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Find Your Voice this Summer
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OUR MISSION TO PREVENT "SUMMER SLIDE"

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Families and kids can prevent summer slide by participating in our 2023 Summer Reading Program "Find Your Voice!" 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. Two programs, one for pre-readers and one for independent readers, are available for students through grade 6. Kids can also participate in our Summer Bingo for a chance to win the grand prize! Each Bingo card contains missions you need to complete in order to earn a ticket in our free prize drawing. **Winners choose between a 3-month subscription to KiwiCrate, KoalaCrate, or OwlCrate Jr.!**

This summer, for the first time we're launching a free pilot drop-off program for children aged 5 to 12. Enrollment is limited to one week per child. There are a few slots left, so go to our website today to learn more: scrantonlibrary.org/summer-drop-off-program-scranton/

BORROW OUR "THINGS" THIS SUMMER

Our Library of Things has what you need for fantastic summer fun. Check out our pizza oven, outdoor movie projector, or one of our many lawn games for the perfect outdoor party. Our GoPro can capture all your summer adventures and don't forget - we have two library bicycles available for check out. Stop by our Borrowing Desk today, these "things" are free with your library card!

SUMMER @SCRANTON FOR ADULTS

You're invited to participate in our Summer Prize Drawing. Just take a Bingo Card, complete 5 tasks in any row, and return it to the Info Desk to enter into our August prize drawing - prizes include gift cards to some of our fabulous local businesses!

Attend a craft workshop, a cooking class, a wildlife walk, a film screening, a local history tour, and more!

TEENS SUMMER @ SCRANTON 2023!

Beat the heat and boredom by participating in the Teen Department's Summer @ Scranton 2023! Stop by the Teen Room to sign up and receive a Bingo card with activities to do inside and outside of the library. The first time you complete any five in-a-row and turn in your card, you will receive:

- 1 Book of Your Choice to Keep
- A Laser-Cut or Scratch Bookmark
- A Ticket to Enter One of Two Grand Prizes-A Nintendo Switch Lite Console w/MicroSD Card or a Bundle of 11 \$20 Gift Cards to Local Madison Businesses

You can get more entry tickets by completing 5 more tasks in-a-row, just make sure to return cards to us by September 2nd at 4:30 pm to redeem your prizes!



TRAVELLING THIS SUMMER?

TAKE BOOKS WITH YOU.

Download the Libby
app to borrow
ebooks, audiobooks
& magazines



Libby.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9:30am - 8pm

Friday & Saturday
9:30am - 5pm

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Books are
a uniquely
portable
magic.

-Stephen King in his
book On Writing

SCRANTON LIBRARY FRIENDS - BOOK SALE

The next Scranton Library Friends book sale is:

Members preview (non members may join at sale)

Thursday, July 20th
4:30 to 6:30PM

Friday, July 21st
12 noon to 6:30PM

Saturday, July 22nd
12:00 noon to 3:30PM



The Friends have approximately 3,000 gently used books
for sale and none are priced higher than \$4.00!

WAYS TO DONATE:

- Donate online:
scrantonlibrary.org/support-the-library
- Send a check: 801 Boston Post Road, Madison, CT 06443
- Make a gift via **PayPal**: bit.ly/scrantonpaypal
or **Venmo** @scrantonmemoriallibraryct
- Scan this QR code to donate online:



SCRANTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

Book donations:

We are currently accepting
good condition book donations.

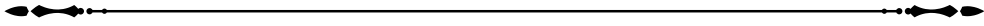
They can be left in the large bins
located on the porch of the
white building, across the
driveway from the
North/Parking lot entrance.

Contact us:

friends@scrantonlibrary.org

JULY FEATURED EVENTS

This is just a small sampling of the free events offered by the Scranton Library each month. Go to our website to see more, read the full details, and register now: scrantonlibrary.org/events



CHILDREN'S LIBRARY STORY TIMES & MORE!

Story time is now in session! Now through August 11th you and your little ones can enjoy all your favorites - Walkers & Wigglers, Toddler Tango, and Tots & Tales. Registration opens one week before each program.

Plus, check our Events Calendar online or stop by the Children's Library today to find out about other special events happening this summer and **don't forget to sign up for Summer Reading**. Children of all ages will enjoy the reading prizes, Bingo game, and scavenger hunts all summer long!

