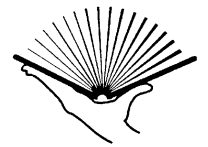




FRIENDS' FOCUS



Newsletter of The Friends of Middletown Thrall Library

Dec. 2022

ATTENTION ATTENTION

The Friends of Middletown Thrall Library are back in business after weathering the pandemic. We sincerely hope that all our friends, patrons, supporters, and library family have done so safely as well.

Our Used Book Store is once again open, but please note the new hours below in effect for the time being and allowing only a certain number of patrons in at one time for everyone's safety.

Our email address is friendsofthrall@gmail.com. If you know anyone else who would like this information, please pass it along. Or send any questions to Marlena at the above email address.

And finally, we are no longer asking you for dues in order to be a member of the Friends. Of course, any support you can give us is more than welcome and vitally important. The Friends of Middletown Thrall Library, with your patronage of our Used Book Store and with your donations to the Friends, have EACH JANUARY given \$46,000 to the Middletown Thrall Library for materials and equipment.

Repair Café March 18th 10 - 1

Have you heard of the Repair Café Movement, begun in Amsterdam in 2009? There are over 1,400 Repair Cafes worldwide, and 18 in the Hudson Valley and lower Catskills where skilled “repair mentors” work to fix broken items.

We are proud to announce our Repair Cafés will also continue 4 times a year from 10 AM to 1PM in the 2nd floor Community Room of Middletown Thrall Library.

We still need “repair mentors” – that is, men and women who can help repair electrical appliances, jewelry, or other small items.

If you're interested or curious, call Ed Irlbacher at 343-6839.

PROGRAMS

On March 1, Andy Mills and Fred Isseks will present their power point presentation on the historic **Hillside Cemetery**, focusing on its creation and design which was influenced by Downing, Vaux and Olmstead. Notable persons buried there, including a Civil War general, artists and philanthropists, will be discussed.

The program is free and open to the public and will be presented in the Community Room on the second floor at 3 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

On April 16, back by popular demand, **Brooklyn Baroque** will return at 2 p.m. in the second floor Community Room. A future newsletter will provide you with the program and any other related information. As always, the programs of the Friends are free and open to the public.

The Friends of Middletown Thrall Library
AWARD RECIPIENT

On Sunday November 27th at the Friends of Middletown Thrall Library volunteer dinner, Bruce Swenson was awarded the Friends' recognition award.

Bruce started the Used Book Store over 25 years ago and has been a loyal book store manager ever since. Bruce is a truly indispensable member of the Friends of Middletown Thrall Library.



USED BOOKSTORE

Buy and donate gently-used books and recordings (vinyl, CD's,DVD's) at the Friends Used Bookstore, and support the Friends and the Library.

Tues. 12-5

Saturdays 10-4

Wednesday 12-2 for book donations ONLY

845-344-1255

The Friends thank the volunteers, patrons, and those who donate gently-used books and media. If you wish to volunteer, make a donation, or buy books / media, call us at 344-1255, or stop in during store hours.

Remember to send us your email address - send it to friendsofthrall@gmail.com

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