



## OUR SEASON OF GIVING THANKS

November is a particularly good time to take stock of what this past year has held for us and take a moment to express gratitude for the good (and let go of the bad!). I find it very meaningful to take time to be thankful before the start of a busy holiday season and the hectic schedule that sometimes comes with it.

Here at the Library we're incredibly thankful that our daily operations have gotten back to nearly normal. Meeting rooms are now available and well over 500 people are making use of those spaces each month. Our study rooms are also in high demand, with well over 100 reservations each month. Programming continues to be popular and last year was a banner year for us. We held nearly 700 programs – an average of two programs PER DAY, with just under 35,000 participants of all ages!

The number of registered library card users also climbed 13% compared with the previous year and we are consistently breaking our own records for the number of new cards created monthly. We're so glad more and more people are signing up and using the Library all the time! We hope you'll join us at "Toast of the Town" to hear more about what you helped us accomplished last year and what we're looking forward to next. We couldn't do it without you and we want to say "thanks!"

Sincerely,  
Sunnie Scarpa - Library Director

### TOAST OF THE TOWN

If you'd like to hear more about what we accomplished last year and what we're looking forward to in 2022, please join us for a new annual event we're calling "Toast of the Town" December 2nd at 5:30pm.

This will be a time for us to thank all of our supporters, celebrate all that we've achieved together, and all the possibilities afforded by our beautiful new facility. Please go to our website to register: [scrantonlibrary.org/events](https://scrantonlibrary.org/events)

### NOTARY SERVICE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY!

We are happy to announce that we are now offering Notary Services by appointment. For full details about our proctoring and notary services, go to: [scrantonlibrary.org/proctoring](https://scrantonlibrary.org/proctoring)

Call us at (203) 245-7365  
to schedule an appointment.



Teens enjoying virtual reality games in our Creative Loft

### COME CHECK OUT OUR CREATIVE LOFT!

The Creative Loft is a great place to start any DIY project! Use our Cricut machine, button maker, green screen, or bring materials from home and just use our space.

A staff member is available every Tuesday evening from 5 - 8pm. This is a great time to stop by and get one-on-one instruction on how to use any of our DIY equipment or virtual reality system.

The Creative Loft is open any time the Library is open, so stop by, poke around, and start making something today!

## HOLIDAY FAVORITES

by our wonderful Circulation staff

Here are a few of our favorite books or movies to celebrate the holiday season. Stop by the Library and check one out today!



**Allison:** O. Henry's *The Gift of the Magi*, or *The Little Match Girl* - books

**Olivia:** *It's a Wonderful Life* or *Holiday Inn* - movies

**Clara:** *The Polar Express* - book

**Kayla:** Jim Carey's *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* - movie

**Mary:** *Love Actually* - movie

**Chris:** *Nightmare Before Christmas*, *The Ref* with Denis Leary, *Prancer* with Sam Elliot - movies

Love getting recommendations from our knowledgeable staff members? Check out our rotating **staff picks** display right next to the Borrowing Desk.

Or, go online to see **Chris's Top Five Books** - a new monthly feature on our website: [scrantonlibrary.org](http://scrantonlibrary.org)

## UBUNTU STORYTELLERS PRESENTS: "It's a WONDERful Life"

Tuesday, Dec. 14 @ 6:30 pm

Hybrid Event - register online: [scrantonlibrary.org/events](http://scrantonlibrary.org/events)

Ubuntu Storytellers, a diverse group of black and brown professional storytellers and facilitators presents: "It's a WONDERful Life" personal remembrances of the winter holiday season.

You will hear personal stories that reflect our joys and triumphs and disappointments. Poignant stories, funny stories. Stories of being human. You will also hear stories about encounters with racism, prejudice, micro aggression. Often, one story encompasses both realities. Most of all, you will hear stories where you just might find ... yourself.

## WAYS TO DONATE:

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

## LIBRARY HOURS

Monday 9:30am - 5pm

Tuesday 9:30am - 8pm

Wednesday 9:30am - 8pm

Thursday 9:30am - 8pm

Friday 9:30am - 5pm

Saturdays 9:30am - 5pm

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*Gratitude is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul.*

- Henry Ward Beecher

## SCRANTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

Putting Around the Library Links:

An exciting new way to support the Scranton Library!

Fri, Nov. 5 12pm - Adult play

Sat, Nov. 6 - Family play

For more info go to:

[scrantonlibraryfriends.wordpress.com](http://scrantonlibraryfriends.wordpress.com)

Book donations:

We have stopped collecting book donations for the winter.

