

Thrall Library Times

What's New & Interesting at Middletown Thrall Library!

Winter 2013 Edition

"Laughter is the sun that chases winter from the human face." – Victor Hugo

From Matt Pfisterer Director of Middletown Thrall Library

Adult Programming Returns to Thrall

The people have spoken and we have listened. I am pleased to announce that adult programs will return to a full year schedule at the library for 2013.

We are pleased to offer you a full slate of programs this year that are designed to *entertain, enlighten, and inform* our community.

Our programs are anchored by the return of our widely popular "Afternoon Movie Series for Adults," which takes place on the third Wednesday of each month at 2:00 PM in the Library's second floor Community Room. This year we have selected a wide variety of movies that are sure to please those who like romance, mystery, adventure and comedy.

Also returning is the Library's year-long art / independent / international film festival "Reel Eclectic," which meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Library's second floor Community Room. Throughout this series we present thought-provoking, unique, and critically-acclaimed films, many of which are international in scope.

In addition to these popular film series we will be hosting book discussions moderated by subject experts who allow you to gain a deeper insight into the material through focused and insightful conversation.

But wait – there's more! Look for upcoming programs on a number of subjects including cooking, Chinese culture and Kayaking. For information on these and other library programs check us out on the Web at www.thrall.org.

Here's to a great year of programs at the Library!

From the Head of Reference Services Mary Susan Flannery Climes

Travel Guides Collection www.thrall.org/vrl

Earlier this year we established a new section in our Virtual Reference Library: **Travel Guides**. We recently added a number of new titles to this online collection.

These **Eyewitness Travel Guides** and **Rough Guides** are *always available* online and can be accessed at Thrall *or at home* by members of Thrall. You can also **download** entire sections (**PDF** format) to compatible computers, eReaders and smartphones so you can also *travel with the information!*

Literature Collections Completed www.thrall.org/litcrit

We recently purchased all *previous* volumes for the following literary reference works so Thrall members can enjoy complete access to them: **Drama for Students**, **Novels for Students**, **Poetry for Students**, and **Short Stories for Students**. Each volume offers plot / poem synopses, critical analysis of major literary works, and more.

Tax Forms

Federal tax forms were delayed this year due to changes from the *American Taxpayer Relief Act* (ATRA), which was recently signed into law in January 2013.

Until we receive all major forms in print, you can check www.irs.gov to see if the form(s) you need can be retrieved electronically ("downloaded") and printed.

New York State tax filers can check for forms in our **Reading Room** or for forms online at www.tax.ny.gov

As a friendly reminder, printing costs \$.20 per page at the library, and the library does not provide tax advice.

Thrall Databases www.thrall.org/dbs

Each time you visit it, our Databases page now highlights a different reference work or educational service freely available to members our library. You can also browse all of our databases alphabetically or by topic. There are many!

We encourage you to explore these excellent resources, most of which can be accessed at home by entering your library card number when prompted. They offer a great deal of in-depth information *not freely found* on the Web!

MIDDLETOWN THRALL LIBRARY

11 - 19 Depot Street, Middletown, New York 10940

Matt Pfisterer, Library Director

Winter Hours: Monday – Thursday: 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, x. 5479

Adult Programs and Book Discussions: 341-5483

For more news and free services, please visit www.thrall.org

From our Government Information Librarian

I know the government is the last place you might look for help keeping your kids busy on an unexpected bad weather day! But, just take a look at some of the kids' only websites available through Uncle Sam!

You can be a detective at the "History Mystery" site from the Bureau of Land Management. Uncover the newest History Mystery: *The Mystery of the Pony Express*:

"Grab your gear, it's time to investigate some of history's coolest mysteries! Check out the clues, stories, and games found in the case files below and investigate the fascinating history of your public lands."

