



FUNDRAISING AT SCRANTON LIBRARY EXPLAINED

by Nicole Wiles, Board President & Development Committee Chair

Scranton Library is an association library governed by a Board of Trustees. Distinct from municipal libraries, it is not a town department, but a nonprofit organization that relies on the generosity of donors, as well as local government and community partnerships. Each year, the Town's contribution is determined during the annual budget process when Scranton Library presents a statement of anticipated revenues and expenditures to be approved by elected officials and, in due course, by the voters at referendum. Typically, annual revenue requirements are shared by the Town and the Library on an 85/15 split. The Library generates its portion of these funds from a wide variety of sources, including grants, interest from investments, donations from the Scranton Library Friends, and fundraising. In order to meet their fundraising commitment each year, a development committee of the board of trustees prepares and implements an annual fundraising plan that includes annual appeal campaigns, events, and participation in a variety of community-sponsored fundraisers, such as *The Great Give*.

Seeking the right balance of financial support from local, state, and private sources is a major challenge for Scranton Library. Thanks to your generous donations throughout the year and advocacy during the budget season, your support plays a vital role in keeping Scranton Library financially stable.

CHILDREN'S SPRING BREAK PROGRAMS!

Stop by the library from the 18th-23rd to pick up a spring-themed take-home craft (first come, first served) and don't forget to sign up for our spring break programs starting Mon, April 4th!

Ed Popielarczyk Magic Show

Tues, April 19 at 10am

Cool-ology "Weather Wonders"

Fri, April 22 at 10am

TEEN PROGRAMS ARE BACK

After a short break in January, in-person teen programs are back at the Library!

We have After School Anime on Tuesdays, Creative Writing on Wednesdays, Teen Night on Thursdays, and a monthly Dungeons and Dragons program. We are proud to provide our town's youth with fun and creative programming.

Go to: scrantonlibrary.org/events for all the details!

HELP CREATE THE NEW KIDS LIBRARY OF THINGS

Calling all Youth Philanthropists! During the month of March, you can help create a Kids Library of Things - a collection of non-traditional items for kids to borrow and take home.

The benefits of youth philanthropy are numerous – kids learn responsibility, a sense of purpose, and they develop leadership and teamwork skills. They become more engaged in their community and begin to understand the needs of others. One of the best ways to promote youth philanthropy is to encourage children to become involved at local organizations they already know and love - like the Scranton Library!

To get involved, here's what kids can do:

- Visit the children's room, make a donation, and write your name on a paper shamrock to be displayed in the Children's Room. Remember this is teamwork... every donation counts!
- Tell your friends and stay tuned for the unveiling of YOUR Kids Library of Things.

NOW AVAILABLE: SENSORY BACKPACKS!

by Sunnie Scarpa & Fiona Kelly

The newest addition to our popular Library of Things is a set of sensory backpacks for use at the Library or at home. These backpacks include weighted lap pads, fidget tools, balance cushions, ear protectors, and sunglasses. These items are based on recommendations by occupational therapists, mental health counselors, and special educators who work with children. These tools will enable patrons of all ages to self-soothe and stimulate in order to regulate their sensory experiences within the library, or any other environments they find challenging. While traditionally associated with developmental disabilities such as Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder and Autism Spectrum Disorder, sensory kits can be beneficial to anyone who finds themselves overwhelmed by sensory inputs.

Libraries have long dedicated themselves as places where all people should feel welcome. Developing these sensory backpacks is one more step towards ensuring that all Madison residents and Scranton Library users feel a sense of ownership and belonging to this space.

For Adult/Teen backpacks, please see the Library of Things display next to the Borrowing Desk. For children's backpacks, please stop by the Children's Department Info Desk. Thank you to the Pardee Youth Fund for making this project possible!

A YEAR IN THE HEART OF MADISON RAFFLE

Thanks to everyone that purchased a raffle ticket and supported the annual *Year in the Heart of Madison* raffle fundraiser. Library supporters purchased 1,631 tickets and raised \$32,620 for Scranton Library's annual operating budget. Your generous donations not only supported your Library, but your local business community too.

- Congratulations to the winners:
- Eat Your Heart Out – Sandra McKinnon
 - Love Your Local – Michael Ginsburg
 - Sweet and Savory – Tom Rooney
 - Home Sweet Home – Peter Pearce



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
- 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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Libraries allow children to ask questions about the world and find the answers. And the wonderful thing is that once a child learns to use a library, the doors to learning are always open.

- Laura Bush

SCRANTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

Book donations:
The Friends will begin accepting book donations for the spring book sale on Friday, March 25th. Please bring high quality book donations to their outdoor donation bins.

Contact us:
friends@scrantonlibrary.org

MARCH PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

WED, MARCH 2ND
Bilingual Storytime with ABC Amigos
10:00 am. Registration required.

THURS, MARCH 3RD
Slime Lab: Erupting Slime
4 pm. Registration required.

Starting MON, MARCH 7TH
Crawlers and Cuddlers Storytime
9:30 am. Registration required.
This is a series registration.

Starting MON, MARCH 7TH
Walkers and Wigglers Storytime
10:30 am & 11:00 am.
Registration required.
This is a series registration.

SAT, MARCH 19TH
LEGOS, LEGOS, LEGOS
10:00 am-12:00 pm.
No registration required.

