. The Budget is available online **and in paper at the library**. To make sure you get the **real facts** (not the *alternative* ones), come check it out (<https://www.govinfo.gov/features/featured-content/Budget-FY2017>): "The U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) makes available President Donald Trump's America First: A Budget Blueprint to Make America Great Again on GPO's govinfo. This document is an overview of the President's budget priorities for Fiscal Year 2018. GPO works with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to produce and distribute the Federal Budget. GPO has been producing the Federal Budget since the Budget and Accounting Act was enacted in 1921."

## Free Events at Thrall

Please visit [www.thrall.org/events](http://www.thrall.org/events) for full details or call 341-5483. These **free events** will be held in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Community Room (unless otherwise noted):

### Afternoon Movies (films begin at 3 PM)

**Apr. 19: *Easter Parade*** (1948). 124 min. Musical. Not rated.

**May 17: *Mermaids*** (1990). 110 min. Comedy. Rated PG.

**Jun. 21: *The Client*** (1994). 121 min. Drama. Rated PG-13.

### Mandalas: April 22, 1 PM

Learn about the history and symbolism of mandalas.

### Brooklyn Baroque: April 23, 2 PM

Enjoy music by Haydn, Boccherini, Soler, Telemann, and others performed by Brooklyn Baroque and The New York Classical Quartet.

### Remarkable Reads Book Discussion: April 26, 3 PM

Discussing *Kitchens of the Great Midwest* by J. Ryan Stradal.

### Charlie Lang: April 27, 6 PM

An inspiring evening of original songs and musical improvisation.

### Local Authors Showcase: April 29, 11 AM - 2 PM

Meet local authors writing for adults. Refreshments to be served. Presented by author and library board member Marianne Sciucco. Learn more about the authors online: [www.thrall.org/local2017](http://www.thrall.org/local2017)

### Singing Meditations: May 2, 6 PM

Learn this "singing exercise" Yoga technique as we meditate together.

### Let's Thrall in Love Again!: May 7, 2 PM

"Serenading you *sunny* with Standards & Show Tunes!"

## Children's Dept. News & Events

To register for certain events or for more information, visit our **Children's Dept.** or call 341-5470.

### 100 New Children's Books!

Middletown Thrall Library's Youth Services Dept. has just received a gift of 100 new children's books, ranging from pre-kindergarten through early readers. These books were a donation from the **Brownstone Book Fund**, a private foundation in New York City interested in fostering early reading, a love of books, and encouraging parents and children to read together. Please come to visit our Children's Library to explore and enjoy our new collection!

### Picture BINGO

**Monday, April 10, 2017, 10:30 A - 11:00 AM**  
in the **Story Time Room** at **Middletown Thrall Library**  
For Ages 3 and 4. **Registration required.**

### Cuentos en español

A Very Special Story Time in **SPANISH**  
**Saturday, April 29, 2017, 11 AM**  
in the **Story Time Room** at **Middletown Thrall Library**  
Stories will be read in Spanish. For ages 2 - 5.  
**FREE. No registration required!**

### Make Art for Mom!

**Friday, May 5, 2017, 4 PM - 4:45 PM**  
in the **Story Time Room** at **Middletown Thrall Library**  
**Registration required.** Create works of art for moms for Mother's Day! There will be **two sessions**:  
**Session #1** (ages 4 - 7): 4 PM - 4:45 PM  
**Session #2** (ages 8 - 12): 5 PM - 5:45 PM

### Join Our Homeschooler's Science Club!

Our club will meet on the **third Friday** of the month, **1:30 - 3 PM**, in our **2nd Floor Community Room** at Thrall:

**April 21, 2017      May 19, 2017      June 16, 2017**

The main contact person for the Club is **Ms. Tammy Sabat**. For more details, such as participant ages, projects, themes, or for registration, please call (914) 772-0180.

### Story Time – Spring 2017

Registration begins **April 3, 2017**. Story Time runs **Wednesdays from April 19<sup>th</sup> to May 24<sup>th</sup>**:

**"First Step"** (Drop-In Story) Ages: 18 months - 35 months.  
Story Time Room. **9:30 AM - 10 AM. No registration.**

**"Explorers"** (Story Time & Craft). Ages: 3 & 4 In our Story Time Room, **10:15 AM - 10:45 AM. Registration required.**

**"Moving on Up"** (Story Time & Craft) ages 5-7. In Story Time Room, **4:15 PM - 5 PM. Registration required.**

### Free Knitting & Crochet Classes

**Mondays, 6 PM:** April 24, May 8, May 22, June 5. **ALL ages!**  
Ask us about our **advanced** knitting & crochet classes!

### Bricks 4 Kidz 2017

**Guided Lego activities** and **great creative fun** for **ages 5-9** starting at **10:30 AM** in our **Story Time Room** at Thrall:  
**April 22<sup>nd</sup>** (register as of **April 1, 2017**)  
**May 20<sup>th</sup>** (register as of **April 29, 2017**)

### Youth Services Book Discussion Group

**Friday, April 28, 2017, 4:15 - 5 PM**  
in the **Story Time Room** at **Middletown Thrall Library**  
For ages 8 - 10 years or grades 3 - 5. We will be reading ***Ellray Jakes is not a Chicken*** by Sally Warner.  
**Registration must be in person** so you can pick up a copy of the book. Space is limited, *so please act fast!*