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Thrall Library Times

What's New & Interesting at Middletown Thrall Library!

Summer 2015 Edition

"Summer is delicious, rain is refreshing..." – John Ruskin

From Our Library Director Matt Pfisterer

Cool Times in the Hot Summer at Your Library

Summer is approaching, and as the temperatures begin to heat up you can look forward to some cool times at the Library. We are gearing up for our "Summer Reading Program" which will provide an opportunity for families to attend a wide variety of educational and entertaining programs. Studies have shown that school aged children who participate in Summer Reading Programs are less likely to experience a decline in core literacy skills during the school break and are better prepared when they return to school in the Fall.

The summer months are also a time when the number of people coming to the Library will increase. In order to ensure that everyone is able to have the best possible experience at the library, please take note of the following:

- Loitering in the building or on Library grounds is not permitted
- Cell phone use is prohibited throughout the Library
- Young children should not be left unattended
- Adults with children in strollers are requested to use the Children's Library and computers on the second floor. (elevator is located to the right as you enter the building)
- Short term internet computers are available to all who come to the library for either 10 or 20 minute sessions on a first come first served basis. If you need extended time to use the internet, consider obtaining a Library card which will allow you to schedule longer sessions at our computers.
- The Library's "Reading Room" located through the archway is the only quiet study area in the building. Talking is not permitted in the Library's Reading Room.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and will help to make this a wonderful summer for everyone at the Library!

Middletown Thrall Library

11 - 19 Depot Street, Middletown, New York 10940

Mon.- Thurs.: 9 AM – 8 PM Fri.: 9 AM-6 PM Sat.: 10 AM-2 PM Sun.: Closed

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

DVD Genre Project

In hopes of making it easier for you to locate movies – and perhaps more enjoyable to browse them physically – we are rearranging our DVDs by genre. Television series DVDs have already been organized in this manner. These titles can be found at the beginning of our DVD browser area.

Electronically, you can use our online DVD browser and *Beyond the Box Office* blog to explore DVDs in a variety of ways (e.g. genre, actresses/actors, film directors). To access these services, please go to www.thrall.org/videos or follow the Videos link on our home page (www.thrall.org).

Election 2016 Guide

www.thrall.org/election2016

With over a dozen U.S. Presidential hopefuls already stepping forward and media machines revving up worldwide, it can be a challenge to keep track of candidates, their parties, conventions, debates, and primaries. Our online guide can help you navigate all of that as well as help you learn more about elections, voting, campaign finance, and more! We also offer a free, printable "Election Year Survival Guide" to help you make a more informed decision next year!

Artemis

www.thrall.org/artemis

This new search service can be used to locate information from our major literature and literary criticism databases: *Literature Criticism Online*, *Literature for Students*, *Literature Resource Center*, and *Something About the Author Online*.

Explora

www.thrall.org/explora

Explora is a new research service that replaces the *Ebsco Kids Search*, *Middle Search*, and *Searchasaurus* services. Intended for students as well as educators and general researchers, *Explora* lets you search or browse by topic to locate and read articles from magazines, newspapers, academic journals, and other publications.

Summer Returns!

www.thrall.org/summer

Whether you're planning to plant, travel, catch up on reading or movies, attend local area events, work on some home improvements, or just enjoy the summer weather, we invite you to use our summer information guide online to locate potentially useful websites and library materials. Members of Thrall can also enjoy our travel guides online!

(From Our Head of Reference Services - continued)

On Display in June...

We have three displays on the first floor you might like to explore the next time you visit our library: the first display, located in our **lobby**, was assembled by the **Garden Lovers' Club** and features a beautiful array of birds, butterflies, and gardening books. The **second display**, *Growing Good Fiction: Tales of Gardening and Farming*, can be found by the stairs to the second floor. Our **third display**, created by **Eliot S. Hermon**, World War II veteran and Brigadier General, showcases a number of U.S. military models and replicas.

From Our Government Information Librarian, Karen Heil

"Pollinators are responsible for assisting over 80% of the world's flowering plants. Without them, humans and wildlife wouldn't have much to eat or look at! Animals that assist plants in their reproduction as pollinators include species of ants, bats, bees, beetles, birds, butterflies, flies, moths, wasps, as well as other unusual animals. Wind and water also play a role in the pollination of many plants." (source: www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/pollinators/)

