

# ANNUAL REPORT FY 22/23



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Dear Friends,

Fiscal year 2022-2023 was a time of continued growth for the E.C. Scranton Memorial Library. Thanks to advocacy from many library supporters who took the time to communicate regarding what the library means to them, the library's proposed budget passed, and we were able to sustain the library's opening hours and operations. Library use went up in every category.

The hugely capable library staff continued developing creative new ideas, winning national grants, and bringing diverse, innovative programs and services to our community. Many of these ideas appear in our year-in-review highlights. This report also shows the finances that supported these efforts and the glowing statistics that show the results. Borrowing is up over 40% compared to last year and the number of monthly visitors is now higher than before the Library Expansion and Renovation project began.

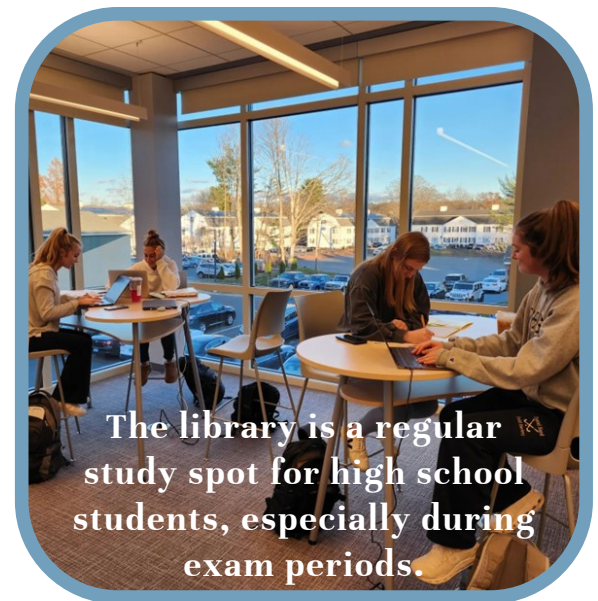
Of course, statistics are only part of the story. The true value of the library is in the difference it makes in people's lives every day. From babies gaining pre-literacy skills in our StoryTimes to teens connecting with friends during Anime Night, important educational and social connections are made at the library all the time. The staff is always here to facilitate these connections and ready to assist when needed. You can see evidence of these meaningful interactions in the quotes we included throughout our Annual Report – from tech help to making young children feel safe and accepted, we're making a difference every day!

Many, if not most, of these accomplishments can be ascribed to the Library's Director par excellence, Sunnie Scarpa. Sadly, Sunnie left the E.C. Scranton Memorial Library on September 15th in order to assume the directorship of the Wallingford Public Library. Thus, the upcoming year will be challenging as the Board of Trustees seeks to find a worthy successor.

Nevertheless, on behalf of the Library Board of Trustees and the Library Staff, thank you for making all of the successes of the last fiscal year possible.

*Keith Luckenbach*

Board President



*“Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination.  
They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore  
and achieve and contribute to improving our quality of life.  
Libraries change lives for the better.”*

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**We worked carefully on this list, however, we apologize for any accidental mistakes or typos.**

# OUR MISSION

Our mission is to improve the quality of life for all Madison residents by providing access to information, fostering lifelong educational and cultural learning, and cultivating relationships among our residents through the exchange of ideas.

## 2022/2023 HIGHLIGHTS



Debuted two new library bikes available for check out from our "Library of Things" in July, 2022



English Learner students learned more about the Scranton Library and other community resources in December, 2023

July- Debuted two new bicycles from our "Library of Things" in the annual Fourth of July parade. The library bikes, available for one week check outs with a Madison library card, have proven very popular!

August - Hosted a 6 week art exhibit by Madison resident and world renowned chef Jacque Pepin. This beautiful and whimsical exhibit coincided with the release of his new cookbook "The Art of the Chicken."

September - Welcomed members of the Daniel Hand High School Class of 1972 for a tour of the renovated library during their 50th high school reunion weekend.

October- The library was a refuge for many in town during a North Madison power outage. We were happy to welcome everyone to charge their devices, work from "home" at the library, or just relax in a comfortable space.

