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Another New Beginning
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A NEW YEAR, A NEW BEGINNING

Want to try something new this year? Looking for a fresh start? Whether you want to start a new hobby, get organized, or change careers the library has materials and programming to support you - just stop by and let one of our knowledgeable staff members point you in the right direction. The library is also a great place to connect with others and create community. Join our knitting club, learn ukulele, or get involved in a new book club this year! Learn more and see all of our fun, free upcoming events at: scrantonlibrary.org/events

Each new year is a chance for a new start and we have a lot to look forward to this year at the Scranton Library. Stop by today and let us connect you to whatever you need to start anew!

Sincerely,
Sunnie Scarpa - Library Director

GRAND OPENING: TURTLE TRAVELS MUSEUM EXHIBIT

Saturday, January 21st 10am - 1pm

Join us for our exciting, grand opening event to welcome the Turtle Travels museum exhibit from the Sciencenter of Ithaca, NY! This exhibit is funded by the Schumann Foundation.

Giveaways and snacks, while supplies last.

No registration required. All ages welcome!

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 for one-on-one

Tech Help with Chris:

Mon 3-5pm, Tues 1-3pm, Thurs 10am-12pm

We also have teen volunteers available for tech help multiple times each week. Check our calendar for details: www.scrantonlibrary.org/events

"A YEAR IN THE HEART OF MADISON" RAFFLE



A Year in the Heart of Madison
Valentine's Day Raffle

Feb. 14th, 2023, 2 pm @ Scranton Library

Tickets \$20

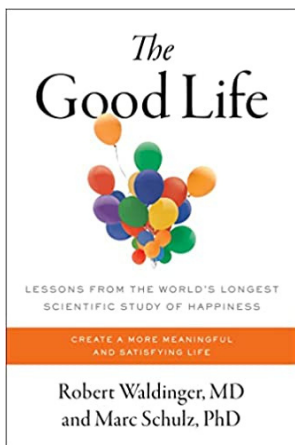
Four Fabulous Prizes. Each prize is 57 gift cards to local Madison businesses with a prize value of \$2,210
30 partnering businesses



For tickets and info scan QR code, OR:
go.eventgroovefundraising.com/scrantonraffle
Text "Scranton" at 406-302-5086

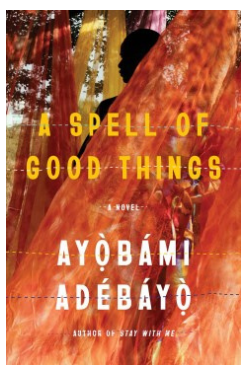
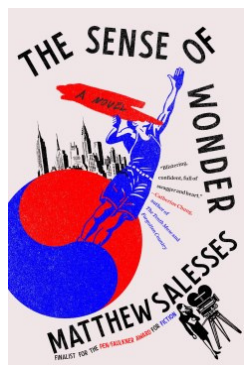
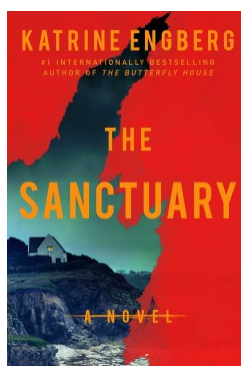
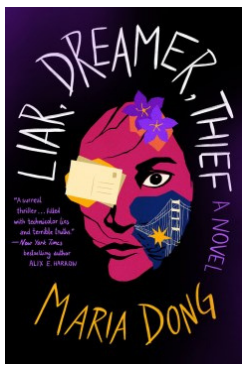
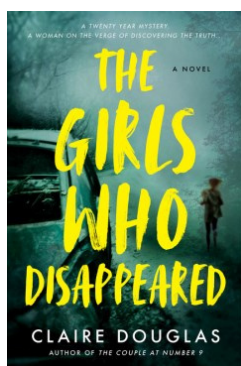
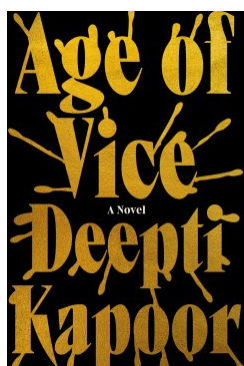
RECOMMENDED READ - THE GOOD LIFE: LESSONS FROM THE WORLD'S LONGEST SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF HAPPINESS

Coming out January 10, 2023



When writing your New Year's resolutions this January, consider incorporating lessons from the longest scientific study of happiness ever conducted. What makes a life fulfilling and meaningful? The simple but surprising answer is: relationships. The stronger our relationships, the more likely we are to live happy, satisfying, and overall healthier lives. In fact, the Harvard Study of Adult Development reveals that the strength of our connections with others can predict the health of both our bodies and our brains as we go through life.

MORE BOOKS WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO:



WAYS TO DONATE:

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



LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9:30am - 8pm

Friday & Saturday
9:30am - 5pm

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People are capable, at any time in their lives, of doing what they dream of.

