

ANNUAL REPORT FY 23/24



let us connect you



Dear Friends,

Looking back over the past years, it's exciting to see the ways that the Scranton Library has grown and flourished. We're very excited that the Library is doing better than before and continuing to exceed our goals. Last year we welcomed over 106,000 visits to the library. That's an average of 340 visits a day, six days a week! The number of programs we host at the library, as well as the amount of people who attend them, has skyrocketed this year. There were a total of 1,153 programs and 24,191 participants joined in to learn, meet new friends, and be inspired. Our patrons borrowed over 194,000 materials this year and more than 10,000 people used our meeting spaces.

Our Children's Department hosted its second free summer camp for Madison children. Over 200 kids enjoyed doing STEM activities, making crafts, drumming, and participating in movement exercises like yoga and hula hooping. A generous grant from the Schumann Family Foundation sponsored this camp. The Teen Librarian held multiple Teen Night After Hours events after the library was closed. Teens were invited to play video games, make crafts, and eat yummy snacks. The Adult Department was very excited to obtain a grant for the Library Speakers Consortium. This program allows patrons to attend live or virtual "watch parties" with bestselling authors, all from the comfort of the library or their own home.

The library will always be about books, but we are so much more. We are a community hub and a place for patrons to engage with each other and with our staff. We help with technology, whether that be learning how to use your new phone, or assisting with faxing a document. The library offers inspiring and educational programs that teach, provide creative outlets, and entertain. Young children can obtain pre-literacy skills in storytime programs and teens laugh and interact with their friends while studying together or playing board games. These social and educational connections are what make Scranton Library the jewel of this community.

On behalf of the Library Board of Trustees and the Library Staff,
thank you for your support and for making our successes possible.

We look forward to seeing you at the library!



Allison Murphy
Library Director



Keith Luckenbach
Board President



The library recently started offering genealogy sessions.

I benefit immeasurably from our library. I treasure Scranton's dedication to supporting literacy and serving patrons with a rich collection and wonderful service.

~Scranton library patron

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Our team worked carefully on this list, however, we apologize for any accidental mistakes, misspellings, or omissions.

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.

2023/2024 HIGHLIGHTS



The Johnson Community Room was packed for the Oktoberfest event.



Elementary school children read with high school students at the Book Buds program.

July - Started our first-ever free summer camp for Madison children, sponsored by the Schumann Family Foundation. Held the opening reception for the Katz art collection.

August - Unveiled the new History Wall on the mezzanine level of the library.

September - Showcased the musical program "From Broadway to Brazil" in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month.

October - Library staff worked together to create a diversity, equity, and inclusion statement for the library. Adults enjoyed food and festivities at the Oktoberfest celebration.

November - The teen librarian organized a Book Buds program, which pairs emerging young readers with middle school partners.

December - Celebrated the community at the annual Toast of the Town gathering. We are grateful for our supporters and happy to cheer our accomplishments.

I just wanted to tell you what a difference your craft programs have made in my life. My family and friends have noticed the difference in me and my mental health. I am having fun and being creative again after a long illness and I wanted to thank you for all that you've done for me.

- Laura, library patron

HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED



Leonardo's Lab was an educational, interactive museum that opened in January, 2023.

January - We were excited to welcome the Leonardo's Labs museum exhibit to 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 - Welcomed a NASA Solar System Ambassador to speak about Solar Eclipses in preparation for April's solar eclipse.

March - The library began our survey and Community Conversations with many different organizations in town as part of our strategic plan research. Over 700 patrons completed the survey!

April - Hosted the Topically Ted Program "A Journey Through the Roots of American Music with Jon Waterman."

May - Head of Children's Lydia Holland is awarded the Community Asset Award, which recognizes an individual who actively supports and advocates for youth.

June - Held the first-ever Summer @ Scranton Block Party with over 500 participants. The Beachside Bash was also a fun way to kick off summer!



Teens had fun making scented bath bombs.



Head of Children's Lydia Holland was awarded the Community Asset Award.



Student artists performed at the Shoreline Arts Alliance event.



Patrons asked questions to State Government officials at the Town Hall event.