You know its soon to be Summer when every outdoor surface is covered with yellow pollen, the rhododendrons and azalea bushes are bright with color, tulips, daffodils and of course dandelions are popping up all over the place. But one sure sign of Spring is becoming less evident every year. The beautiful flowering cherry blossom tree in my yard is usually buzzing with the sounds of what seems like a million bees. This year is too quiet. Just a few bees, a few butterflies and a rare bat sighting. It's complicated figuring out why our pollinators are disappearing. Maybe its habitat loss or pesticide exposure, a new disease or mite infestation or maybe even an increase in cell tower activity. The United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service has a terrific website devoted to pollinators with spotlights on animal pollinators, gardening practices, the monarch butterfly and creating special habitats for hummingbirds, bees and bats. If you want more information on the political side of the problem, do a search using the Government Publishing Office Federal Digital System website to discover what bills are pending or to read Congressional Hearings (www.gpo.gov/fdsys/). According to the latest news online, even Morgan Freeman has transformed his 124 acre ranch in Mississippi into a honeybee refuge, planting all their favorites! Let's bring the pollinators back to protect our economy and our environment!

Upcoming Events

www.thrall.org/events

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

Book Signing with author Frances Brown Tuesday, June 30, 2015, 6:30 PM

Her latest book, *Maternal Threads: A Memoir of Discovery*, includes references to her life in Middletown, New York.

Afternoon Movies: 3rd Wednesday each month, 3 PM:

June 17: *Far From the Madding Crowd*. Drama. NR.

July 15: *The Bucket List*. Comedy/Drama. PG-13.

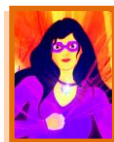
Aug. 19: *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*. Sci-fi. PG.

Remarkable Reads Book Discussion Tuesday, June 23, 2015, 3 PM

We will discuss *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World that Can't Stop Talking* by Susan Cain.

Reel Eclectic Film: *Bride & Prejudice* Thursday, July 2, 2015, 7 PM

Comedy / Musical / Drama. 122 min. PG-13



"Every Hero Has a Story!"

The 2015 NYS Summer Reading Program
at Thrall - Children's Events for Early July 2015

Registration runs Monday, June 8th through Tuesday, June 30th. Please register in our Children's Dept. Events run Wednesday, July 1st through Friday, July 31st. Participants can attend our special "SRP" party in August! Here are just some of our events for early July. Please visit our Children's Dept. or go to www.thrall.org/summer2015 for our full list of July events. (We will have *more* events in August 2015!)

July 1st: **Super Hero Mask**
Wednesday, July 1, 2015, 10:15 am - 10:45 am
Ages 3 through 5. Registration required.

Decorate your own Frisbee!
Wednesday, July 1, 2015, 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm
Ages: 3 through 13. Registration is required.

July 2nd: **Panda Eye Glasses**
Thursday, July 2, 2015, 10:15 am - 10:45 am
Ages: 3 through 5. Registration is required.

Create your own Tornado!
Thursday, July 2, 2015, 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm
Ages 6 through 12. Registration is required.

July 6th: **Yoga for You & Your Baby**
Program 1: Mon., July 6, 2015, 9:30 am- 10:00 am
Ages 18 months - 35 months. Registration required.

Program 2: Mon. July 6, 2015, 10:15 am - 11 am
Ages 3 to 5. Registration required.

Create Awesome Button Bracelets!
Monday, July 6, 2015, 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm
Ages 7 through 12. Registration required.

July 7th: **Stained Glass Frames**
Tue., July 7, 2015, 10:15 am - 10:45 am
For ages 3 through 5. Registration is required.

"Every Hero has a Story" with LEGOS
Tuesday July 7, 2015, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Ages 3 through 12. Registration NOT required.

July 8th: **Super Hero Shield**
Wednesday, July 8, 2015, 10:15 am - 10:45 am
Ages 3 through 5. Registration is required.

The Science of Momentum
Wednesday July 8, 2015, 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm
Ages 6 through 12. Registration is required.

July 9th: **Get Lost in a Book: To Be a Hero!**
Thursday July 9, 2015, 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

July 10th: **Cool Animal Silhouettes**
Friday, July 10, 2015, 10:15 am -10:45 am
Ages 3 through 5. Registration is required.

Super Hero Diary
Friday July 10, 2015, 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm
Participants must sign up for all four workshops.

July 13th: **Dress Up Fun!**
Monday July 13, 2015, 9:30 am - 10:00 am
Ages 18 months - 35 months. Registration required.

Every Hero Has a Story
Monday July 13, 2015, 10:15 am - 10:45 am
Ages 3 through 5. Registration is required.

Super Hero Picture Frame
Monday July 13, 2015, 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm
Ages 6 through 13. Registration is required.

July 14th: **Cool Off with a Ice Walk**
Tuesday July 14, 2015, 10:15 am - 10:45 am
Ages: 3 through 13. Registration is required.

Learn How to Card Wool
Tuesday July 14, 2015, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Ages 7 and up. Registration is required.