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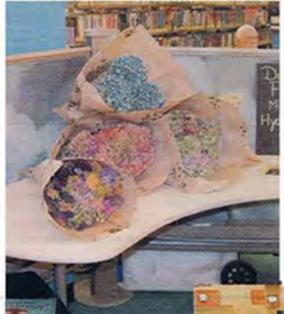
Women's Expo hits Middle Country

Event at Centereach library showcased locals — B36















83 women entrepreneurs were on hand at last Thursday's event.

Women's EXPO draws thousands to **Middle Country Public Library**

BY HEIDI SUTTON

The community was given an opportunity to kick off their holiday shopping at the 16th annual Women's EXPO last Thursday, Oct. 6. The one-day event, which was held at the Middle Country Public Library in Centereach, drew an estimated crowd of more than 2,400 people who came out to support local women in business.

Presented by the Middle Country Library Foundation and the library's Miller Business Resource Center, the occassion gave more than 80 women entrepreneurs the opportunity to introduce their wonderful products, which included wine, candles, baked goods, handbags, fall crafts. clothing, jewelry, teas, jams, pottery, soaps and much more.

"Once again we were impressed by all the successful women we meet through the EXPO," said Elizabeth Malafi, coordinator of the Adult Services and the Miller Business Resource Center at the library.

Vendors interested in participating in next year's event are encouraged to visit www. womensExpoli.org.