



FROM THE DIRECTOR

Every spring we celebrate new life that springs forth in the form of leafy buds on trees and cheerful blooms in gardens. This year, more than most, we have reason to be hopeful as the pandemic wanes and restrictions start to ease. It feels a bit like we are all butterflies, coming out of our COVID cocoons.

Here at the Scranton Library, we're looking forward to many promising changes throughout the spring and summer. With the arrival of two part-time custodians, the result of many months of behind-the-scenes work and planning, we are now poised to safely resume offering public restrooms, more seating options, and expanded hours. If you see one of these hard-working staff members while you're visiting the library, we hope you'll stop and say, "Thank you!" It is because of their continuous daily cleaning that we can offer these services while remaining in compliance with all of the Governor's sector guidelines to protect public health in CT.

We're also looking forward to seeing more of you under our brand new, outdoor tent! The Scranton Library Friends recently donated a high-quality tent to cover our stone patio and in addition to being the location of many future library programs, we're now accepting reservations for outside groups to use this space as well. Go to scrantonlibrary.org/room-reservations/ for all the details.

Keep reading for more to look forward to this spring and beyond!

Sincerely,
Sunnie Scarpa

EVENT SPOTLIGHT

Pollinator Pathways
Wednesday, June 23 @ 7 pm

What is a pollinator garden? Why native plants?
Why is the library putting in a pollinator garden?
Are you aware of the insect apocalypse?
Join us for a talk where these questions will be answered by members of the Madison Pollinator Pathway Team.

RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

Planning your summer vacation or
just some R&R at the beach?

Take the library with you! All of our audio and e-books fit in the palm of your hand with the SimplyE app - and it's FREE with your Madison library card!

Find out more by going to:
scrantonlibrary.org/online-resources/



**Custodians Ray Eurto and Nick Regan
begin training on May 3rd, 2021.**

EXPANDED HOURS AND SERVICES

As of Monday, May 10th our public restrooms will be open, seating will be greatly expanded, and our hours will begin to go back to normal! Please see the back page for new hours.

Please note: Our Take-Out room is closing. Please call (203)245-7365 if you are in need of a medical accommodation.

The next phase of our reopening is planned for July when we will be able to hire new part-time staff members and add additional evening hours and full services on Saturdays!

SUMMER READING AT THE LIBRARY

by Lydia Holland, Head of Children's Services

The Children's Department at the Scranton Library is so excited to begin another fun summer full of reading, activities, and prizes. This year, through our *Tales and Tails* Summer Reading programs, we hope to encourage students to avoid the "summer slide" by digging into some good stories!

The "summer slide" occurs when students don't read over the summer, resulting in decreased reading ability by the time the next school year rolls around. We definitely don't want that for our students here in Madison! To help encourage kids to read this summer, the library will reward them with scratch-off tickets. Scratch-offs will contain prizes; anything from experiences and visits to tangible prizes. The more you read, the more chances you have to win something fun! Paper and online logs will be available.

We're also running a 7-week Library Bingo Game! Our cards contain choices for fun and helpful activities to get your kids engaged with our community. They will do things like visit the Farmer's Market, help you cook dinner, or plant a tree. Once they've gotten a Bingo, they can bring the card back to the library and earn 10 entry forms for our free prize drawing.

Registration begins in person and online Monday, June 14th. Go to scrantonlibrary.org/summer-reading for all the info!

ONE BOOK, ONE TOWN

This summer the Library will be hosting a One Book, One Town event featuring *New Kid*, an award-winning graphic novel by Jerry Craft. This program aims to bring together community members to discuss diversity and inclusion within our community, with the goal of fostering empathy and making Madison a more welcoming, inclusive place for newcomers, visitors, and residents alike.

For details, go to: http://bit.ly/madison_onebook

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

Starting May 10th:

Monday 9:30am - 5pm

Tuesday 9:30am - 5pm

Wednesday 9:30am - 8pm

Thursday 9:30am - 8pm

Friday 9:30am - 5pm

Saturdays - contactless hold pick up (please call in advance) and computer use by appointment 9:30am - 1pm

Please note: in order to offer expanded hours our Take-Out services are ending. Please call us at (203)245-7365 if you need a medical accommodation.

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There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all.

- Jacqueline Kennedy
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SCRANTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

Don't miss the premier used book sale under our new tent!

Thursday, May 27th 5-8pm
members preview party.