November - Announced new library merchandise just in time for Christmas! Library tote bags, travel mugs, and historic postcards are a nice gift for everyone who loves the town of Madison and wants to support the Scranton Library.

December - Welcomed Madison Public Schools for its first ever field trip for English Learner students. Nearly 40 students from grades K-12 attended.

I wanted to take a minute to express how wonderful it is that you offer the "Library of Things." I recently borrowed a telescope to view the "Green Comet" with my family and some friends. It's such a benefit to know that I can access materials to enrich my life and my kids' lives. Equipment like a telescope is not something I would purchase or use frequently, but it was so wonderful to be able to borrow it.

- Sarah Sandora, Madison resident

# HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED



Families enjoyed the Grand Opening of Turtle Travels in January, 2023



"Library Leaders" from Jeffrey enjoyed a special VIP tour in April, 2023



The community gathered for the second annual Celebrate the Arts in June, 2023

January - Welcomed the community to our new Turtle Travels exhibit in the Children's Room. This fun, educational exhibit was funded by the Schumann Family Foundation and was visiting from the Ithaca ScienCenter in NY.

February - Created our first "Blind Date with a Book" giveaway and "sold out" in one day! Fun displays and giveaways like this one surprise and delight our users on a regular basis - there's always something new to check out!

March - The library was proud to serve as a drop off point for used prom dresses that were later offered for free at a special "prom angels" event at the North Madison Congregational Church.

April - Welcomed a group of 12 "Library Leaders" from the Jeffreys School for a behind the scenes tour and historical overview of the Library.

May - Hosted a special art exhibit "Art in Transition: Works of transgender and non-binary youth" that highlighted work by local youth in transition.

June - Welcomed over 250 visitors to our second annual Celebrate the Arts event in partnership with the Shoreline Arts Alliance. This event featured local artists from a variety of disciplines; including visual arts, dance, music, and more!



"As a new resident I am thrilled with the wonderful services and personnel at the libraries in Clinton, Madison, and Guilford.

Today, for example, Tanner [Adult Services/Teen Librarian in Madison] helped me with some tech tasks. He's great!"

- Susan Goldberg, Clinton resident



# FINANCIALS

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - UNAUDITED June 30, 2023

### Assets

#### Current assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	230,000
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted		492,000
Net property, equipment and other		14,677,000
Grants receivable		200,000
Long-term investments		2,904,000
Overfunded pension receivable		2,000
Total assets	\$	18,505,000

### Liabilities and Net Assets

Accounts payable	\$	47,000
Accrued payroll and taxes		19,000
Mortgage and other loans payable		83,000
Total liabilities		149,000

#### Net assets:

Without donor restrictions		14,781,000
With donor restrictions		3,575,000
Total net assets		18,356,000

Total liabilities and net assets	\$	18,505,000
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## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS - UNAUDITED For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

### Total

#### PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUES:

Grants and Contributions		
Without Donor Restrictions	\$	1,547,000
With Donor Restrictions		441,000
Annual appeal		133,000
Investment Activity		
Without Donor Restrictions		-
With Donor Restrictions		373,000
Other		7,000
Total public support and revenues		2,501,000

#### FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES:

Program services		1,414,000
Development and fundraising		17,000
Management and general		538,000
Total functional expenses		1,969,000

Increase in net assets		532,000
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Net assets, beginning of year		17,824,000
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Net assets, end of year	\$	18,356,000
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This is unaudited information and is pending our full audit and is not intended to present the full financial position of E.C. Scranton Memorial Library as of June 30, 2023.

## Board of Trustees

### 2022/2023 Officers

President, Nicole Wiles  
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## Staff Members - as of 6/30/2023

### Administration

- Sunnie Scarpa, Library Director
- Kari Castelli, Business Manager

### Adult Services/Reference

- Emily Rush, Head of Reference
- Anne O'Connor, Adult Reference and Technical Services Librarian
- Rachel Taylor, Adult Reference and Programming Librarian
- Tanner Mroz, Adult Reference and Teen Librarian

### Children's Services

- Lydia Holland, Head of Children's Services
- Myla Perrelli, Children's Librarian
- Amanda Felleman, Children's Librarian

### Circulation/Borrowing

- Tim Kellogg, Head of Public Services
- Kayla Munger, Library Technical Assistant
- Chris Jennings Penders, Library Technical Assistant

Part-time Staff: Keith Engwall, Ray Eurto, Natalie Fleischer, Laura Follo, Lindsay Greco, Sawyer Hanlon, Laura Kelly, Denice McGregor, Jane McNichol, Julie Northrup, Elizabeth Reinhart, Chris Trentham, Claudia Volano, Larry Washington

"I admire the work you and your team do at the library to promote educational programs. Keep up the good work!"

