



FROM THE DIRECTOR

In June we dedicated our Pollinator Pathway garden and I started my remarks with a confession - I am not a gardener... in fact, I'm a consummate brown thumb and while I wish that weren't true it is precisely what made our garden project so special. On my own, I never could have created the beautiful garden space that now exists for the whole town to enjoy. It was a truly collaborative project accomplished with the knowledge of Pollinator Pathway volunteers, the time and enthusiasm of Girl Scout Troop 61120, as well as funds from The Garden Club and other donors, all combined in a space provided by the library. The finished product was greater than what any of those individual groups could have accomplished on their own. In that way, it embodies the spirit of all public libraries - places where we pool our resources so that the community as a whole can benefit from the combined collection of books, ideas, programs, and spaces that we share. This is what libraries are about and this is also what thriving communities understand; that we can create something bigger and better together than we can separately. This summer, I invite you to join us for our special **One Book, One Town** events featuring *New Kid* by Jerry Craft, the 2020 Newbery Medal and Coretta Scott King Award winner. Stop by to pick up a free copy today and then join in on the conversations we'll be hosting this summer to discuss it's important themes of diversity and inclusion. You won't want to miss our big culminating event on July 31st when Jerry Craft comes to Madison! *Join us this summer and let's keep building something special here in Madison.*

Sincerely,
Sunnie Scarpa

ONE BOOK, ONE TOWN

Community Discussion- July 13 at 6pm

Come together to discuss the themes of diversity and inclusion in schools. What can we do to be more welcoming of diversity? For families with children in grades 2-5.

Cartooning Class- Aug 17th at 11am (grades 2-5)

Caricature Class- Aug 17th at 1pm (ages 12-18)

Register now - [scrantonlibrary.org/events](https://www.scrantonlibrary.org/events)

AUTHOR VISIT - JERRY CRAFT

July 31st at 10am - Bauer Park and online

Join the author to discuss his award winning graphic novel *New Kid*, his creative process, and the journey to getting published. Presentation will be followed by Q&A to discuss the themes of the novel.

Registration required - [scrantonlibrary.org/events](https://www.scrantonlibrary.org/events)

Thank you to our anonymous donor and the ALA Libraries Transforming Communities Grant for making these programs possible.



Members of Girl Scout Troop 61120 with Library

Director Sunnie Scarpa, carpenter David Hansen, and the beautiful bench they made for the Library!

EXPANDED HOURS & ROOMS AVAILABLE

We're excited to announce that the library will be expanding open hours to include **Tuesday evenings until 8pm and Saturday mornings from 9:30am - 1pm starting on July 6th.** Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible by supporting our budget request. We are so grateful for the support and excited to expand both our hours and our services in the coming fiscal year!

Room reservations for indoor spaces will be available starting Monday, July 26th. More info:

<https://www.scrantonlibrary.org/room-reservations/>

TOP 5 SUMMER BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADULTS

by Members of our Reference Team

Sometimes You Have to Lie: The Life and Times of Louise Fitzhugh, Renegade Author of Harriet the Spy by Leslie Brody - As a rich white southern girl, Louise Fitzhugh could afford to be an artist, but as a non-conforming woman in the 1940s and 1950s, she couldn't afford not to be. Full of tidbits about Fitzhugh's contemporaries, of particular interest to those who read young adult books from the '60s and '70s.

At Home: A Short History of Private Life by Bill Bryson - This nonfiction work by the inimitable Mr. Bryson is as funny and as erudite as you'd expect. He goes room-by-room throughout the modern house, explaining the provenance of each one, and along the way goes on some outrageous and deeply fascinating tangents.

Walking With Ghosts: A Memoir by Gabriel Byrne - A lyrical, cinematic look back at the people who had the greatest impact on the actor's life and still haunt him.

Comes the War by Ed Ruggero - A World War II novel that takes place just before the Allies are set to leap the Channel to France in April 1944. Lots of action!

Band of Sisters by Lisa Willig - Based on a true story of the Smith College Relief Unit, a group of students from Smith College who went to France during World War I to help villages ravaged by the Germans. Inspiring!

MUSEUM PASSES, PLUS!