I believe libraries are an essential community resource, critical to preserving democracy, fostering social inclusion, and offering opportunities for learning to all.

- Scranton library patron

FINANCIALS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - UNAUDITED June 30, 2024

Assets	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 275,000
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	350,000
Promises to give	209,000
Prepaid expenses	41,000
Net property, equipment and other	14,398,000
Grants receivable	100,000
Long-term investments	3,984,000
Overfunded pension receivable	149,000
Total assets	<u>\$ 19,506,000</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Accounts payable	\$ 36,000
Accrued payroll and taxes	21,000
Mortgage and other loans payable	38,000
Total liabilities	<u>95,000</u>
Net assets:	
Without donor restrictions	15,013,000
With donor restrictions	4,398,000
Total net assets	<u>19,411,000</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 19,506,000</u>

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, 2024.

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Assets	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 275,000
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	350,000
Promises to give	209,000
Prepaid expenses	41,000
Net property, equipment and other	14,398,000
Grants receivable	100,000
Long-term investments	3,984,000
Overfunded pension receivable	149,000
Total assets	<u>\$ 19,506,000</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Accounts payable	\$ 36,000
Accrued payroll and taxes	21,000
Mortgage and other loans payable	38,000
Total liabilities	<u>95,000</u>
Net assets:	
Without donor restrictions	15,013,000
With donor restrictions	4,398,000
Total net assets	<u>19,411,000</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 19,506,000</u>

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, 2024.

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Staff Members - as of 12/1/2024

Administration

- Allison Murphy, Library Director
- Kari Castelli, Business Manager

Adult Services/Reference

- Emily Rush, Head of Reference
- Anne O'Connor, Adult Reference and Technical Services Librarian
- Jesse Bernier, Adult Reference and Programming Librarian
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- Lydia Holland, Head of Children's Services
- Myla Perrelli, Children's Librarian
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Part-time Staff: Ray Eurto, Natalie Fleischer, Laura Follo, Lindsay Greco, Laura Kelly, Denice McGregor, Jane McNichol, Julie Northrup, Macey Ovchar, Jana Pietrzyk, Nick Regan, Daniel Robinson, Chris Trentham, Thia Wrightsman

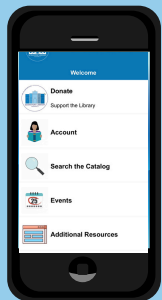
I just wanted to thank you for being involved in the Library Speakers Consortium. It's an awesome way to connect with the bigger literary world. I am grateful for this and other in-person events I've attended at the library. Thank you for all that you do, we would not be anywhere without the library.

-- Library patron

I think the Scranton Library is essential to the Madison Community and appreciate all it is doing to include everyone in the town.

- Feedback from our FY 23/24 donor survey

TOP 5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE LIBRARY



1

We have a free mobile app where you can browse for materials, check our Events calendar, renew a book, print, and even check out materials. Search for Scranton Library in the App Store or on Google Play.

2

You can check out all kinds of materials from our Library of Things. We have TWO pizza ovens, yard games, a film-to-digital converter, a telescope, and podcast equipment. Try before you buy!



3

Our Children's and Teen Rooms both have toys you can borrow. Take home a new toy, game, or puzzle. The Children's Room also loans American Girl dolls.



4

There are many programs to learn from and meet new people, such as the Fiber Arts Club, Master Gardener's Clinic, craft sessions, Saturday Sleuth's book club, and more. Check them out at: scrantonlibrary.org/events.



5

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.



Arlene Morrissey recently won an award from the Friends of CT Libraries.

STATISTICS

Here's a statistical snapshot of what YOUR support helped us accomplish in 2024. ***We couldn't do it without you!***

Library room
users increased
by **59%** this
year!

- The number of Library-led programs increased **6.5%** compared to the previous year and attendance increased **30%** – that's an average of **4** programs per day, with over **24,191** total participants!
- We welcomed over **106,470** visits to the library last year – an increase of **7.5%** compared to last year.
- A total of **194,341** items were borrowed from the Library – digital items (audio and Ebooks, online periodicals, etc) went up **15%**.

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

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 40% (\$462,000 for fiscal year 2024-25) 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 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