We will re-open our book donation cabinets in March.

Contact us:

[friends@scrantonlibrary.org](mailto:friends@scrantonlibrary.org)

# NOVEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p><b><u>Crawlers and Cuddlers Storytime</u></b> 9:30am - 10:00am</p> <p><b><u>Walkers and Wigglers Storytime</u></b> 10:30am - 11:00am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p><b><u>Toddler Craft Time</u></b> 10:30am - 11:00am</p> <p><b><u>Master Gardener Clinic!</u></b> 12:00pm - 1:00pm</p> <p><b><u>Teen Tech Help!</u></b> 2:30pm - 4:30pm</p> <p><b><u>After School Anime</u></b> 4:00pm - 6:00pm</p> <p><b><u>Craft of the Month (In-Person Session)</u></b> 5:00pm - 8:00pm</p> <p><b><u>Madison Movie Chat!</u></b> 6:30pm - 7:30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p><b><u>Teen Tech Help!</u></b> 2:30pm - 4:30pm</p> <p><b><u>STEAM Storytime</u></b> 4:00pm - 5:00pm</p> <p><b><u>"A Home Called Nebraska" Screening &amp; Discussion (In-Person)</u></b> 6:00pm - 8:00pm</p> <p><b><u>"A Home Called Nebraska" Screening &amp; Discussion (Virtual)</u></b> 6:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p><b><u>Teen Tech Help!</u></b> 3:00pm - 5:00pm</p> <p><b><u>Slime Lab: Pumpkin Guts Slime</u></b> 4:00pm - 4:45pm</p> <p><b><u>Novels &amp; Nibbles</u></b> 4:00pm - 5:00pm</p> <p><b><u>Teen Night</u></b> 5:00pm - 8:00pm</p> <p><b><u>Mindfulness Meditation</u></b> 7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p><b><u>Craft of the Month (Virtual Session)</u></b> 5:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	6
7	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p><b><u>Crawlers and Cuddlers Storytime</u></b> 9:30am - 10:00am</p> <p><b><u>Walkers and Wigglers Storytime</u></b> 10:30am - 11:00am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p><b><u>Toddler Craft Time</u></b> 10:30am - 11:00am</p> <p><b><u>Teen Tech Help!</u></b> 2:30pm - 4:30pm</p> <p><b><u>After School Anime</u></b> 4:00pm - 6:00pm</p> <p><b><u>DIY Drop-In!</u></b> 5:00pm - 8:00pm</p> <p><b><u>Healthy Living for Your Brain &amp; Body: An Alzheimer's Association Event</u></b> 6:30pm - 7:30pm</p> <p><b><u>International Cooking Club!</u></b> 6:45pm - 7:45pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p><b><u>Bilingual Storytime with ABC Amigos</u></b> 10:00am - 10:30am</p> <p><b><u>Teen Tech Help!</u></b> 2:30pm - 4:30pm</p> <p><b><u>Classics @ Scranton: "The Crucible"</u></b> 6:30pm - 7:30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p><b><u>Teen Tech Help!</u></b> 3:00pm - 5:00pm</p>	12	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p><b><u>Scranton Writers' Club</u></b> 10:00am - 11:30am</p>
14	<p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <p><b><u>Crawlers and Cuddlers Storytime</u></b> 9:30am - 10:00am</p> <p><b><u>Walkers and Wigglers Storytime</u></b> 10:30am - 11:00am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p><b><u>Toddler Craft Time</u></b> 10:30am - 11:00am</p> <p><b><u>Teen Tech Help!</u></b> 2:30pm - 4:30pm</p> <p><b><u>After School Anime</u></b> 4:00pm - 6:00pm</p> <p><b><u>Bookbinding 101: A Craft Workshop</u></b> 6:00pm - 8:00pm</p> <p><b><u>Madison Movie Chat!</u></b> 6:30pm - 7:30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p><b><u>Teen Tech Help!</u></b> 2:30pm - 4:30pm</p> <p><b><u>Colonial Treats for your Holiday Feast!</u></b> 6:30pm - 7:30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p><b><u>Teen Tech Help!</u></b> 3:00pm - 5:00pm</p> <p><b><u>CANCELLED Little Yoga with Miss Emily RESCHEDULED 11-18</u></b> 4:00pm - 4:45pm</p> <p><b><u>Novels &amp; Nibbles</u></b> 4:00pm - 5:00pm</p> <p><b><u>Madison Vs. Guilford Super Smash Bros. Tournament!</u></b> 4:00pm - 7:00pm</p> <p><b><u>Teen Night</u></b> 5:00pm - 8:00pm</p> <p><b><u>Mindfulness Meditation</u></b> 7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	19	20
21	<p style="text-align: center;">22</p> <p><b><u>Crawlers and Cuddlers Storytime</u></b> 9:30am - 10:00am</p> <p><b><u>Walkers and Wigglers Storytime</u></b> 10:30am - 11:00am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p><b><u>Toddler Craft Time</u></b> 10:30am - 11:00am</p> <p><b><u>Teen Tech Help!</u></b> 2:30pm - 4:30pm</p> <p><b><u>After School Anime</u></b> 4:00pm - 6:00pm</p> <p><b><u>DIY Drop-In!</u></b> 5:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p><b><u>Teen Tech Help!</u></b> 2:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p><b><u>Teen Tech Help!</u></b> 3:00pm - 5:00pm</p> <p><b><u>Teen Night</u></b> 5:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	26	27
28	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p><b><u>Crawlers and Cuddlers Storytime</u></b> 9:30am - 10:00am</p> <p><b><u>Walkers and Wigglers Storytime</u></b> 10:30am - 11:00am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p><b><u>Toddler Craft Time</u></b> 10:30am - 11:00am</p> <p><b><u>Teen Tech Help!</u></b> 2:30pm - 4:30pm</p> <p><b><u>After School Anime</u></b> 4:00pm - 6:00pm</p> <p><b><u>DIY Drop-In!</u></b> 5:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	1	2	3	4

# DECEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29 <b><u>Crawlers and Cuddlers Storytime</u></b> 9:30am - 10:00am  <b><u>Walkers and Wigglers Storytime</u></b> 10:30am - 11:00am	30 <b><u>Toddler Craft Time</u></b> 10:30am - 11:00am <b><u>Teen Tech Help!</u></b> 2:30pm - 4:30pm <b><u>After School Anime</u></b> 4:00pm - 6:00pm <b><u>DIY Drop-In!</u></b> 5:00pm - 8:00pm	1 <b><u>Teen Tech Help!</u></b> 2:30pm - 4:30pm <b><u>STEAM Storytime</u></b> 4:00pm - 5:00pm	2 <b><u>Teen Tech Help!</u></b> 3:00pm - 5:00pm <b><u>Engineering 101: Apple Platforms</u></b> 4:00pm - 4:45pm  <b><u>Novels &amp; Nibbles</u></b> 4:00pm - 5:00pm  <b><u>Teen Night</u></b> 5:00pm - 8:00pm	3	4 <b><u>Annual Gingerbread Workshop: Morning Session</u></b> 10:00am - 11:00am  <b><u>Annual Gingerbread Workshop: Afternoon Session</u></b> 2:00pm - 3:00pm  <b><u>Furoshiki: The Japanese Art of Wrapping Cloth</u></b> 2:30pm - 3:30pm
5	6 <b><u>Crawlers and Cuddlers Storytime</u></b> 9:30am - 10:00am  <b><u>Walkers and Wigglers Storytime</u></b> 10:30am - 11:00am	7 <b><u>Toddler Craft Time</u></b> 10:30am - 11:00am <b><u>Teen Tech Help!</u></b> 2:30pm - 4:30pm <b><u>After School Anime</u></b> 4:00pm - 6:00pm <b><u>DIY Drop-In!</u></b> 5:00pm - 8:00pm <b><u>Madison Movie Chat!</u></b> 6:30pm - 7:30pm	8 <b><u>Bilingual Storytime with ABC Amigos</u></b> 10:00am - 10:30am  <b><u>Teen Tech Help!</u></b> 2:30pm - 4:30pm <b><u>Classics @ Scranton!</u></b> 6:30pm - 7:30pm	9 <b><u>Teen Tech Help!</u></b> 3:00pm - 5:00pm <b><u>Snowman Bubble Science</u></b> 4:00pm - 4:45pm  <b><u>Teen Night</u></b> 5:00pm - 8:00pm	10	11 <b><u>Scranton Writers' Club</u></b> 10:00am - 11:30am
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26	27	28 <b><u>After School Anime</u></b> 4:00pm - 6:00pm	29	30 <b><u>Teen Night</u></b> 5:00pm - 8:00pm	31	1

For full details and to sign up for one of our free events, please visit: [scrantonlibrary.org/events](https://scrantonlibrary.org/events)