DROP IN CRAFT: WASHI TAPE WANDS

Saturday, July 15th - All Day

Make a wand to help you with all your magical adventures using washi tape, wooden dowels, construction paper, and your imagination. For all ages while supplies last.

For children of all ages. No registration required.

GOOD EATS FOR TEENS

Monday, July 17th from 3-4pm

Each month, learn how to make some tasty and easy food. Perfect for any teens who isn't a great cook or for someone who just likes to eat!

Open to grades 7-12. No registration required.

TWEENS: SEW YOUR OWN DONUTS

Tuesday, July 11th at 6pm

Have you ever wanted to try out sewing? Come to the library and learn to hand sew your very own donut stuffy. Using felt, stuffing, and plenty of decorations we'll make the cutest donuts around!

For ages 8-13. Registration required.

TOUCAN JUNGLE ART WITH KRISTIN CAFFERTY

Tuesday, July 18th at 6pm

Artists will use oil pastel watercolor resist & collage techniques to make a fun toucan in a jungle.

For children ages 8-12. Registration required.

Adults

A TASTE OF ITALY: SWEET & SAVORY SIDE DISHES

Tuesday, July 18th at 6:30pm

Lisa Basini, the renowned "Baking Coach," will lead this cooking workshop on Italian foods & flavors! She will demonstrate how to make fresh focaccia bread, white bean dip and a homemade bruschetta that everyone will have the chance to enjoy. She will also show attendees how to put together a cannoli cookie for dessert.

For adults of all ages. Registration required.

OPENING RECEPTION: SCRANTON LIBRARY ART COLLECTION

Tuesday, July 25th from 6:30-7:30pm

Have you been enjoying the new, permanent art collection hung throughout the library? Join us for a reception to thank the donors, Penny and Allan Katz, and be the first to take our brand new Art Collection Walking Tour! Stop by the Johnson Community Room any time between 6:30 - 7:30pm to join the fun.

For all ages. No registration required.

AUGUST FEATURED EVENTS

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DON'T MISS THE SUMMER READING FINALE!

Cuddly and Creepy Animals - Friday, August 11th at 3pm

Xen's Critters is bringing some cuddly (and some not so cuddly) friends to the library this summer. Meet some fuzzy and cute animals, then make way for some creepy crawly creatures. This will be a fun way to celebrate a successful summer of reading and fun at the Scranton Library! For families with kids of all ages. [Registration required.](#)

PLANT YOUR OWN SUCCULENT

Saturday, August 5th at 10am

Decorate a pot and then plant your own mini succulent to take home! Succulents are an easy starter plant. We'll have succulents to choose from and will provide everything you need to give your plant a loving home!

For kids ages 3 and up. [Registration required.](#)

CARTOONING WITH BILL

Tuesday, August 1st at 6pm

Cartoonist Bill Hernandez is back at the library this summer to teach you how to draw all kinds of cartoons! Animals, your favorite character, and more! Bring your ideas and Bill will help you bring them to life.

For kids ages 8-13. [Registration required.](#)

LAWN GAMES FOR TWEENS

Tuesday, August 8th at 6:30pm

Test your lawn game skills at this fun event. Try your luck at Kan Jam, Cornhole, Ladder Toss and Giant Jenga!

For kids ages 8-13. [Registration required.](#)

TOUCH TANKS WITH JULIE

Tuesday, July 18th at 6pm

Join Julie Ainsworth to see all the ocean life that Madison has to offer. See, touch, and learn about marine life.

For kids ages 5 and up. [Registration required.](#)

Adults

"CYCLE OF MEMORY" A FAMILY FILM SCREENING

Tuesday, August 15th at 6:30pm

Join us for a special screening of "Cycle of Memory," the new award-winning documentary about two siblings' bicycle adventure to find the memories their grandfather lost to Alzheimer's. The film will be followed by a Q&A with the filmmaker, local director Alex Leff.

All are welcome. Popcorn & refreshments will be served!

HISTORICAL TOUR OF THE MADISON GREEN

Sunday, August 20th from 3-4pm

Enjoy a beautiful walking tour of the Madison Green Historic District! In this collaboration between the Madison Historical Society and the Scranton Memorial Library, you will see some of the most interesting local history sites our town has to offer.

Registration required.