



GRATEFUL FOR THE PAST, EXCITED FOR THE FUTURE!

by *Sunnie Scarpa, Library Director*

As we near the end of another year, it's natural to take stock of the past and look forward to new beginnings. Here at the library we have so much to be grateful for - a committed Board of Trustees, talented staff, loyal volunteers, and generous donors have all worked together to make this one of our best years yet!


This year's Annual Report will be filled with highlights, statistics, cute photos, and inspiring quotes from our users - so make sure you check it out. It will be available in print and online by the end of November.

I also invite you to join us for the **Toast of the Town** event on December 1st to receive your copy of the Annual Report, hear a little bit more about what we're looking forward to next year, and of course, raise a glass to all that we've accomplished. We couldn't do it without you, so let's celebrate together!

SAVE THE DATE
FOR A NIGHT OF LIBRARY GRATITUDE!

SECOND ANNUAL

TOAST OF THE TOWN



December 1, 2022 | 5:30 PM
Scranton Library | Johnson Family Community Room

AN EVENING TO THANK OUR SUPPORTERS
CELEBRATE ACCOMPLISHMENTS
EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES



COMING SOON - TURTLE TRAVELS!

We are thrilled to announce that we'll be hosting "Turtle Travels" a museum exhibit from the Ithaca Science Center in January of 2023.

In Turtle Travels, visitors experience how scientists track hidden turtles using telemetry, check out how their shell shapes are suited to different habitats, design a turtle-friendly housing development, watch a loggerhead sea turtle swim through the ocean, and much more!

This project is funded through a generous grant from the Schumann Family Foundation.



BUILDING A STRONGER LIBRARY - BRICK BY BRICK

by Sunnie Scarpa and Nicole Wiles

What better way to recognize, memorialize or celebrate someone special than with something lasting and timeless? At this time of year when you are looking for a way to show appreciation, consider purchasing a uniquely engraved brick that will become part of the Scranton Library landscape.

Bricks can be engraved with names, short sayings, or memorial commemorations. This is an opportunity to create something special that you, your family, and special friends will appreciate. Purchasing a brick not only ensures a legacy, but it also benefits Scranton Library. Scranton Library is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and your contribution is tax-deductible.

Purchase your unique gift in time for the holidays. We will complete a beautiful gift card and mail it to your recipient for you; or bring your brick order to the Scranton Library and receive a gift card to mail personally.

Bricks are available in 4x8 inch and 8x8 inch sizes and are priced at \$200 and \$300, respectively. You can pick up a brick order form inside the library, or go to scrantonlibrary.org/support-the-library/ to download one. You will have the satisfaction of both supporting our wonderful library and giving a unique gift that will be enjoyed for years to come!

DON'T MISS: THE HARP AND THE HOLIDAYS

Saturday, Dec. 10 at 2pm

Acclaimed Harpist Wendy Kerner explores the music of the holidays including Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa, with songs from around the world and a discussion of the history of the music and the traditions from which they emerged. What does the music tell us about the place it came from?

Wendy also shares the amazing history of the harp, its evolution over time, and the science of how it creates music. This program explores the incredible beauty of many cultures and religions through song.

Please register [@scrantonlibrary.org!](https://www.scrantonlibrary.org)



WAYS TO DONATE:

- Donate online at 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
- Make a gift via PayPal at: bit.ly/scrantonpaypal
- Venmo [@scrantonmemoriallibraryct](https://venmo.com/scrantonmemoriallibraryct)
- Buy a brick! More info at: scrantonlibrary.org/support-the-library

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9:30am - 8pm

Friday & Saturday
9:30am - 5pm

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We cannot live
only for
ourselves. A
thousand fibers
connect us with
our fellow men.

Herman Melville

SCRANTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

Thank you for supporting our used book sales. It was another successful year. We'll see you in the spring!

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

NOVEMBER 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!

www.scrantonlibrary.org/events

STORY TIMES FOR LITTLE ONES

Story times at the library are a great way to support your little ones growth with stories, music, and movement that introduce pre-literacy skills in a fun and active environment. From Crawlers and Cuddlers to Walkers and Wigglers and Toddler Tango - we have something for everyone! Days and times vary, so check our online calendar for details.

