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A New Beginning
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FROM THE DIRECTOR

It's a new year! I think most of us are extremely glad to be saying good-bye to 2020 and looking forward to the promise of better times in 2021. This year, we at the Scranton Library are looking forward to welcoming even more of our community members back into your expanded and renovated, *better than ever*, hometown library.

Whatever 2021 holds for you; finding a new job, starting a small business, learning to cook, exploring interesting cultures, or embracing fun hobbies - we can connect you to the resources that will help you achieve your goals and turn your new year's resolutions into reality! How do we do it? Our highly trained staff are here to welcome, listen, advise, and follow through - one library visitor at a time. Our toolbox is full of programs and library materials to serve people of every age in all walks of life, from pre-kindergarteners to seniors.

This year, and every year, **our mission is to help you to achieve your mission** - whether to learn, grow, create, enjoy, or simply gather and connect with others. So stop by the library and let us connect you!

Sincerely,
Sunnie Scarpa

NEW FOR TEENS!

Jan 9th & Feb 6th from 2-5pm

Our Teen Librarian, Colin, will be running the classic Dungeons and Dragons module "Tomb of Annihilation." Join him online for an epic adventure through the Dinosaur and Zombie infested jungles of Chult! For ages 12-18.
Sorry, no parents allowed.

TIME FOR A NEW JOB?

JobNow provides live, interactive online assistance combined with online resources to help you in your job search and best of all - it's **FREE** with your Madison library card!

Log in from home by going to:

scrantonlibrary.org/online-resources/



Allison Murphy, Head of Public Services

A NEW FACE TO WELCOME YOU!

We are excited to announce a new staff member joining our team in January. Our new Head of Public Services, Allison Murphy, will often be the one to welcome you to the library, either at the 'Borrowing Desk' or from her office on the main floor. Allison previously worked as a Children's Librarian at the Wallingford Public Library and has work experience in the publishing industry, the education sector, and non-profit leadership. Allison is a dedicated lifelong learner, a mother of three, and a new Clinton resident. She's excited to get to know everyone in Madison and serve the community in her new role at the Scranton Library.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT NEWS

by Lydia Holland, Head of Children's Services

Happy New Year from the Children's Department! We have so many exciting programs coming up in January and February. Some of our favorites are returning, like Storytimes and Take Home Tuesday, but we also have a lot of new activities and virtual programs to offer!

We hope everyone with stir-crazy toddlers at home joins us for Toddler Tango, our new music and movement Zoom program that will be held monthly, (January 12th & February 9th).

We also have a new once-a-month take-home kit for young builders. Come pick up your kit on Thursday, January 17th at 10 a.m. and take home all you need to make a homemade catapult!

We will be hosting Linda Hincks, a veteran homeschooler and educator on January 20th at 6 p.m. on Zoom. In her program, Tips, and Tricks for Remote Learners, she can give advice, answer questions, and guide parents of children big and small who are currently learning remotely.

Finally, we will still be offering our outdoor Eye Spy scavenger hunt monthly, but for those of you who would like to venture indoors, we will also have a separate indoor, hands-free scavenger hunt complete with a small prize for those that finish! While you're visiting, make sure to check out our beautiful display filled with all our newest books and movies. *We hope to see you soon!*

RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

Have you ever wondered how to find a program on our website or use our e-resources? Visit our How-To Playlist on YouTube at <https://bit.ly/scrantonhowtoplaylist> to view one of these helpful tutorials:

- How to use our calendar
- How to place a hold
- SimplyE (ebooks) tutorial
- Libby (ebooks) tutorial

WAYS TO DONATE:

- Donate online at www.scrantonlibrary.org/support-the-library
- Send a check to 801 Boston Post Road, Madison CT 06443
- Donate to your favorite organization (E.C. Scranton Memorial Library) while shopping at smile.amazon.com
- Make a gift via PayPal at: bit.ly/scrantonpaypal
- Buy a brick! More info at: scrantonlibrary.org/support-the-library

LIBRARY HOURS

Take-Out Services & Phone Assistance are available at the following times:

Mon & Tues 10am - 5pm
Wed & Thur 10am - 8pm
Friday 10am - 5pm
Saturday 10am - 1pm

Open hours for browsing, study room, & computer use:

Mon & Tues 10-12pm & 2-4pm
Wed & Thurs 2-4pm & 5-7pm
Friday 10-12pm & 2-4pm
Saturday, computer use only, by appointment at 10am

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The idea of connecting all people to knowledge & each other is enduring.

-Bran Ferren,

Former President of R&D at Walt Disney World

SCRANTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

FROM THE FRIENDS: For the health and safety of our volunteers and library staff, we have made the difficult decision to stop receiving donations on December 15th. We will reopen in the spring. Thank you to all who donated books in 2020!

For more info, go to their Facebook page or contact them at: friends@scrantonlibrary.org

JANUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29 Take Home Tuesday 10:00am - 4:00pm Take Home Tuesday 10:00am - 4:00pm	30 Writing Wednesdays 10:30am - 10:45am Outdoor Craftivities 1:00pm - 8:00pm	31	1	2
3 Sunday Movie Matinee 10:00am - 11:00am	4 Little Readers Storytime 9:30am - 10:00am Preschool Storytime 10:30am - 11:00am	5 Take Home Tuesday 10:00am - 4:00pm Chess Class 5:00pm - 6:00pm Classics E-Book Club: "Twelfth Night" 7:00pm - 8:00pm	6 Writing Wednesdays 10:30am - 10:45am College Student Focus Group 7:00pm - 8:00pm	7 Gadget Guru Help! (Virtual Session) 12:00pm - 2:00pm Gadget Guru Help! (In-Person Session) 5:00pm - 7:00pm Video Game Night 5:00pm - 8:00pm Bedtime Stories 6:00pm - 6:30pm Novels & Nibbles 7:00pm - 8:00pm	8 Eye Spy in Madison... All Day Peek-A-Book 12:00pm - 12:15pm Craft of the Week! 2:30pm - 3:30pm Pre-Pub Friday! 4:30pm - 4:45pm	9 Gadget Guru Help! (In-Person Session) 10:00am - 12:00pm Dungeons and Dragons: the Tomb of ANNIHILATION 2:00pm - 5:00pm
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17	18	19 Take Home Tuesday 10:00am - 4:00pm Chess Class 5:00pm - 6:00pm International Cooking Club 7:00pm - 8:00pm	20 If You Build It 10:00am - 8:00pm Writing Wednesdays 10:30am - 10:45am Tips and Tricks for Remote Learners from a Homeschool Veteran 6:00pm - 7:00pm	21 Virtual Trading Card Game Night 5:00pm - 8:00pm Bedtime Stories 6:00pm - 6:30pm Novels & Nibbles 7:00pm - 8:00pm	22 Peek-A-Book 12:00pm - 12:15pm Craft of the Week! 2:30pm - 3:30pm Pre-Pub Friday! 4:30pm - 4:45pm	23
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Events Calendar

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Check out our events calendar at www.scrantonlibrary.org for full details and to register for a free library program today!