

Thrall Library Times

What's New & Interesting at Middletown Thrall Library!

Summer 2017 Edition

"No wise fish would go anywhere without a porpoise." Lewis Carroll, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*

From Our Library Director Matt Pfisterer

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" (July 3rd - August 4th), 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.
- Children should not be left unattended, and children under the age of 8 must have a parent or caregiver present when in the Library.
- 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

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

ArtistWorks Now Available!

<http://www.thrall.org/aw>

Members of Thrall can now **log in freely** to **ArtistWorks**, an educational service with video-based lessons provided by **professional artists and musicians!** Learn about art, singing, various musical instruments, and more, at your own pace, via a computer or a mobile computing device. *Enjoy!*

Coming Soon: **Educator's Reference Complete** www.thrall.org/edb

In July 2017, our NYS NOVEL databases will include access to **Educator's Reference Complete**, which is described by the publisher as follows: "This comprehensive resource covers multiple levels of education from preschool to college and includes virtually every educational specialty, such as bilingual studies, health, technology and testing. The resource also includes information on issues related to administration, funding and policy in education."

Coming Soon: **Research in Context** www.thrall.org/sdb

Our NYS NOVEL databases will also include **Research in Context**, a resource especially for middle-school students. It is officially described by Gale Cengage Learning as "cross-disciplinary in nature, spanning literature, science, social studies, and U.S. and world history, as well as issues of social importance." Find it soon at the link above!

Have YOU Taken **ADVANTAGE** yet? www.thrall.org/ebooks

You might know there is an ever-growing variety of **RCLS OverDrive eBooks** you can access freely as a member of Thrall. **But** – did you know that, *unless* you **log into RCLS OverDrive**, you will *not* see *all the titles* available to you?

It's true! In addition to eBook and eAudiobook titles generally available to all RCLS library patrons, there are many "**Advantage**" titles each library purchases for its patrons.

When you log in as a member of Thrall, you will see Thrall's own Advantage titles as you browse or search.

This can make a wonderful difference, especially when it might *appear* that there are "no available copies" of a title!

From Our Government Information Librarian Karen A. Heil

Who would connect **YouTube** (www.youtube.com) with **government information**? Amazingly, *many* government agencies *do just that!*

Let's start with **NASA**. You can keep an eye on the **Earth from space** by watching a live video stream from the **International Space Station**, 240 miles above us.

Curious about one of the 169 **active volcanoes** that exist in our country? Just check out the **United States Geological Survey** video about volcano hazards or view the story of **Mount St. Helens**.



From the **Forest Service**, you can watch as animal rehabilitators care for a lost baby bobcat named **Chips** (photo at left).

Or you can listen to **live jazz** from the **Library of Congress, National Jukebox** or to award winning author David

McCullough speak about *Americans in Paris*.

History enthusiasts can watch actual footage of **D-Day** from the **National Archives**.

Science, music, history, literature, and more – there are videos from government sources that teach, entertain, and inform.

Don't stop learning when school is over for the summer. You can educate yourself through these amazing videos today!

Free Public Events at Middletown Thrall Library

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

Blood Drive: July 5, 2017, 12 - 6 PM

Help address the emergency blood shortage faced in New York!

Reel Eclectic Film (1944): July 6, 2017, 2 PM

Drama. 100 min. Directed by Elmo Nугanen. Estonian and Finnish with English subtitles. Official Entry – Estonia. **For adults only.**

Afternoon Movies (films begin at 3 PM)

July 19: Star Trek Beyond (2016). 122 min. Science fiction. PG.

Aug. 16: Hairspray (2007). 116 min. Musical/comedy. PG.

Sept. 20: Florence Foster Jenkins (2016). 110 min. Comedy. PG-13.

Harmonica Virtuoso Jia-Yi He

July 24, 2017, 6 PM

Jia-Yi He plays many kinds of harmonicas: chromatic, diatonic, more!

Remarkable Recordings: July 25, 3 PM

In July, our "Remarkable Reads" discussion will be a special "Remarkable Recordings" discussion, where we will listen to and discuss the Beatles' album **Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band** to commemorate its 50th anniversary. Participants are encouraged to read a Beatles musical biography of their choice before attending.

Special Movie Playing: La La Land

August 9, 2017, 2 PM. Musical. Winner of 6 Academy Awards and 7 Golden Globe Awards. Starring Emma Stone and Ryan Gosling.

Children's Events

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

Cuentos en Español (Stories in Spanish)

July 22 & August 26
in our **Story Time Room**

Ms. Hannah will read aloud some of her favorite Spanish Picture Books. Stories will be read in Spanish. For ages 2 - 5. **FREE. No registration required.** Space is limited to first-come first-serve basis.

Build a *Better World!*

The 2017 New York State
Summer Reading Program
at Middletown Thrall Library

We hope you can join us this summer and have a wonderful time! **All events are FREE!**

For events requiring registration:
please register in our Children's Department.

Parents and Caregivers: we invite you to keep your kids reading and entertained this summer with our **FREE Summer Reading Program!** Participants will read books of their choice to earn prizes and attend fun educational programs! Whether your child is an independent reader or you read to them at home, there is fun for everyone! Summer events run from **Monday, July 3 through Friday, August 4.**

Here is **just a sampling** of the **MANY events** we've planned:

Nature's Architects: Monday, July 10, 3 – 4 PM

Discover talented creatures that build complicated structures, to survive." This event has live animals, which may not be suitable for very young children. For ages 5 and up. **No registration required! Made possible by the Friends of Thrall.**

Meet "The Dirtmeister": Friday, July 14, 4 – 5 PM

Meet a geologist! For ages 6 and up. **No registration.**

The Ribbles Build a Residence: Thursday, July 20, 1 PM

Traveling Lantern Theatre Company performs a play! Ages: family event! In the Community Room. No registration required. Made possible by the Friends of Thrall.

Build a Better World with "Ms. Rainbow" Tuesday, July 18, 4 - 5:30 PM

Participants will get creative and paint with ceramics! This workshop will be hosted by Ms. Rainbow from *Crafts For All* Ages. For ages 8 to 13. Registration is required.

Please visit our **Children's Dept.** for our **complete printed schedule of summer events.**

You can also see our **complete schedule online** at
www.thrall.org/summer2017

Have a joyful summer!