



THE SCRANTON LIBRARY LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE

By Scranton Library Development Committee

The SCRANTON LIBRARY LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE is comprised of dedicated library donors who want to ensure the financial viability of the library's annual operations for years to come. By pledging to donate as much as they did last year (or more) for each of the next five years, ALLIANCE members will become a stable core of library funding. Thanks to an inaugural group of library supporters \$45,140 has been pledged annually for each of the next five years. Annually, Scranton Library must generate a significant percentage of its operating income, and our steadfast volunteers on the Board of Trustees Development Committee work tirelessly to raise these funds from donations and fundraising events. While to date we have succeeded in reaching our fundraising goals, we recognize the need to ensure financial security for the library for its continued planning and growth. Thus, we hope that the SCRANTON LIBRARY LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE will provide a dependable source of much-needed funds to operate our wonderful library long into the future. Without this kind of stable financial support, the library could be at risk for reduced staffing, materials, programming, and hours of operation. We invite you to join this dedicated group as the Trustees strive to ensure pledged donations of \$200,000 annually for Scranton Library. For more information, visit www.scrantonlibrary.org/support-the-library/ways-to-give

HELLO NEW LIBRARY APP!

We now have a new library app that you can download for free to your phone or mobile device. The Capira Mobile App lets you access Scranton Library services, such as your library card, account, mobile checkouts, and much more!

Search for "Capira Scranton" in your app store, or click this link: <https://www.scrantonlibrary.org/online-resources>

LEONARDO'S LAB IN THE LIBRARY

Our exciting new museum exhibit in the Children's Room features the thinking and design of Leonardo da Vinci. This interactive and creative exhibit offers a hands-on opportunity for children to explore art, science, engineering, and so much more.

The museum exhibit is from the Ithaca Sciencenter and is sponsored by a grant from the Schumann Foundation. It will be here until May 2024.

A YEAR IN THE HEART OF MADISON RAFFLE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!



Thanks to everyone who purchased a raffle ticket and supported the annual A Year in the Heart of Madison raffle fundraiser. Library supporters purchased 1,352 tickets and raised over \$27,000 for Scranton Library's annual operating budget. Our sincerest thanks to Dawn Jackson, Executive Director of the Madison Chamber of Commerce, for drawing the winning tickets.



Congratulations to the winners: Tricia Royston, Janice Wolf, Amy Raufman, Vista, Ben Reilly, Chiaramonte Family, Kathleen Bidney, and Donna Gulezian.

THE LIBRARY STRATEGIC PLAN IN ACTION

We are very excited to be working on the next strategic plan for the library! The strategic plan will be a road map and guidebook for the next three years of the library's future. We hope to gather data to identify challenges, demands, and strategic goals, as well as obtain data about library usage and finances.

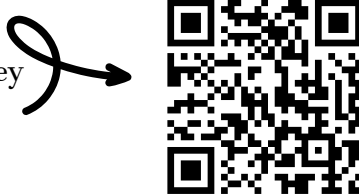
To do this, we need your thoughts and ideas! There will be two open Community Conversations at the library on the following dates:

- Thursday, March 14 @ 5:30
- Thursday, March 21 @ 4:30

Please join us for an in-person discussion about the future of the library.

The committee has developed a survey that is available online or in paper format. Please visit our website (scrantonlibrary.org) to link to the survey, or scan the QR code below to go straight to the survey. You can also stop by the library and pick up a paper copy at one of the service desks.

Here's the QR code for the strategic plan survey



Here's the [link to the survey](#). We look forward to hearing from you!



THEIR FUTURE
CAN BE
YOUR LEGACY

*create a better future
it's easier than you think*

You can make a bequest to E.C. Scranton Memorial Library by including language in your will or living trust or by designating the library as a beneficiary of your retirement plan or life insurance policy.

Update your retirement plan beneficiary designation to include E.C. Scranton Memorial Library, EIN# 06-0726490. It takes minutes to contact your plan administrator or complete the change of beneficiary form online.

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www.scrantonlibrary.org/support-the-library/bequests

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9:30am - 8pm

Friday & Saturday
9:30am - 5pm

SCRANTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

Book donations:

We will begin collecting books again on March 25. Please bring your donations to the porch of the white house across from the library. Please place all book donations in the cabinets.

Book sale:

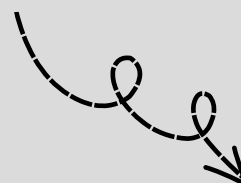
Our next book sale will be May 16, 17, and 18!