- Paul Coelho, The Alchemist

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 FEATURED EVENTS

This is just a small sampling of the free events offered by the Scranton Library each month. We average two programs every single day - so go to our website to see more, read the full details, and register now!

www.scrantonlibrary.org/events

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY TEMPORARY CLOSURE

Please note that in order to install the Turtle Travels museum exhibit the Children's Department will be closed to the public on Friday, January 13th and Saturday, January 14th. During this time carts full of children's books available for check out will be located just outside the door to the Children's Library. If you need a specific item during this time, we ask that you place it on hold and pick it up from the main Borrowing Desk.

Please join us Sat, Jan. 21st for the Turtle Travels grand opening featuring special giveaways and snacks from 10am - 1pm!

DINO-PARTY!

Thursday, January 12th at 4pm

Calling all dinosaur lovers! Come to the library for all sorts of dinosaur fun! Crafts, desserts and more! For kids aged 2 and up. It will be dino-mite!

Registration required.

DIY SPARKLY WINTER PLAY-DOH

Thursday, January 26th at 4pm

Get out of the cold and join us in the Children's Department to create your own wintery play-doh! Materials will be provided. For kids in grades K-5.

Registration required.

CHESS CLUB FOR TEENS

Every Tuesday from 4-5pm

Flex your chess muscles against other teens at the E.C. Scranton Memorial Library every Tuesday in January! All skill levels are welcome; you can bring your own board or we'll have some to use as well. Open to grades 7-12.

No registration required.

TEEN GAME CLUB

Every Thursday from 3 - 5pm

Hang out with your friends and get to play against other teens at Teen Game Club. Everything from our card games (Uno, Sushi Go!, etc.) to our video games (Switch, PS4 & Xbox One) will be available. Feel free to also bring your own games! Open to grades 7-12.

No registration required.

THE TWENTIES: A DECADE OF REVOLUTION AND REACTION

Wednesday, January 11th at 6:30pm

The 1920's was a decade of paradox: a revolution in manners and morals that touched everywhere in America, and a conservative reaction evident in the rise of the KKK, the Scopes and Sacco and Vanzetti Trials, and the supremacy of the corporation. In these ways, the Twenties were remarkably like our own times. Led by Dr. Stephen McGrath, Professor Emeritus of History at CCSU.

Registration required.

SATURDAY BREAKFAST BOOK CLUB: CROSSROADS

Saturday, January 21st at 10am

Join us for our Saturday Breakfast Book Club! Each month, we'll read one of the novels & memoirs the New York Times designates as its "Most Notable Books" from the preceding year while enjoying coffee and baked goods.

Our selection for January 2023 is the 2021 novel **Crossroads** by Jonathan Franzen.

Registration required.

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MASTER GARDENER OFFICE HOURS - WINTER CLINIC

Samantha Pullaro and her team of Advanced Master Gardeners will provide winter maintenance & planning advice on behalf of the UConn Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners on Mondays from noon until 2 pm. They will answer questions about frost, pruning, evergreens, ground temps, cold, weather gardening, and much more. ALL PLANT SPECIMENS MUST BE IN SEALED CONTAINERS to prevent spread. If an identification/diagnosis of a specimen cannot be made, then the inquiry will be satisfied via email. Come rain or shine! No registration required.

POM POM LOVE BUGS

Thursday, February 2nd at 4pm

Make an adorable Valentine's Day love bug out of everyone's favorite craft material, pom poms! Additional craft supplies will be provided to build a home and other necessities for your new friend. For kids in grades 2-5.

Registration required.

KIDS SUPERBOWL PARTY!

Saturday, February 11th at 10am

Calling all football lovers! Join us at the library as we celebrate Super Bowl LVII with football related festivities-crafts, games, and more! Snacks will be provided. Please let the library know if your child has food allergies, so we can make the program safe for everyone! Ages 5 and up.

Registration required.

WINTER LANTERN ART

Thursday, February 23rd at 4:30pm

Our young artists will create a painting of a lantern at night using pencils, paint, and color mixing. Local artist and educator Kristin Cafferty brings beautiful, fun, one-lesson projects to kids. For ages 8-11.

Registration required.

BOOKS WITH BUOY

Saturday, February 25th from 10-11am

Buoy, a certified Therapy Dog through Pet Partners, will visit the library this spring with his human partner, Beth! Buoy will circulate through the Children's Room helping young readers practice their independent reading skills.

No registration required, although you can add your name to the list to get a reminder email before the program!

THE NONPROFIT NETWORK

Tuesday, February 7th at 9am

Join us this month to learn all about resources for nonprofits from Jackie Downing, Senior Director of Grantmaking and Nonprofit Support for the Community Foundation of Greater New Haven.

Coffee and snacks provided!

Register through the Madison Chamber of Commerce.

SWEETGRASS BASKETS: A GULLAH GEECHEE TRADITION

Wednesday, February 8th at 6:30pm

Join us to learn about Sweetgrass Weaving, a staple of Gullah Geechee culture, and how this special art form has been kept alive and greatly improved over the decades. Corey Alston, a sixth-generation sweetgrass basket weaver, will create a beautiful basket while sharing the history of the craft with the audience.