Sincerely, Scott Weinstein – Madison Resident

A community is judged by the quality of its library. Madison's library shows how much learning is valued, and it makes me proud to be a part of it. I depend on my library to be there when I need it. No one should take their local library for granted!

- Feedback from our FY 22/23 donor survey

## TOP 5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE LIBRARY



1

We offer free or discounted admission to 15 local attractions through our Museum Pass service. Madison residents can reserve passes ahead of time through our website or stop by the Borrowing Desk to learn more.

2

The Library subscribes to various databases to help you find research and information on a variety of topics, including Ancestry, Consumer Reports, and Value Line. Find them all on our website at:

[scrantonlibrary.org/online-resources/](https://scrantonlibrary.org/online-resources/).



3

On the second-floor of the Library you'll find The Creative Loft - an all-ages space to explore your creativity. Start a craft project with our Cricut or sewing machine, play Nintendo Switch games, or try out the newest VR headset.



4

Many of our programs are drop-in and allow you to socialize while learning new skills. Check our calendar for the next Ukulele, Guitar, or Writer's Club meeting: [scrantonlibrary.org/events](https://scrantonlibrary.org/events).



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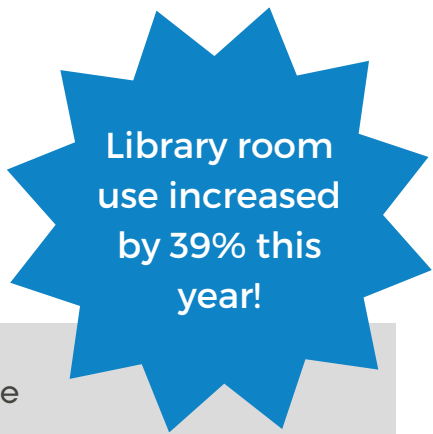
The Scranton Library Friends are a volunteer organization with 501(c)3 non-profit status dedicated to fundraising and support for the Scranton Library. In addition to other activities, the Friends organize several book sales each year.

To learn more, go to: [scrantonlibrary.org/friends-of-the-library](https://scrantonlibrary.org/friends-of-the-library).



# STATISTICS

Here's a statistical snapshot of what YOUR support helped us accomplish last year. ***We couldn't do it without you!***



Library room  
use increased  
by 39% this  
year!

- The number of Library led programs increased 80% compared to the previous year and attendance increased 65% – that's an average of 3 programs per day, with over 18,600 total participants!
- We welcomed over 99,000 visitors to the library last year – an increase of 35% compared to last year.
- A total of 183,420 items were borrowed from the Library – borrowing of physical items was up 43% compared to last year, while borrowing of digital items (audio and Ebooks, online periodicals, etc) went up 24%.

**We're always working to improve our programs and services to connect our community to information and each other.**  
**We're here for you!**

## SUPPORT SCRANTON

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Scranton Library is an association library that is governed by a Board of Trustees. 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. **Annually, the Library must raise approximately 15% (\$322,603 for fiscal year 2023-24) of its operational expenses.** Please consider a donation to the Library and support this community resource.

- Visit [scrantonlibrary.org/support-the-library/ways-to-give](https://scrantonlibrary.org/support-the-library/ways-to-give) to review all your giving options
- Include E.C. Scranton Memorial Library in your will or living trust; or Update your retirement plan beneficiary designation to include E.C. Scranton Memorial Library, Tax ID #06-0726490
- Buy a brick for someone special and give a gift that lasts a lifetime! [bit.ly/scrantonlibrarybricks](https://bit.ly/scrantonlibrarybricks)