Are your kids fascinated by tools, or are they itching to build their own computers? Then check out the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's "Invent Now" site:

"Calling All Inventors! Do you have a great idea or invention to share? Have you been thinking about the next big thing in skateboards? A car that doesn't use gas? A hands-free hairbrush? Whether it's a re-invention or an idea all your own - send it in to show it off... and learn what it takes to be a Smart Inventor."

Would you like to teach your kids to eat better and have fun doing it at the same time? Try the Department of Agriculture's *Blast Off* game for children 6 to 11 years old:

"An interactive computer game where kids can reach Planet Power by fueling their rocket with food and physical activity."

All of these games are available through our Kids Only government listings at: www.thrall.org/govkids

Upcoming Movie Events

in the 2nd Floor Community Room at Thrall

Afternoon Movies (2 PM): Feb. 20th, March 20th, April 17th

Reel Eclectic (7 PM): Feb. 7th, March 7th, April 4th

Films are free. Please call **341-5461** or **341-5483** for titles.

Diabetes Screening: Feb. 12th, 1 - 5 PM

in the 2nd Floor Community Room at Thrall

St. Anthony Community Hospital Center for Diabetes Education will provide a free diabetes screening / blood glucose (sugar) test. Also learn about healthy eating!

Valentine's Day Cooking Class

February 14th, 12 - 3 PM

in the 2nd Floor Community Room at Thrall

Presented by John Moultrie. Enjoy the food and receive copies of his recipes! **Registration required.** Limited to 25 people. Please call **341-5483** for more information.

Learn about Chinese Culture

March 5th, 6:30 - 8 PM

in the 2nd Floor Community Room at Thrall

Learn about Chinese culture, dance, musical instruments, and more. Includes 2 videos and a question / answer time.

Get Started in Kayaking!

March 26th, 7 - 8:30 PM

in the 2nd Floor Community Room at Thrall

Mid-Hudson Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK), will teach you how to choose a kayak and more. Kayaks and related gear will also be displayed.

Emotional Freedom Techniques (EFT)

March 13th, 7 - 8 PM

in the 2nd Floor Community Room at Thrall

Presented by Debra Hollinrake. "Learn simple techniques for instant relief from anger and stress."

Children's Events

Please visit the Children's Department or call **341-5470** for more information about these and other upcoming events.

Come Draw with Me!

Get creative! Have fun! For ages 7-12. Upcoming themes:

February 9th, 12 - 1 PM: *Monkeys*

April 13th, 1 - 2 PM: *Tigers*

"Battle of the Books" 2013

A Friendly Competition between Libraries

Do you enjoy reading? Do you like to have fun? Do you like meeting new people? If you're between the ages of 13 to 18, this is for you! Join us and compete with students from other libraries! Sign up in the Children's Dept. at Thrall!

Afternoon Gaming

Play Wii on a large projection screen! No registration required!

Upcoming dates (4 - 6 PM): **March 1, April 5, May 3** in the 2nd Floor Community Room at Thrall. For ages 3 - 17.

Afternoon Knitting & Crocheting

Thursdays (2 - 4 PM) in our Story Time Room

Learn to knit! For ages 7 and up. **Registration required.**

Dates: **Feb. 14th, Feb. 28th, March 14th, March 28th, April 11th, April 25th, May 6th**

Knitting & Crocheting Workshops

Mondays (6 PM - 7:45 PM) in the Children's Dept.

Upcoming dates: **Feb 11th, Feb. 25th, March 11th, March 25th, April 8th, April 22nd, May 6th.** Registration required.

Sasha, the Therapy Dog

Do you love Dogs? Do you love to read? If so, Read to Sasha! Sasha is a Therapy Dog who loves to listen to children read! Upcoming dates: (4:15 - 5:30 PM):

Feb. 11th, Feb. 25th, March 11th, March 25th, April 8th, April 22nd, May 6th

For ages 6 - 13. **Registration required.**

Homework Help Available!

Students (grades 1 - 6) can get homework help at Thrall on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays (4 - 7 PM)**. Upcoming dates:

February: 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28

March: 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21

April: 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30