

Thrall Library Times

What's New & Interesting at Middletown Thrall Library!

Summer 2016 Edition

"All nature laughed in the sunshine." – Anne Brontë

From Our Library Director Matt Pfisterer

Hot Fun & Cool this Summer at Thrall 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**" (June 30 - August 5), which will provide an opportunity for families to attend a wide variety of **educational and entertaining programs** at your Library.

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, (no library card required) 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

Our **Summer Hours** (beginning June 18, 2016)...

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

Free Access to Rosetta Stone ...now offering Chinese!

www.thrall.org/rosetta

Members of our library can enjoy **free access** to a **Rosetta Stone language learning service!** In addition to **Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, and Spanish**, you can now begin to learn **Chinese** as well!

Have you ever tried... Ancestry or HeritageQuest?

www.thrall.org/gdb

Whether you've grown curious after seeing commercials for Ancestry.com or are simply interested in researching your **family tree**, Thrall offers its members **free access** to the **Library Edition of Ancestry** (within the library) plus **HeritageQuest** (in the library or from home), which includes **Census indexes, PERSI** (PERiodical Source Index), **Revolutionary War records**, and *much* more!

Presidents: Past, Present, & Future

www.thrall.org/history
www.thrall.org/election2016

Through our **American History** information guide you can explore websites or books on **U.S. Presidents** up through the present. You can also explore **current presidential candidates** (and related topics) through our updated **Election 2016** guide.

Learn in Your Spare Time...

www.thrall.org/uc

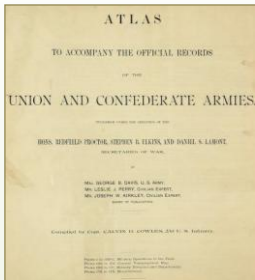
www.thrall.org/ocw

Members of Thrall can enjoy **Universal Class**, an online service where you can interact with **real instructors** and select from **hundreds of courses**. We also offer a directory to **free OpenCourseWare (OCW)** educational materials or non-credit college courses. **Freely** and **virtually attend courses** and *learn at your own pace!*

Ask Our Librarians – from *Anywhere!*

While our librarians *much* prefer to help you in person, we understand you might not always be able to make it to the library. If you ever have a **research question**, a desire for new reading suggestions, or you simply need to **find or reserve a book** or other library item, you can reach our **Reference Department** directly by telephone at **341-5461** or *anytime* through our **website** (e.g. via a **laptop, smartphone, tablet, PC**): www.thrall.org/ask. We look forward to seeing or hearing from you!

From Our Government Information Librarian...



The old saying "One man's trash is another man's treasure" has come true for us. When a **Federal Depository library** is ready to withdraw an item, it must first be offered to other Federal Depository libraries. When a document has significant historical value, it is usually grabbed up very quickly! Occasionally, we are lucky enough to be the recipient. In **1864**, Congress decided that the official records of the **Civil War**,

both **Union** and **Confederate**, should be gathered together and published as a military history. It wasn't until 1877 that Captain Robert N. Scott took charge and developed a systematic plan to carry out the assignment. The records would be issued in four series; **series 1** (formal reports from both sides); **series 2** (records relating to prisoners of war); **series 3** (correspondence and reports from the Union authorities); and, **series 4** (correspondence and reports from the Confederate authorities). In total there were **128 volumes**.



Accompanying them was a 2-volume **Atlas to Accompany the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies**, dated **1891 - 1895**. Montana State University happened to have a duplicate set of the Atlases they were willing to offer. The atlases include **tactical** and **strategic maps** showing **campaigns, battles**, including **troop positions**, lines of **march, fortifications, officers** in charge as well as drawings of **weaponry, uniforms, and equipment**. A series of **United States maps** (1860-1865) show **States as they seceded** and the **changing delineation of territories**. The maps and engravings are **amazingly detailed and fascinating!** For anyone studying the Civil War, this is a great resource. Come and take a look. They are on display in the case by the elevator, near the library's entrance.

Upcoming Events at Thrall www.thrall.org/events

These **free events** will be held in our **2nd Floor Community Room** (unless otherwise noted):

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

June 15: *Ricki & The Flash* 101 min. Comedy. PG-13.

July 20: *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* 103 min. Drama. PG-13.

Aug. 17: *Alex Cross* 101 min. Action. PG-13.

Remarkable Reads Book Discussion with Matt Pfisterer
June 28, 3 PM. Book: *Still Life* by Louise Penny.

American Orange Libraries Summer Scavenger Hunt
From **July 5 to August 12**. For **ages 18+**. Complete various library-related tasks to enter a drawing to **win prizes**. Please see our **Reference Dept.** for **entry forms, rules, and details**.

New York Blood Center Blood Drive: July 6, 12–6 PM.

The Super Power of Emotion - July 18, 6 PM – 7:30 PM
A meditation with poems by poet / truth-seeker **Jennifer Circosta**.

Stop at the Red Apple: July 26, 6 PM – 7:30 PM
Author **Elaine Freed Lindenblatt** on her father's 50+ year restaurant.

Reel Eclectic Film Series - next film: **Sept. 1, 2016**
Please note: no films showing in **July** or **August**.

Children's Events Summer 2016 Programs

Free registration required for all events.

Registration begins June 20, 2016.

All events are free!

Steve the Magician: June 30, 1PM

Kick off summer reading with magician Steve Johnson. All ages are welcome!

Bricks for Kids, Mondays at 2 PM

July 11, 18, 25; August 1

A STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) program that teaches children the principles of engineering and architecture through guided, motorized Lego model building,

Bubblemania: July 7, 1 PM

Science, art, and comedy... with bubbles! For all ages.

Read to Sasha: July 11, 18, 25; Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Read to Sasha, the friendly therapy dog who loves stories! For ages 6 - 13.

Everything Animals: July 14

Two times available: **11 AM** or **1 PM**.

Join Jan Berlin as she teaches you how to read animal body language with her animal ambassadors! For ages 6 and up.

Interactive Story Time with Lorraine Hartin-Gelardi:
July 19, 1 PM. For children 8 years of age or older.

Story Faces: July 21, 2PM

Volunteers will have their faces painted by a professional make-up artist to illustrate a story as it is told! For all ages!

Danna Banana: July 28, 1 PM

Sing, dance, and get silly with Danna Banana! For up to age 8.

Traveling Lantern Performs "Meet Vladimir Cashewninski"

August 4, 1 PM

"Meet Vladimir Cashewninski Champion Badminton player, and sole athlete from the tiny People's Republic of Insurgistan, as he prepares to compete at the Olympic Games." All ages.

More events to be announced!

For more information, please visit our **Children's Department** or call **341-5470**.