Summertime means more time to explore. Check out a pass with your library card to get **free or discounted admission to 14 area attractions!** Visit the sea animals at the Norwalk Aquarium, explore art at the Florence Griswold Museum, or play at the Children's Museum of Southeast CT. Two of our newest passes are to the Roger Williams Zoo in Providence and the Discovery Museum and Planetarium in Bridgeport.

Our **Library of Things** has some great new additions too, including a GoPro camera, movie projector plus screen for outdoor movie nights, and a digital video camera!

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
- Make a gift via PayPal at: bit.ly/scrantonpaypal
- **Buy a brick!** More info at: scrantonlibrary.org/support-the-library

LIBRARY HOURS

Beginning Tuesday,
July 6:

Monday 9:30am - 5pm

Tuesday 9:30am - 8pm

Wednesday 9:30am - 8pm

Thursday 9:30am - 8pm

Friday 9:30am - 5pm

Saturdays 9:30am - 1pm

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*Reading is a
discount ticket to
everywhere.*

*- Mary Schmich, Pulitzer
Prize winning journalist*

SCRANTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

Upcoming book sales:

July 23 - 12noon to 7:30pm

July 24 - 10am to 3:30pm

August 18 - 5:30pm to 8pm

Book donations:

The SLF are currently accepting book donations in the two cabinets on the porch of the house just across from the library's new parking lot entrance.

For more info, go to:
scrantonlibrary.org/friends
or contact them at:
friends@scrantonlibrary.org

JULY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Story Stroll All Day 6/1 - 6/30	28 Virtual Storytime 9:30am - 10:00am All Ages Outdoor Storytime 10:00am - 10:30am All Ages Outdoor Storytime 11:00am - 11:30am	29 Take Home Tuesday 9:30am - 5:00pm Toddler Tango 10:30am - 11:00am	30 Baby & Me Yoga 9:30am - 10:15am Summer Reading Kicko - Birds of Prey 6:00pm - 7:00pm All-American Trivia Night! 6:30pm - 8:00pm	1 Novels & Nibbles: LGBTQ Literature 4:00pm - 5:00pm Teen Night 5:00pm - 8:00pm Bedtime Stories 6:00pm - 6:30pm	2 Outdoor Explorers 10:00am - 11:00am Peek-a-book 12:00pm - 12:15pm Craft of the Month: DIY Seashell Windchimes 2:30pm - 3:30pm	3
4	5	6 Take Home Tuesday 9:30am - 5:00pm Toddler Tango 10:30am - 11:00am	7 Toddler Yoga with Miss Emily 9:30am - 10:15am Smeagull the Seagull 6:00pm - 6:30pm	8 Novels & Nibbles 4:00pm - 5:00pm Teen Night 5:00pm - 8:00pm Bedtime Stories 6:00pm - 6:30pm	9 Outdoor Explorers 10:00am - 11:00am Peek-a-book 12:00pm - 12:15pm	10
11	12 Virtual Storytime 9:30am - 10:00am All Ages Outdoor Storytime 10:00am - 10:30am All Ages Outdoor Storytime 11:00am - 11:30am	13 Take Home Tuesday 9:30am - 5:00pm Toddler Tango 10:30am - 11:00am Community Conversation: Race, Diversity & Inclusion 6:00pm - 7:00pm	14 Little Yoga with Miss Emily 10:30am - 11:15am Unicorns Break the Cage: Virtual Event 6:00pm - 7:00pm Connecticut's History of Beekeeping 6:30pm - 7:30pm	15 Novels & Nibbles 4:00pm - 5:00pm Teen Night 5:00pm - 8:00pm Bedtime Stories 6:00pm - 6:30pm Outdoor Meditation at Bauer Park 6:30pm - 7:30pm	16 Outdoor Explorers 10:00am - 11:00am Peek-a-book 12:00pm - 12:15pm	17 Build Your Pet a Palace! 10:00am - 1:00pm
18	19 Virtual Storytime 9:30am - 10:00am All Ages Outdoor Storytime 10:00am - 10:30am All Ages Outdoor Storytime 11:00am - 11:30am	20 Take Home Tuesday 9:30am - 5:00pm Toddler Tango 10:30am - 11:00am Henna By Heather 1:00pm - 2:00pm	21 Elementary Yoga with Miss Emily 4:00pm - 5:00pm Cool-ology: Animals & Nature Lab 6:00pm - 7:00pm Olympic Trivia Night! 6:30pm - 8:00pm	22 Novels & Nibbles 4:00pm - 5:00pm Teen Night 5:00pm - 8:00pm Bedtime Stories 6:00pm - 6:30pm Outdoor Meditation at Bauer Park 6:30pm - 7:30pm	23 Outdoor Explorers 10:00am - 11:00am Peek-a-book 12:00pm - 12:15pm	24
25	26 Virtual Storytime 9:30am - 10:00am All Ages Outdoor Storytime 10:00am - 10:30am All Ages Outdoor Storytime 11:00am - 11:30am	27 Take Home Tuesday 9:30am - 5:00pm Toddler Tango 10:30am - 11:00am	28 Yoga For Kids with Miss Emily 4:00pm - 5:00pm A Zookeeper's Game of Animal Facts: Virtual Event 6:00pm - 6:45pm "Spooked": An Author Talk by Barry Meier 7:00pm - 8:00pm	29 Novels & Nibbles 4:00pm - 5:00pm Bedtime Stories 6:00pm - 6:30pm Outdoor Meditation at Bauer Park 6:30pm - 7:30pm	30 Outdoor Explorers 10:00am - 11:00am Peek-a-book 12:00pm - 12:15pm Craft of the Month! 2:30pm - 3:30pm	31 One Book, One Town; Author Event with Jerry Craft- Live Event 10:00am - 11:00am One Book, One Town; Virtual Author Event with Jerry Craft 10:00am - 11:00am



