



LET'S START FRESH THIS YEAR!

Want to try something new this year? Looking for a fresh start? You're not alone! Last year an estimated 164 million Americans (approx. 65% of the population) said they wanted to learn something new, make a lifestyle change, or set new personal development goals in the new year. Whether you want to pick a different hobby, get organized, or change careers the library has materials, movies, and programming to support you - just stop by and let one of our knowledgeable staff members point you in the right direction.

Learn more about upcoming events at: scrantonlibrary.org/events

Of course, if you're looking for an inspiring book to get you started on your journey, the options are innumerable. Our staff is always ready to help. Stop by today and let us connect you to what you need to start anew!

Sincerely,

Sunnie Scarpa - Library Director

AGE OF CATHEDRALS: A YALE OPEN COURSE

Thursdays, Jan. 20 – Feb. 24
6:30pm in the Lifelong Learning Room

Join us to participate in one of Yale University's most popular open courses! This class is an introduction to some of the most astonishing architectural monuments the world has ever known—Gothic cathedrals. Register online: scrantonlibrary.org/events

TECH HELP AT THE LIBRARY

Did you receive new tech toys over the holidays? We can help! Bring your device & your questions, and stop by at one of these times:

[TEEN Tech Help](#)

Mon, Tues, & Wed afternoons from 2:30 - 4:30pm

[Tech Help with Chris](#)

Wed evenings from 7 - 8pm

"A YEAR IN THE HEART OF MADISON" RAFFLE

Coming soon for the second year in a row, you can buy a raffle ticket for only \$20 and have a chance to win an amazing prize. Support our library and many of Madison's businesses and restaurants at the same time! Tickets go on sale on our website on January 10th with the drawing held on Valentine's Day. Be part of this great event and support our amazing local vendors.

Four amazing prize packages include:

'**Eat Your Heart Out**' - 52 gift cards for \$50 each to Cafe Allegre, Friends & Company, Jia Mei, Lenny & Joe's, Bradley & Wall, Donahue's Madison Beach Grille, Grand Apizza, and The Moonlit Baker.

'**Love Your Local**' - 55 gift cards for \$40 each to Walker Loden, Willow and Birch, The Audubon Shop, Robertson Madison, Ciao Bella, J. Horton, The Country Shop, and Water Street Jewelers.

'**Sweet and Savory**' - 56 gift cards for \$30 each to Ashley's Ice Cream, Madison Coffee House, Meriano's Bake Shoppe, The Shoreline Vine, Madison Cheese Shop & Cafe, Italian Food Store, and Savvy Tea Gourmet.

'**Home Sweet Home**' - 54 gift cards for \$30 each to Madison Earth Care, BDL Photos & Gifts, Wall Street Gallery, Junk-2-Junque, Neighborhood Vintage, Homeward Collective, and Madison Dry Cleaners.

THE LIVING LIBRARY PROJECT

by *Samantha Pullaro, Master Gardner*



The Living Library Project kicked off this summer with a siege on weeds: a group of dedicated volunteers completed a total of 61 hours of weeding from July to October. Native seeds collected locally and made available for free at the library were snapped up by curious and eager patrons.

The purpose of the LLP is to employ the library grounds as a resource about plants, healthy soils, the roles of insects, and more to be presented through classes, clinics, plant identification sessions, etc.

New workshops and "office hours" will be starting in the spring, so check the library calendar at: scrantonlibrary.org/events or visit the library's website: scrantonlibrary.org and sign up to receive Library News via email, so you never miss an event!

If you'd like to learn more about topics pertinent to your garden, the Living Library Project, or the coming season, go to: ladybug.uconn.edu/.

ATOMIC HABITS: AN EASY & PROVEN WAY TO BUILD GOOD HABITS & BREAK BAD ONES BY JAMES CLEAR

by *Emily Rush, Reference Librarian*

What better way to start a new year than by looking at your habits - both good and bad. Did you know that forming habits is the brain's attempt at efficiency? When we do things without thinking about them first, the brain can conserve energy for tasks that require more thought and engagement. Clear's book provides straightforward and precise guidance on setting habits, sticking with them, and dropping the bad ones. It's available in print and as an audiobook or ebook through Overdrive. Hop over to our website at scrantonlibrary.org for more info.

WAYS TO DONATE:

- Donate online at www.scrantonlibrary.org/support-the-library.
- Send a check to 801 Boston Post Road, Madison, CT 06443
- Choose E.C. Scranton Memorial Library while shopping at smile.amazon.com
- Make a gift via PayPal at: bit.ly/scrantonpaypal or Venmo @scrantonmemoriallibraryct
- Buy a brick! More info at: scrantonlibrary.org/support-the-library

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday 9:30am - 5pm
Tuesday 9:30am - 8pm
Wednesday 9:30am - 8pm
Thursday 9:30am - 8pm
Friday 9:30am - 5pm
Saturdays 9:30am - 5pm

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"Isn't it nice to think that tomorrow is a new day with no mistakes in it yet?"

- *Anne of Green Gables*

SCRANTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

Book donations:

We have stopped collecting book donations for the winter. We will re-open our book donation cabinets in March.

Contact us:

friends@scrantonlibrary.org

JANUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28 After School Anime 4:00pm - 6:00pm Knitting Club 6:30pm - 7:30pm	29 Teen Creative Writing Group 5:00pm - 6:00pm Tech Help with Chris 7:00pm - 8:00pm	30 Teen Night 5:00pm - 8:00pm	31	1
2	3 Crawlers & Cuddlers 9:30am - 10:00am Walkers & Wigglers 10:30am - 11:00am Teen Tech Help! 2:30pm - 4:30pm	4 Toddler Craft Time 10:30am - 11:00am Teen Tech Help! 2:30pm - 4:30pm	5 Teen Tech Help! 2:30pm - 4:30pm Cool-ology: Snow and Ice Lab 4:00pm - 5:00pm Teen Creative Writing Group 5:00pm - 6:00pm Tech Help with Chris 7:00pm - 8:00pm	6 Novels & Nibbles 4:00pm - 5:00pm Teen Night 5:00pm - 8:00pm Knitting Club 6:30pm - 7:30pm	7	8 Scranton Writers' Club 10:00am - 11:30am
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16	17	18 Toddler Craft Time 10:30am - 11:00am Teen Tech Help! 2:30pm - 4:30pm DIY Drop-In! 5:00pm - 8:00pm	19 Teen Tech Help! 2:30pm - 4:30pm STEAM Storytime 4:00pm - 4:45pm Teen Creative Writing Group 5:00pm - 6:00pm Classics @ Scranton: "Northanger Abbey" 6:30pm - 7:30pm Tech Help with Chris 7:00pm - 8:00pm	20 Novels & Nibbles 4:00pm - 5:00pm Teen Night 5:00pm - 8:00pm Age of Cathedrals: A Yale Open Course! 6:30pm - 7:30pm Knitting Club 6:30pm - 7:30pm Winter Mindfulness Meditation 7:00pm - 8:00pm	21	22 LEGOS, LEGOS, LEGOS 10:00am - 12:00pm
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