



GET READY FOR SUMMER READING

by Lydia Holland, Head of Children's Services

Families and kids can prevent the summer slide by participating in our 2022 Summer Reading Program "Oceans of Possibilities!" Summer slide is the tendency for students to lose some of the achievement gains they made from the previous school year. Reading for pleasure over the summer, coupled with attending fun, enriching activities at the library, can help keep students engaged over the summer months. This ensures that they go back to school in the fall ready to learn.

This summer, participants can earn prizes for the time they spend reading, as well as participate in our Summer Bingo for a chance to win the grand prize! Two programs, one for pre-readers and one for independent readers, are available for students through grade 6. Our programs this summer include sea creature touch tanks, live animals, magicians and so much more!

Stop by the library starting on June 27th to get started and earn your first prize that day. We can't wait to see what possibilities await us this summer!

INSTRUMENT PETTING ZOO

Saturday May 28th at 10 a.m.

Join Giving Bach, from Daniel Hand, for an instrument petting zoo! Listen to a selection of music, and then get ready to try your hand at a variety of instruments! This is a hands on program where kids will get to try out all kinds of instruments (except the ones that require your mouth to play, of course!). For ages 3 and up.

Registration required: scrantonlibrary.org/events

TEEN MONTHLY D&D EVENTS

SAT, MAY 21st and SAT, JUNE 18th from 1-5pm.

Fight monsters, discover treasure, and save the world all from the comfort of our amazing library building. This is the perfect program for beginners and experienced players. Our Dungeon Master will be the amazing Olivia Fumiatti, who is bringing tons of expertise and experience.

This event is open to 6th-12th graders. No registration required.

SHORELINE STORYTELLING SERIES IN MAY & JUNE

The Ubuntu Storytellers are back this Spring, with two incredible performances at the Scranton Library! Join us for one or both of these outdoor story concerts.

"To Be Young, Black & Gifted" - Tuesday, May 10th @ 6:30 pm

Our tellers commemorate Lorraine Hansberry by sharing true stories of the journey of black and brown people in America. These artists will impart the struggles, the victories and the lived spaces in between.

"Ase - Our Ancestors, Ourselves" - Saturday, June 4th @ 2:30 pm

Open your eyes to new experiences! In Yoruba, the word "Ase" means "so it shall be." Multiple storytellers will engage you in a slice of their life, warm your heart and expand your imagination.



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LIVING LIBRARY UPDATE

by Samantha & Francesca Pullaro

The Library will welcome several garden guides to its shelves soon. Show your gratitude by employing them to identify, plants, diseases and pests, etc!

Speaking of identification, native plant "volunteers," such as Common Yarrow and Goldenrod (species TBD) have begun to spring through the mulch at the library. I'm hoping the Wild Indigo and Virginia Pepperweed return from 2021. We'll be labeling these native beauties, often mistaken as weeds, as they emerge. Please come observe them and/or test your plant ID skill.

Volunteers will meet every Tuesday at 8am until Autumn, so that as the weather gets hotter we will enjoy outdoor time in shade and gentle sun. All garden lovers are invited to volunteer with us as we weed, deadhead, prune, ID plants and monitor the garden for disease, pests, etc.

Plant Clinics are BACK! UConn Master Gardeners are in the tent Mondays from 12-1 to assist with all things horticultural. Specimens need to be sealed in a clear bag or container to prevent the spread of pathogens.

Want to volunteer to organize, manage or help with our Native Seed Library? Do you have a topic you'd like to see presented? Please contact me at Samantha.Pullaro@uconn.edu to discuss.

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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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Write to be understood,
speak to be heard, READ
TO GROW

-Lawrence Clark Powell, librarian, literary critic, and author.

SCRANTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

Scranton Library Friends Books sales are back!! Come browse our collection of gently used books and find your new favorite author or genre or maybe find that missing book from a series your reading!

Friday, June 10th 12pm - 7:30pm
Saturday, June 11th 10am - 3:30pm

Contact us: friends@scrantonlibrary.org

MAY PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

ONGOING

Coloring Club

Every Tuesday at 9:30 am. No registration required.

STORYTIME SERIES

MON, MAY 9TH- 23RD

Crawlers and Cuddlers Storytime

For littles who are either under 2 or are not yet steady on their feet. *Masks are required for adults and children aged 2 and up.* 9:30 am. This is a series registration. Limited day-of walk-in availability.

STORYTIME SERIES

MON, MAY 9TH-23RD

Walkers and Wigglers Storytime

For kids who are either 2 and up or are walking independently. *Masks are required for adults and children aged 2 and up.* 10:30 am & 11:00 am. Registration required. This is a series registration. Limited day-of walk-in availability.

WED, MAY 4TH

Bilingual Storytime with ABC Amigos

For children ages 0-5. 10:00 am. Registration required.

THURS, MAY 5TH

Spy Kids of Madison: Chromatography & Invisible Ink

For grades 3-6. 4 pm. Registration required.

WED, MAY 11TH

STEAM Storytime

For ages 2-6 and a grownup. 4 pm. Registration required. Limited walk-in availability.

THURS, MAY 19TH

Bubble Art!

For kids ages 4-8 and a grown-up. 4:00 pm. Registration required.

SAT, MAY 21ST

Spring Cookie Decorating

10:00 am. OR 2:00 pm. Registration required. You may register your children separately or register as a family.

FRI, MAY 27TH

Outdoor Explorers

For ages 0-5. 10:00 am. Registration required.