AUGUST 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	<p><u>Virtual Storytime</u> 9:30am - 10:00am</p> <p><u>All Ages Outdoor Storytime</u> 10:00am - 10:30am</p> <p><u>All Ages Outdoor Storytime</u> 11:00am - 11:30am</p>	<p><u>Take Home Tuesday</u> 9:30am - 5:00pm</p> <p><u>Toddler Tango</u> 10:30am - 11:00am</p> <p><u>Sea Life Investigation with Julie Ainsworth</u> 6:00pm - 7:00pm</p>	<p><u>Paint Night at Bauer Park</u> 6:30pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p><u>Novels & Nibbles</u> 4:00pm - 5:00pm</p> <p><u>Bedtime Stories</u> 6:00pm - 6:30pm</p> <p><u>Outdoor Meditation at Bauer Park</u> 6:30pm - 7:30pm</p>	<p><u>Outdoor Explorers</u> 10:00am - 11:00am</p> <p><u>Peek-a-book</u> 12:00pm - 12:15pm</p>	7
8	<p><u>Virtual Storytime</u> 9:30am - 10:00am</p> <p><u>All Ages Outdoor Storytime</u> 10:00am - 10:30am</p> <p><u>All Ages Outdoor Storytime</u> 11:00am - 11:30am</p>	<p><u>Take Home Tuesday</u> 9:30am - 5:00pm</p> <p><u>Toddler Tango</u> 10:30am - 11:00am</p>	<p><u>Connecticut's Native Wildlife</u> 6:30pm - 7:30pm</p>	<p><u>Novels & Nibbles</u> 4:00pm - 5:00pm</p> <p><u>Bedtime Stories</u> 6:00pm - 6:30pm</p> <p><u>Outdoor Meditation at Bauer Park</u> 6:30pm - 7:30pm</p>	<p><u>Outdoor Explorers</u> 10:00am - 11:00am</p> <p><u>Peek-a-book</u> 12:00pm - 12:15pm</p>	14
15	<p><u>Walking Tour of the Madison Green</u> 4:00pm - 5:00pm</p>	<p><u>Learn to be a Cartoonist</u> 11:00am - 12:00pm</p> <p><u>Caricature Class</u> 1:00pm - 2:00pm</p>	<p><u>G.O.A.T. Trivia Night!</u> 6:30pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p><u>Novels & Nibbles</u> 4:00pm - 5:00pm</p> <p><u>Outdoor Meditation at Bauer Park</u> 6:30pm - 7:30pm</p>	20	21
22	23	24	25	<p><u>Novels & Nibbles</u> 4:00pm - 5:00pm</p>	<p><u>Craft of the Month!</u> 2:30pm - 3:30pm</p>	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

For full details and to register for a free program,
go to: www.scrantonlibrary.org/events