



RECONSTRUCTION BEGINS AT 20 WALL STREET

By Lydia Holland, Head of Children's Services

20 Wall Street, also known as The Old Post Office, sits on Scranton Library property adjacent to the library parking lot. In early 2023 a fire damaged both the interior of the building and the roof. Now, reconstruction has begun, with the hope that the house will be usable by summer of 2024.

J. Myron Hull, one of the first land developers along Madison's shoreline, built the house for his commercial real estate business in 1897. J. Myron Hull also operated as postmaster in this building. He and his wife, Sarah Frances Willard, lived next door at 24 Wall Street, the house that is currently next to The Old Post Office. Originally facing Wall Street, 20 Wall Street has been moved twice; first in the 1920's and again during the library renovation and expansion in 2019.

With reconstruction in progress, we ask drivers to please be mindful in the parking lot. There might be a temporary new addition (the dumpster!) depending on what work is being done.



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CREATIVE LOFT HIGHLIGHT

Recently added for our patrons to use is a brand-new Meta Quest 3 Virtual and Mixed Reality Headset! This headset is the newest Meta has to offer in Virtual Reality gaming, and allows gamers to enjoy our ever-expanding collection of games, like Job Simulator, Superhot VR, & Tetris Effect VR wirelessly! Stop by our Creative Loft and reserve your chance to experience the best in immersive gaming today!

WAYS TO DONATE TO YOUR LIBRARY

Thank you for supporting the Scranton Library!

- Donate online via Credit Card, Apple Pay, Google Pay or PayPal at scrantonlibrary.org/support-the-library
- Send a check: 801 Boston Post Road, Madison, CT 06443
- Make a gift via Venmo @scrantonmemoriallibraryct
- Buy gift cards for everyday purchases through RaiseRight.com by entering enrollment code VCNQV8RFUJ or via this QR code (insert QR code that is attached here)



NOVEMBER 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 HULA HOOP PARTY & MORE!

Has your kid ever wanted to learn to hula hoop? Come to the Library where Bring the Hoopla will engage kids ages 5-12 in a hula hoop program for beginners and experts alike! Play games, build self-confidence, and develop teamwork skills.

Younger than 5? We have yoga for kids and adults on Thursday, November 16th for grown-ups and their kids ages 2-5. Amy DeLucia Ferri will lead this yoga class, perfect for caregivers and their littles who need some self-care.

NO SCHOOL DROP-IN CRAFTS

Tuesday, November 7 &
Friday, November 10 all day

Day off from school? DIY crafts will be available all day in the Children's Room. Make a friendship bracelet, complete a special scavenger hunt or create a doggie headband!

For children of all ages. [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. Card games (Uno, Sushi Go!, etc.) & video games (Switch, PS4 & Xbox One) will be available to play. Feel free to also bring your own games!

Open to grades 7-12. [No registration required.](#)

COOL-OLOGY: THE "A" IN STEAM

Tuesday, November 21st from 4:30pm-5:30pm

Join Claudia from Cool-ology for this fun program that combines Art and STEM.

For kids ages 6-11. [Registration required.](#)

CREATE YOUR OWN SNOWMAN

Thursday, November 30th from 4pm-4:45pm

Create your own craft stick snowman. Will he have a hat? Wear a scarf? Have a carrot nose? Design the snowman of your dreams!

For kids in grades K-5. [Registration required.](#)

Adults

THE MAGIC OF THE WINTER GARDEN

Wednesday, November 1st from 6:30pm-7:30pm

The garden can be a magical place - even in winter! Stripped of summer foliage and flowers, the success of a winter garden lies in its structure, basic design and choice of plant material. This richly illustrated talk by landscape designer Jana Milbocker provides inspiration and tips on designing your garden for winter interest.

For adults of all ages. [Registration required.](#)

PUDD'NHEADS: CHILDHOOD IN COLONIAL AMERICA

Wednesday, November 15 from 6:30pm-7:30pm

Pilgrim and Puritan colonists had children, and though it would be hard to tell from historical records, so did indigenous families and enslaved Africans. Pudd'nheads: Childhood in Colonial America examines the unique aspects of childhood between the late sixteenth and late eighteenth centuries. This is a virtual program.