MAY PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

ONGOING

Teen Tech Help

Every Wednesday and Friday from 2:30-4:30pm & Thursday from 4-6pm. No registration required.

ONGOING

Knitting Club

Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 pm in the East River Reading Room!

ONGOING

Tech Help with Chris!

Every Monday from 3 – 5pm. No registration required.

ONGOING

DIY Drop-In!

Every Tuesday from 5 – 8pm. No registration required.

TUES, MAY 3RD

Craft of the Month

Craft Pick-up: Monday from 9:30-5pm. Program: Tuesday from 5-8 pm. Registration required.

TUES, MAY 3RD

Madison Movie Chat!

6:30 pm. Registration required.

WED, MAY 4TH

A Year in Kimono: A History & Demonstration

6:30 pm. Registration required.

THURS, MAY 5TH

Novels & Nibbles

4:00 pm. Registration required.

SAT, MAY 7TH

Veteran Support Dogs: An

Interactive Event

2:30 pm. Registration required.

TUES, MAY 10TH

The Ubuntu Storytellers Present: To Be Young, Gifted and Black

6:30 pm. Registration required. TUES, MAY 10TH

Cookbook Club!

6:00 pm. Registration required.

WED, MAY 11TH

Preparing for Golf Season

6:30 pm. Registration required.

THURS, MAY 12TH

Trivia Night @ the SML

6:00 pm. Registration required.

SAT, MAY 14TH

LEGOS, LEGOS, LEGOS

10:00 am-12:00 pm. No registration required.

SAT, MAY 14TH

Scranton Writers' Club

10 am. Registration required.

TUES, MAY 17TH

Madison Movie Chat!

6:30 pm. Registration required.

WED, MAY 18TH

Classics @ Scranton Book Club

7:00 pm. Registration required.

THURS, MAY 5TH & 19TH

Novels & Nibbles

4:00 pm. Registration required.

SAT, MAY 21ST

The Big Read Book Club

10:00 am. Registration required.

SAT, MAY 21ST

Madison Lyric Stage Presents: Sweeney Todd

2:30 pm. Registration required.

WED, MAY 25TH

Exploring CT's Natural Wonders

6:30 pm. Registration required.

JUNE PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

MON, JUNE 27TH

Crawlers and Cuddlers Storytime

For littles who are either under 2 or are not yet steady on their feet.
9:30 am Registration required.
Limited day of walk-in availability.

MON, JUNE 27TH

Walkers and Wigglers Storytime

For kids who are either 2 and up or are walking independently.
10:30 am. Registration required.
Limited day-of walk-in availability.

TUES, JUNE 28TH

Pens & Pizza

For ages 11-14.
6:00 pm. Registration required.

WED, JUNE 29TH

Ocean Stories with Julie Ainsworth

For ages 2 and up.
10:00 am. Registration required.

JUNE PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

ONGOING

Teen Tech Help

Every Wednesday and Friday
from 2:30-4:30pm & Thursday
from 4-6pm.
No registration required.

ONGOING

Knitting Club

Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 pm in
the East River Reading Room!

ONGOING

Tech Help with Chris!

Every Monday from 3 – 5pm. No
registration required.

ONGOING

DIY Drop-In!

Every Tuesday from 5 – 8pm. No
registration required.

THURS, JUNE 2ND

Novels & Nibbles

4:00 pm Registration required.

SAT, JUNE 4TH

The Ubuntu Storytellers

**Present: “Ase - Our Ancestors,
Ourselves”**

2:30 pm. Registration required.

TUES, JUNE 7TH

Craft of the Month

Craft Pick-up: Mon 9:30-5pm
Program: Tuesday, June 7th from
5-8 pm. Registration required.

TUES, JUNE 7TH

Madison Movie Chat!

6:30 pm Registration required.

WED, JUNE 8TH

**Going to Extremes: A Travel
Journalist's Tour of the Globe's
Most Adventurous Outposts**

6:30 pm. Registration required.

SAT, JUNE 11TH

Scranton Writers' Club

10 am Registration required.

TUES, JUNE 14TH

Cookbook Club

6:45 pm Registration required.

WED, JUNE 15TH

Classics @ Scranton Book Club

7:00 pm. Registration required.

THURS, JUNE 16TH

Novels & Nibbles

4:00 pm Registration required.

SAT, JUNE 18TH

The Big Read Book Club

10:00 am Registration required.

TUES, JUNE 21ST

Madison Movie Chat!

6:30 pm Registration required.

WED. JUNE 22ND

**Transgender 101: A
Conversation with Jillian
Celentano**

6:30 pm. Registration required.

Wednesday, June 29th

**Are You Ready for This Jelly?
How New Discoveries about**

Jellyfish Could Shape Our World

6:30 pm. Registration required.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

ONGOING

Teen Weekly DIY Crafternoon

Every Wednesday from 5-7pm

ONGOING

Teen Game Night

Every Thursday from 5-8pm

SAT, MAY 7TH

Teen Monthly Craft:

Mother's Day Bath Salts

2-3pm. Registration
encouraged.

THURS, MAY 19TH

Magic the Gathering

Innistrad Booster Draft!

4-8pm. Registration required.

SAT, MAY 21ST

Dungeons and Dragons

1-5pm. No registration
required.

SAT, JUNE 18TH

Dungeons and Dragons

1-5pm. No registration
required.

**For full event
details and to
register, go to:
[scrantonlibrary.
org/events](http://scrantonlibrary.org/events)**