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FROM THE DIRECTOR

As the holiday season swiftly approaches, I'm taking some time to look back with gratitude on all we've accomplished in 2020. In May, we started the process of moving back into our renovated library. In July, we received our Certificate of Occupancy, began working on-site, and launched our hold pick-up service just days later. In July and August, we welcomed over 300 people for socially distanced, self-guided tours. While all of this was going on, we also worked to put in place the policies, protocols, and procedures needed to meet the Governor's sector guidelines for public libraries (full information on this is available at scrantonlibrary.org). On September 16th we met those guidelines and were able to open to the public Mon - Sat by appointment.

With all of that behind us, we are now poised and ready to safely expand our hours and in-person services. Read our *Reopening Update* below for more details on what's coming up next. We hope we'll see you soon, whether it's in person at the library or online at one of our exciting holiday programs. This holiday season may be different from past years, but there is still a lot to celebrate - including the possibility of a happy, healthier New Year.

Sincerely,
Sunnie Scarpa
Library Director

SEASON OF GIVING HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, Nov. 4 - Friday, Dec. 18, 2020

To help those in need, please bring donations of unexpired, non-perishable food or non-food items such as cleaning supplies & other goods to be distributed among food pantries in the Shoreline area. Donations will be accepted in the Scranton Library's "Take Out" room.

RESOURCE HIGHLIGHT

Want to learn how to say "thank you" (and much more) in another language? Learn a new language with Mango, an interactive language-learning program complete with an on-the-go app. Best of all, Mango is completely free with your Scranton Library card!

Go to: scrantonlibrary.org/online-resources/ to learn more.



Courtesy Madison Historical Society
Photo Credit Bob Gundersen

REOPENING UPDATE

We are excited to announce that starting November 2nd library users will no longer need to make appointments to visit the library. All are welcomed to come browse the collection, check out books, use computers and sign in to a study room.

Hours are limited. Please check our website for updated information as we hope to expand hours as soon as possible.

Take Out & Delivery services are still available for those who feel more comfortable with contact-less pickup.

EAST RIVER READING ROOM - YOUR TICKET TO TIME TRAVEL!

by Marcia Sokolnicki

There are many ways to travel back to when Madison was a smaller place. One is to visit the new East River Reading Room in the Scranton Library. Madison is unique as are all places; when visiting the ERRR you will find all the features of a collection that sets Madison apart. On the back wall you will see Horace Washburn, flanked by his wife Sarah Munger Washburn and the by-laws of the East River Library and Reading Room Association. On the left wall are the framed "View of Madison 1881," donated by the Madison Lions Club, and above the bookcases are twelve men of literary fame, framed in bas relief and done by Ralph Goddard. On the right wall are a framed photo that appeared in the September 1900 issue of the "Brickbuilder," and a framed poster of an auction held Mon eve Dec. 4, 1871 at the Boston Street School House.

But wait! There's more! The collection contains books, including city directories and Daniel Hand High School yearbooks, Connecticut state and town histories. Also, there are Local History files and Scranton Library history files. There are also albums of postcards, "Madison Now and Then" slide sets and many photographs. All materials are for use in the Library only, but we are happy to help you find what you would like to see in the East River Reading Room, made possible by the East River Library Company.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Walking through and enjoying our renewed library is simply incredible!

The stunning restoration of the E.C. Scranton Library has seamlessly blended it's rich, architectural past into the 21st century!

We are truly thrilled to support this Madison landmark and wish everyone continued success for many years to come!

- The Pacholyk Family, *annual fund donors*

WAYS TO DONATE:

- Donate online at www.scrantonlibrary.org/support-the-library
- Send a check to 801 Boston Post Road, Madison CT 06443
- Donate to your favorite organization (E.C. Scranton Memorial Library) while shopping at smile.amazon.com
- Use your digital wallet and make a gift via PayPal at: bit.ly/scrantonpaypal
- **Buy a brick!** More info at: scrantonlibrary.org/support-the-library

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LIBRARY HOURS

Take Out Services & Phone

Assistance are available at the following times:

Mon & Tues 10am - 5pm

Wed & Thur 10am - 8pm

Friday 10am - 5pm

Saturday 10am - 1pm

Open hours for browsing, study room & computer use:

Mon & Tues 10-12pm & 2-4pm

Wed & Thurs 2-4pm & 5-7pm

Friday 10-12pm & 2-4pm

Saturday, computer use only by appointment 10-12pm

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The public library is where place and possibility meet.

-Stuart Dybek,

Award-winning Author & Poet

SCRANTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

Beginning Friday, Nov. 6th the Scranton Library Friends will be accepting gently used book donations on the porch of the Hunter House at 24 Wall St. - across the driveway from the Scranton Library's new "parking lot" entrance.

For more info go to their Facebook page or contact them at: friends@scrantonlibrary.org

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Events Calendar

NOVEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Season of Giving: A Library Food Drive! 11/04/2020 @ 10:00am - 12/18/2020 @ 12:00pm						
Sunday Movie Matinee: "Mother" 10:00am - 11:00am	Sidewalk Scramble! All Day Little Readers Storytime 9:30am - 10:00am Preschool Storytime 10:30am - 11:00am	Take Home Tuesdays 10:00am - 4:00pm	Writing Wednesdays 10:15am - 10:30am Mindfulness Meditation 11:00am - 12:00pm Team Kindness 4:30pm - 4:45pm Novels & Nibbles: Satire & Parody 7:00pm - 8:00pm	Book & Baking: Harry Potter Edition 11:00am - 11:30am Bedtime Stories 6:00pm - 6:30pm Thanksgiving 101: Make A Great Holiday Dinner! 7:00pm - 8:30pm	Eye Spy in Madison... All Day Pre-Pub Friday! 11:15am - 11:30am Craft of the Week 2:30pm - 3:30pm	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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		Take Home Tuesday 10:00am - 4:00pm	Writing Wednesdays 10:15am - 10:30am Outdoor Craftivities 1:00pm - 8:00pm	Novels & Nibbles 7:00pm - 8:00pm	Eye Spy in Madison... All Day Pre-Pub Friday! 11:15am - 11:30am Craft of the Week 2:30pm - 3:30pm	
					In the Holiday Spirits: A Virtual Wine Tasting! 5:30pm - 6:30pm	



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DECEMBER 2020

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Season of Giving: A Library Food Drive! 11/04/2020 @ 10:00am - 12/18/2020 @ 12:00pm						
		Take Home Tuesday 10:00am - 4:00pm	Writing Wednesdays 10:15am - 10:30am Outdoor Craftivities 1:00pm - 8:00pm	Novels & Nibbles 7:00pm - 8:00pm	Eye Spy in Madison... All Day Pre-Pub Friday! 11:15am - 11:30am Craft of the Week 2:30pm - 3:30pm In the Holiday Spirits: A Virtual Wine Tasting! 5:30pm - 6:30pm	
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Season of Giving: A Library Food Drive! 11/04/2020 @ 10:00am - 12/18/2020 @ 12:00pm						
Sunday Movie Matinee 10:00am - 11:00am	Winter Storytime 11:00am - 11:30am	Take Home Tuesday 10:00am - 4:00pm International Cooking Club 7:00pm - 8:00pm	Writing Wednesdays 10:15am - 10:30am Outdoor Craftivities 1:00pm - 8:00pm	Holiday Karaoke Night! 7:00pm - 8:30pm	Pre-Pub Friday! 11:15am - 11:30am It's Science! 12:00pm - 12:30pm Craft of the Week 2:30pm - 3:30pm	
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