Contact us:

friends@scrantonlibrary.org

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:



MARCH 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!

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SCRANTON LIBRARY BOOK CLUBS

Join Scranton Library staff members for one of our fantastic book clubs!

Go to our website for full details and to sign up.

- Saturday Sleuths - an in-person book club to discuss mysteries and thrillers. March's title is *The Guest List*, by Lucy Foley
- Forever Young - an in-person book club for adults who love to read young adult novels. March's title is *The Book Thief*, by Markus Zusak

DIY LEPRECHAUN GARDENS

Thursday, March 14 at 4:00pm

Join us as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day with DIY leprechaun gardens! How will you decorate your garden? For kids grade K and up.

Registration required.

INSTRUMENT PETTING ZOO

Saturday, March 23rd at 10:00am

Join Giving Bach, Daniel Hand's student-run club for our annual Instrument Petting Zoo! The club will perform a selection of popular and classic music, followed by an opportunity for kids to try their hands at a variety of string instruments. For kids ages 3 and up. Registration required.

SHAMROCK BATH BOMBS FOR TEENS

Thursday, March 14 at 4:00pm

Everyone from lads to lasses can celebrate St. Patty's Day while they bathe! Stop by the Teen Room to make some shamrock bath bombs for Saint Patrick's Day! Open to grades 7-12.

Registration encouraged.

TEEN GAME CLUB

Every Thursday at 3:00pm

Hang out with your friends and 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.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Tuesday, March 19th at 7:30pm

Trivia Nights are back! We have partnered with Comomango Mexican Restaurant to offer a monthly trivia night. Join us on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 52 Wall Street for a little friendly competition. Prizes provided by Comomango. Please sign up in teams of up to four people.

Registration required.

FRIDAY MOVIE MATINEE

Friday, March 29th at 2:00pm

Join us for a Friday Movie Matinee. This month we will be showing the 2023 version of *The Color Purple*. Popcorn and soda will be served.

Registration preferred.

APRIL FEATURED EVENTS

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SPRING BREAK PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

Families with children who are on spring break can look forward to extra programs and activities in the Children's Department from April 8th - 13th. Some of our special programs include:

- Our Town Storytime, featuring local community helpers: Monday, April 8 at 10:30
- Cool-ology Spinner Physics: Tuesday, April 9 at 4:30
- DIY Paperbag Kites (in-person or take home): Wednesday, April 10 at 4:00
- Go Green Litter Awareness: Thursday, April 11 at 4:00
- Pint-Sized Picassos: Georgia O'Keeffe: Friday, April 12 at 10:00

STICK RAFTS: DOES IT FLOAT?

Saturday, April 6th at 10:30

Come to the library to build a stick raft using limited supplies. Use your creativity to make the best floating raft-which you can test in our water bins! For ages 5 and up.

Registration required.

DROP IN CRAFT: STRAW ROCKETS

Saturday, April 13th at 10:00am

Stop by the library to make your very own high flying, straw rockets. This is a drop-in program and kids of all ages are welcome. First come, first served, while supplies last.

No registration required.

BOLT: BOARD OF LIBRARY TEENS

Thursday, April 26th at 6:30pm

Calling all teens who want to take control of their library! Meet upstairs in the Teen Center on the last Thursday of each month to meet and discuss how to make the Scranton Library truly representative of what YOU want. Light refreshments will be provided. Open to grades 7-12.

Registration encouraged.

AFTER HOURS TEEN NIGHT

Friday, April 26th at 6:00pm

After a resoundingly successful first outing, After Hours Teen Night will return and take over the Library! There will be food, prizes, and lots of fun. Open to grades 6-12.

Registration encouraged.

OUT OF RUSHMORE'S SHADOW

Saturday, April 6th at 2:00pm

Lou Del Bianco tells the story of his grandfather, Luigi Del Bianco's unique contribution as chief carver on our nation's greatest memorial. This program is presented through the generosity of an anonymous donor in honor of parents Domenico Pellicano and Melina (Savino) Pellicano.

Registration required.

COOKBOOK CLUB

Tuesday, April 16th at 6:00pm

Join our Cookbook Club to experience incredible cuisines from around the world! There will be plenty of fun, flavor, and festivity. For April, we will start with Cook This Book by Molly Baz. Pick up your cookbook at the library. Choose a recipe to make and bring your dish to share.

Registration required.