Friday, May 28th 12-7:30pm

Saturday, May 29th 10-3:30pm

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



MAY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Story Stroll All Day 4/1 - 4/30 </div>						
Sunday Movie Matinee: "Blackfish" 10:00am - 11:00am	Little Readers Storytime 9:30am - 10:00am Preschool Storytime 10:30am - 11:00am	Take Home Tuesday 10:00am - 5:00pm Poems & Poesies 4:30pm - 4:45pm Virtual Writers' Group 7:00pm - 8:30pm	Outdoor Craftivities 10:00am - 8:00pm Poetry Open Mic Night! 7:00pm - 8:00pm	Novels & Nibbles: Mythopoeia 4:00pm - 5:00pm Teen Night 5:00pm - 8:00pm	Peek-a-Book 12:00pm - 12:15pm Craft of the Week: Milk Carton Birdfeeders! 2:30pm - 3:30pm Pre-Pub Friday! 4:30pm - 4:45pm	
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Sunday Movie Matinee: "Connected by Coffee" 10:00am - 11:00am	Little Readers Storytime 9:30am - 10:00am Preschool Storytime 10:30am - 11:00am	"RBG" Watch Party! 6:30pm - 8:30pm	Scranton Talks: Cooking With Jacques Pépin All Day Outdoor Craftivities 10:00am - 8:00pm	Story Stroll 10:00am - 5:00pm Novels & Nibbles 4:00pm - 5:00pm Video Game Night 5:00pm - 8:00pm Bedtime Stories 6:00pm - 6:30pm	Eye Spy in Madison... All Day Peek-a-book 12:00pm - 12:15pm Craft of the Week: DIY Pressed Flower Candles! 2:30pm - 3:30pm Pre-Pub Friday! 4:30pm - 4:45pm	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Sunday Movie Matinee! 10:00am - 11:00am	Little Readers Storytime 9:30am - 10:00am Preschool Storytime 10:30am - 11:00am	Toddler Tango 10:30am - 11:00am Virtual Writers' Group 7:00pm - 8:30pm	Lotus Flower Lanterns: A Cultural Workshop! 7:00pm - 8:00pm	Novels & Nibbles 4:00pm - 5:00pm Card Game Night 5:00pm - 8:00pm Bedtime Stories 6:00pm - 6:30pm	Peek-a-book 12:00pm - 12:15pm Pre-Pub Friday! 4:30pm - 4:45pm	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Sunday Movie Matinee! 10:00am - 11:00am		International Cooking Club: Pasta Verde & Homemade Gelato! 7:00pm - 8:00pm	Scranton Talks New Episode All Day If You Build It.. 10:00am - 8:00pm Classics E-Book Club: "Jane Eyre" 7:00pm - 8:00pm	Novels & Nibbles 4:00pm - 5:00pm Video Game Night 5:00pm - 8:00pm	It's Science! 2:00pm - 2:15pm Craft of the Week! 2:30pm - 3:30pm Pre-Pub Friday! 4:30pm - 4:45pm	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Sunday Movie Matinee! 10:00am - 11:00am		Virtual Writers' Group 7:00pm - 8:30pm	Enjoying the Outdoors with Madison Land Trust 7:00pm - 8:00pm	Novels & Nibbles 4:00pm - 5:00pm Card Game Night 5:00pm - 8:00pm <div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> RESERVATION Scranton Library Friends Book Sale 5:00pm - 8:00pm </div>	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> RESERVATION Scranton Library Friends Book Sale 12:00pm - 7:30pm </div> Craft of the Week! 2:30pm - 3:30pm Pre-Pub Friday! 4:30pm - 4:45pm	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> RESERVATION Scranton Library Friends Book Sale 10:00am - 3:30pm </div>



JUNE 2021

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6	7	8 Virtual Writers' Group 7:00pm - 8:30pm	9 Olympic Pride 7:00pm - 8:00pm	10 Novels & Nibbles 4:00pm - 5:00pm Card Game Night 5:00pm - 8:00pm	11 Pre-Pub Friday! 4:30pm - 4:45pm	12
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27	28 Virtual Storytime 9:30am - 10:00am All Ages Outdoor Storytime 10:00am - 10:30am	29 Toddler Tango 10:30am - 11:00am	30 Baby & Me Yoga 9:30am - 10:00am Summer Reading Kickoff- Birds of Prey 6:00pm - 7:00pm	1 Video Game Night 5:00pm - 8:00pm	2	3

For full details and to register for a free program,
go to: www.scrantonlibrary.org/events