

THRALL LIBRARY TIMES

The Official Newsletter of Middletown Thrall Library SUMMER 2005 ISSUE

“As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master. This expresses my idea of democracy.” – Abraham Lincoln

FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR KEVIN J. GALLAGHER

“The Latest From The Friends of MTL, Inc.”

The latest benefits to the library from the work of the Friends of Middletown Thrall Library, Inc. come in a variety of formats, for all ages! This summer, they have provided funding for two programs for children and families - "Let's Fly Kites", with the "Kite Man" Charles Stewart. (Tuesday, July 12th, at 2:00pm); and "Stories and Songs of Latin America" with Felix Pitre (Wed., Aug. 3rd, at 7:00pm.) They are also providing support for a delicious program for young adults "Oodles of Noodles" with Norma Chang on Thursday, July 21st, at noon.

Our reference collection will see the addition of the new edition of the six-volume set *New Dictionary of the History of Ideas*. This is an entirely new edition of the original work, which was published in 1974. It has more listings on non-European sources than the original work, and many new topics. Also, with the addition of this set to the reference shelves, it will enable us to move the original edition to the circulating collection.

In the audio-visual realm, they approved funding for a variety of new DVD titles of classic television shows. Included are such shows as *Sid Caesar*, *Judy Garland*, *Ed Sullivan*, *Saturday Night Live*, *Tom & Jerry*, and many more. Additionally, funding was provided for the purchase of many non-fiction DVDs. Check the new DVD display rack by the stairs or our online catalog to see what's available thanks to the ongoing support from our Friends.

MIDDLETOWN THRALL LIBRARY

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Summer Hours

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

Saturday: 10 AM – 2 PM, Sunday : Closed

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

Three Additional Articles from the Director:

“A Big Thank You To Senator Bonacic!”

Middletown Thrall Library has just received \$5000 in additional library aid through the efforts of Senator John J. Bonacic. This unexpected, but most welcome, funding will be used to help with the purchase of additional public use computers for both the Children's Room and the Adult Department. It will enable the library to purchase more replacement computers than had been expected, and provide our patrons with the latest in technology. Senator Bonacic, a former winner of the Friends of Middletown Thrall Library's Award for Outstanding Activity, has been a strong supporter of public libraries during his years in the Legislature. Our thanks go out to him for this latest example of his ongoing support!

“Thanks to Assemblywoman Annie Rabbitt”

Our thanks go out to Assemblywoman Rabbitt who secured \$500 in state funding in support of summer reading activities. This is the first time our library has received this funding. It is greatly appreciated by the Children's Department staff and the Board of Trustees.

“The Carpet Work Is Done”

The entire first floor of the library and all of the first floor work areas had new carpet installed in May. The wear and tear on the original carpet is one of the results of the heavy traffic over the years in Orange County's busiest public library. We appreciate your patience and understanding while the removal and installation work was taking place.

This Summer: *Get Ahead!*

Did you know from the comfort and convenience of your home (or wherever you access the Internet) you can take advantage of our many free electronic services? Whether you want to be educated or entertained, our online services exist to make your informational life easier, more flexible, and interesting. This summer, we encourage you to take advantage of our exclusive digital offerings and consider: learning a language through Rosetta Stone, tracing your family tree through our new genealogy databases, learning more about your favorite authors and other past and present persons through the Biographical Resource Center, exploring the world of classical music, getting reading recommendations, and... the list goes on and on! To get started, just go to thrall.org and click on Article Databases. Login using your library barcode, and start accessing information unavailable anywhere else.

MIDDLETOWN THRALL LIBRARY'S FREE
PUBLIC PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT
FOREVER FREE
**ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S JOURNEY
TO EMANCIPATION**

JUNE 22 – AUGUST 5, 2005
at Middletown Thrall Library

1. *Opening Reception* – Wed., June 29, 7 – 8:30 pm
Keynote Speaker Major David Siry, United States Military Academy, Dept. of History, West Point. Lecture: Lincoln and Liberty: the Evolution of an Idea.

2. *Lincoln in Literature* - Wed., July 6, 7 – 8:30 pm
Lecture by Chris Godwin, Chair, Orange County Community College, Dept. of English & Foreign Languages.

3. *Music of the Civil War & Beyond* - Sat., July 9, 7 – 9 pm
Concert by nationally known performers Jay Ungar and Molly Mason at the PARAMOUNT THEATRE, 17 South Street, Middletown, NY. Get to the Theatre early for the best seats. We reserve the right to limit seating if necessary.