Weekly storytimes run from November 1st through the week of December 12th. Registration is recommended, there is limited walk-in availability. Call (203) 245-7365 or go to scrantonlibrary.org/events to register online.

UNICORNS!

Saturday, November 19th at 10:30am

Unicorn enthusiasts unite for unicorn related festivities- crafts, desserts and more! For kids ages 3 and up.

Registration required.

LEGOS, LEGOS, LEGOS

Saturday, November 26th at 10am

Join Mr. Chris once a month for this LEGO extravaganza. Can you build the tallest tower? The fanciest house? The longest LEGO chain? Let your imagination run wild!

No registration required.

TWEEN/TEEN GRAB N' GO CRAFT

November: Dreamcatchers

Ages 12-18 can stop by the library's Creative Loft any time during the month and grab a craft bag with instructions and supplies. Craft here or bring home to craft.

One craft bag per person each month.

Supplies are first come first served until we run out.

No registration required.

TEENS - WHAT'S YOUR VISION?

Monday, November 14th at 6pm

Create Your Own Vision Board!

Meet with teaching artist Pamela Hutchinson Brown and life coach Justin Zeigler. Practice thinking about goals and dreams and create a piece of art as a way to move you closer to your goals and dreams. Ages 12 and up.

Registration required.

TELLING YOUR STORY THROUGH MEMOIR

Saturday, November 12th at 10am

Celebrate National Memoir Writing Month with us! Orlene Gallops, author of *Hiding In Plain Sight*, will lead this creative workshop. She will discuss researching & writing, creating a descriptive narrative, and turning your vision into a reality. She will also offer editing advice and share her experience in the publishing world.

Registration required.

ETUAPTUMK: TWO-EYED SEEING IN OUR DAILY LIVES

Tuesday, November 15th at 6:30pm (hybrid)

Etuptmumk is a Mi'kmaw saying that translates to "Two-Eyed Seeing." This concept refers to learning how to see from one eye the strengths of Indigenous knowledge and from the other eye the strengths of Western knowledge.

Join traditional Native American Storyteller Darlene Kascak & ecologist Susan Scherf to examine how people can include this concept in their daily lives.

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SPECIAL EVENTS FOR SCHOOL VACATION

The Children's Library will be hosting several special events for kids of all ages during school vacation. Events include: Draw Your Own Caricature with Bill Hernandez, Celebrate the Season with Anna from Frozen, and a "Noon Year's Eve" party. Plus, special crafts, scavenger hunts, and a movie matinee!

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GINGERBREAD WORKSHOP

Saturday, December 3rd at 10am or 2pm

Join us for our annual gingerbread workshop, where kids will make their own houses from graham crackers, candy, and frosting, all provided by us! You don't even have to clean up after!

Registration required - one registration equals one house.

SENSORY STORYTIME

Friday, December 16th at 10am

In this quiet, small group storytime, lights will be dim and music will be soft. We will sing, read, and rhyme together, then explore a sensory activity. Storytimes are geared towards 2 and up, but all ages and abilities are welcome.

Registration required.

DIY PAINTED ROCK PHOTO HOLDERS

Thursday, Dec 8 & 15th at 4pm

Have a favorite photo but no frame? Join us as we create a standing photo holder using materials from nature! Materials will be provided, just bring your creativity. For ages 8-14.

No registration required.

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ICELAND THROUGH MY HEART WITH GERRI GRISWOLD

Wednesday, December 14th at 6:30pm

Take a one-hour trip 66 degrees north and be overwhelmed by the landscape, nature, and people of this breathtaking country which boasts 100% literacy, is the home of the first Parliament established in 930 AD, and possesses the cleanest air and water on our planet.

Registration required.

NEED TECH HELP? WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!

Need help with your Mac or PC? Are you curious about security for your computer? Do you need help with faxing, printing, or copying at the library? Chris Jennings Penders is here to offer assistance **every Monday from 3-5pm, Tuesdays from 1-3pm, and Thursdays 10am - 12pm.**

Tech saavy teen volunteers also offer one-on-one assistance **Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons.**