For adults of all ages. [Registration required.](#)

DECEMBER FEATURED EVENTS

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CAN'T MISS PROGRAMMING FOR ADULTS!

In addition to the special events featured here, we also host a variety of regularly scheduled weekly and monthly programming. Check out our online Events Calendar for full details. We have something for everyone!

FREE MONTHLY OR WEEKLY PROGRAMS: Saturday Breakfast Book Club, Ukulele and Guitar Clubs, Master Gardener Clinic, Tech Help with Chris, Knitting Club, Craft of the Month, Scranton Writers' Club, Classics @ Scranton, Madison Movie Chat, Maker Meet-up, and Yoga Nidra. **Thank you to the staff and volunteers who make these free programs possible!**

PENGUIN PARTY

Thursday, December 7th at 4pm

Calling all penguin lovers! Join us for an afternoon of penguin fun with a themed craft, dessert and more. Please let the library know if your child has food allergies, so we can make the program safe for everyone!

For grades 3 and up. Registration required.

TEEN TIME CAPSULES

Wednesday, December 13th at 4pm.

Prepare for the end of 2023 by decorating and filling your very own time capsule to be stored here at the library and returned in 1 year!

For grades 7-12. No registration required.

TEEN POPTART GINGERBREAD HOUSES

Wednesday, December 20th at 4pm

Tired of making gingerbread houses out of gingerbread cookies every year? Well, why not use Pop-Tarts instead? Stop by the Teen Room to make their own festive and flavorful fortresses!

Open to grades 7-12. No registration required.

HOT COCOA STORYTIME

Thursday, December 21st at 4pm

Brrr! Come in from the cold and enjoy some hot cocoa themed songs, stories and an accompanying craft.

For ages 2 and up. Registration recommended. Limited day-of-walk-in availability.

Adults

DANISH HOLIDAY STARS: A CRAFT WORKSHOP

Saturday, December 9th at 10:30am

Professional crafter Dawn Zillich leads this seasonal workshop for adults! She will teach attendees how to make a no-sew fabric origami star, also known as a "Froebel" or "Julestjerne," based on a Danish holiday tradition. You will learn to fold fabric strips into a star shape to create a gorgeous winter decoration that will look festive hanging from a window, tree, or mantelpiece.

For adults of all ages. Registration required.

THE TOWN OF IRON TOYS

Wednesday, December 13th at 6:30pm

The J. & E. Stevens Company was formed in 1843 in Cromwell by brothers John and Elisha Stevens, with the intention of manufacturing cast-iron hardware, hammers, and a few iron toys. Eventually, they became the largest manufacturer of cast-iron toys in the country. During this program, Cromwell Town Historian Richard Donohue will show us his collection of vintage toy pieces and share amusing tales that inspired their design.

For adults all ages. Registration required.

SCRANTON LIBRARY MINI-GOLF

Brought to you by the Scranton Library Friends



Friday, November 3rd @ 6pm-10:30pm

Adult Play & Celebrity Challenge!

Come play minigolf inside the Library!

Finger foods, dessert, and adult beverages served.

Celebrity Challenge @ 7:30 p.m. with Winner's Trophy.

Must be 21+ to participate. All proceeds benefit the

Scranton Memorial Library.

\$40 reservation/ \$45 at the door

Saturday, November 4th @ 10am-3:30pm

Family Play!

Free popcorn for all!

NEATO the Magician entertaining with magic shows

at 11 & 12:30 in the Children's Room.

Costumes are encouraged.

\$5/person or \$25/family.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday

9:30am - 8pm

Friday & Saturday

9:30am - 5pm

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“You get all sorts of people in the library, and the librarian gets it all.”

-Terry Pratchett

SCRANTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

Save the Date:

For Library Links! A mini-golf fundraiser on Nov 4th & 5th

Book donations:

Our book donation cabinets are currently closed until Spring 2024.

Contact us:

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