4. *Civil War Women: Their Roles and Their Legacies* - Tue., July 12, 7 – 8 pm. Talk by Trish Chambers who last spoke on the "Freedom Quilt" for the Friends of Middletown Thrall Library.

5. *The Civil War as Seen through the Eyes of the Children* – Sat., July 16, 10:30 – 11:30 am Bring the children to listen to costumed presenter Yvonne Bigney.

6. *Glory* – Tuesday, July 19, 7 – 9 pm. A dramatic film account of the Civil War's first all-black regiment, led by a idealistic, privileged, northern white commander, fighting not only the enemy, but also convention and prejudice.

7. *What Did Our Local Soldiers Think of Abraham Lincoln?* - Thurs., July 28, 7 – 8 pm. Captain of the "Orange Blossoms" and well known scholar/Civil War re-enactor Chuck LaRocca will talk about local soldiers views and read from their diaries and letters home, includes slide presentation.

8. *Civil War Soldiers in Encampment* – Saturday, July 30, 10:30 am – 1:00 pm. Costumed re-enactors from the 124th NYSV regiment will re-create a Civil War environment with materials that would be familiar to a Civil War soldier. The entire family will enjoy listening to these experts and asking questions about life as a Union soldier. The encampment location will be outside the library in the adjacent vacant lot or upstairs in the Community Room in the event of extreme bad weather.

9. *Lincoln, Booth and Ford's Theatre: A Look Back* - Tuesday, August 2, 7:00 – 8:30 pm. This presentation takes on the mood of a documentary with a narrator, two performers, and a short video to bring history to life. Enjoy Chris Farlekas, Times-Herald Record columnist, and Ken Tschen, local community actor in this program.

Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation has been organized by the Huntington Library, San Marino, CA and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American history, New York City in co-operation with the American Library Association Public Programs Office. This exhibition has been made possible by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Grzimek's Animal Encyclopedia
FROM THE HEAD OF REFERENCE, MARY FLANNERY CLIMES

The Friends of Middletown Thrall Library Inc. has purchased both the print and electronic versions of this amazingly detailed encyclopedia. The print set is available in our adult nonfiction collection and may be borrowed. The electronic version is accessible here in the library and from home through your Thrall library card: www.thrall.org/dbs

On the Horizon...

Sometime in August the entire Ramapo Catskill Library System is scheduled to switch over to a computerized library system called "Horizon." During this time there may be brief periods in which the library catalog or other library functions may not be available. As always, we will be ready and eager to assist you during this transitional period.

Horizon 7.4, a product developed by Dynix (now called SirsiDynix due to its recent merger with another company called Sirsi), will alter technical procedures conducted "behind the scenes" by library staff members, including such things as looking up titles and processing items before they enter our reference or circulating collections.

The public library catalog interface (known as HIP – Horizon Information Portal) – the one you use at home through thrall.org or at the library – is expected to undergo a much simpler upgrade that should not alter the way you currently look up items in the catalog.

Summer Reading Program & Activities for Children

Let's Fly Kites: July 12, 2-3:30 pm. Must register.

Where in the World Are We?: July 19, 3pm. Must register.

Stretch, the Silly Man: Wed., July 27, 2pm.

Stories & Songs of Latin America: Aug.3, 7pm. Must register.

For flyer, registration, etc., please call 341-5470.

Summer Program & Activities for Teens & Twelves

Join our Summer Reading Program for teens and twelves and register to read this summer. When you register you will receive a reading information sheet, and a log sheet to record your reading minutes. Read and count your minutes. Each time you complete 2 hours of reading you are eligible for a prize. We will also have puzzles and activity sheets for you to enjoy. Each time you correctly complete a puzzle or activity sheet, your name will be placed in a box for a chance to win a prize at the end of our summer reading program in August. You must register for our Summer Reading Program to become eligible for prizes. Please present your library card when registering. Registration begins Mon., June 20th. Registration and questions see: Mrs. Irlbacher, Head of Youth Services or call 341-5604. Special programs include:

Thursday Afternoon at the Movies: June 30 - July 28, 3pm

Hands-On" Chinese Cooking: July 21, 12noon - 1:30pm

van and his Traveling Poetry Slam: July 27, 7 pm

For flyer, registration details , or more information please call 341-5604 or 341-5470.

Our Art & Foreign Film Series Continues with...

Marion Bridge, July 7th, 7 pm, 2nd Floor Community Room at Thrall Library. For more information, please come to the library to pick up a flyer, or go to Thrall.org, or call 341-5479.