SAT, MARCH 26TH
The Paper Airplane Challenge
10:30 am-11:30 am.
Registration required.

For full event details and to register for a library program, go to:

scrantonlibrary.org/events

MARCH PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

ONGOING
Teen Tech Help
Wednesdays & Fridays between 2:30-4:30pm. No registration required.

ONGOING
Tech Help with Chris!
Every Wednesday from 7 – 8pm. No registration required.
ONGOING
DIY Drop-In!
Every Tuesday from 5 – 8pm. No registration required.

TUES, MARCH 1ST
Craft of the Month
Craft Pick-up: Mondays during library hours
Program: Tuesday, March 1st from 5-8 pm at the library.
Registration required.

TUES, MARCH 1ST & 15TH
Madison Movie Chat!
@Zoom Meeting at 6:30 pm
Registration required.

WED, MARCH 2ND
“Solidarity”: Art & Inclusivity at the Scranton Memorial Library
6:30 pm. Registration required.

THURS, MARCH 3RD & 17TH
Novels & Nibbles
Zoom Meeting at 4:00 pm.
Registration required.

WED, MARCH 9TH
Tapping into the Past: Tavern Life in Early Connecticut
6:30 pm. Registration required.

THURS, MARCH 10TH- 31ST
ASL Basics for Beginners
7:00 pm Registration required.

SAT, MARCH 12TH
Scranton Writers' Club
10 am. Registration required.

SAT, MARCH 12TH
The New Lawn: Landscaping for Long Island Sound
10:00 am. Registration required.

WED, MARCH 23RD
Classics @ Scranton Book Club
7:00 pm. Registration required.

SAT, MARCH 26TH
The Big Read Book Club: Circe by Madeline Miller
10:00 am. Registration required.

SAT, MARCH 26TH
Understanding the Lawn: Site, Management, and Weather
11:00 am. Registration required.

WED, MARCH 30TH
Hippocrates' Daughters: WWI, Medicine and the Women's Vote
6:30 pm. Registration required.

APRIL PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

WED, APRIL 6TH
Bilingual Storytime with ABC Amigos
10:00 am. Registration required.

FRI, APRIL 8TH
Outdoor Explorers
10:00 am Registration required.

SAT, APRIL 16TH
LEGOS, LEGOS, LEGOS
10:00 am-12:00 pm. No registration required.

MON, APRIL 18TH through
FRI, APRIL 22ND
Take Home Craft
All day. No registration
required.

TUES, APRIL 19TH
**Magic Show with Magician Ed
Popielarczyk**
10:00 am. Registration
required.

THURS, APRIL 21ST
DIY Seed Bombs
4:00 pm Registration required.

FRI, APRIL 22ND
Cool-ology: Weather Wonders
10:00 am. Registration required.

THURS, APRIL 28TH
Slime Lab: Dirt Slime
4 pm. Registration required.

APRIL PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

ONGOING

Teen Tech Help
Wednesdays & Fridays
between 2:30-4:30pm. No
registration required.

ONGOING

Tech Help with Chris!
Every Wednesday from 7 –
8pm. No registration required.

ONGOING

DIY Drop-In!
Every Tuesday from 5 – 8pm. No
registration required.

TUES, APRIL 5TH
Craft of the Month
Craft Pick-up: Mondays during
library hours.
Program: Tuesday, March 1st
from 5-8 pm. Registration
required.

TUES, APRIL 5TH & 19TH
Madison Movie Chat!
Zoom Meeting at 6:30 pm.
Registration required.

WED, APRIL 6TH
**A Beginner's Guide to
America: An Author Talk with
Roya Hakakian**
6:30 pm. Registration required.

THURS, APRIL 7TH & 21ST
Novels & Nibbles
Zoom Meeting at 4:00 pm.
Registration required.

THURS, APRIL 7TH
Trivia Night @ the SML!
6:00 pm. Registration required.

THURS, APRIL 7TH – 28TH
**Spring Mindfulness
Meditation**
Zoom Meeting at 7:00 pm.
Registration required.

SAT, APRIL 9TH
Scranton Writers' Club
Zoom Meeting at 10 am.
Registration required.

TUES, APRIL 12TH
Cookbook Club!
6:00 pm. Registration required.

TUES, APRIL 12TH
**Financial Literacy for
Veterans**
6:30 pm. Hybrid Event.
Registration required.

WED, APRIL 13TH
**Bitcoin and Other Crypto
Currencies**
6:30 pm. Registration required.

WED, APRIL 20TH
**Classics @ Scranton Book
Club**
7:00 pm. Registration required.

THURS, APRIL 21ST
**A River Speaks: A
Documentary Screening &
Discussion**
6:30 pm. Registration required.

THURS, APRIL 21ST
**Madison Lyric Stage
Presents: Seven Deadly Sins
& Curlew River**
2:30 pm. Registration required.

SAT, APRIL 23RD
The Big Read Book Club
10:00 am. Registration
required.

WED, APRIL 27TH
**The Italians: From Late
Gothic to High Renaissance**
6:30 pm. Registration required.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

After School Anime
Every Tuesday from 5-8pm

Creative Writing Group
Every Wednesday from 5-6pm

Teen Game Night
Every Thursday from 5-8pm

Dungeons and Dragons
Saturday, March 12th from 1-
5pm

Dungeons and Dragons
Saturday, April 9th from 1-5pm

