



WHY WE CAN'T WAIT FOR SUMMER

By Sunnie Scarpa, Library Director and Lydia Holland, Head of Children's Services

Summer on the shoreline, what could be better?! Warm temperatures have us dreaming about walks on the beach, bike rides around town, backyard barbeques, and my favorite summer activity - reading a good book in my hammock! **Summer is our absolute busiest time of the year at the Scranton Library** and we're sure this year will be no exception.

Summer Reading kicks off June 26th and our Children's Librarians are working hard to ensure that all students go back to school ready to learn in the fall! "Summer slide" is the tendency for students to lose some of the achievement gains they made from the previous school year. Reading for pleasure over the summer, coupled with attending fun, enriching activities at the library, can help keep students engaged over the summer months. **Families and kids can prevent the summer slide by participating in our 2023 Summer Reading Program "Find Your Voice."**

We also have exciting programs, books, and summer bingo for adults and teens. Make sure you check out our Library of Things; which has a pizza oven, projector, and lawn games for all your backyard parties. If you're traveling this summer stock up on free eBooks before you go and you'll always have a book when you want one! As always, just stop by our Info desks if you need help finding your next great read - we're here to help you!

LIBRARY BIKES ARE BACK

Spring is back and so are the Scranton Library Bicycles! These two bikes are available for check out - just bring your library card to the Borrowing Desk and you can ride around town in style.



Borrow one for the day,
or for up to one week!

SCRANTON SHOPS! 3

On Friday, June 2nd stop by the beautiful Scranton Library for a magical evening of shopping, music, a silent auction, wine tasting and nibbles. Admission is free, so grab a friend or two and drop by the library for an evening of fun!

Friday, June 2nd, 6-9 pm FREE admission
FOR INFO: www.scrantonlibrary.org
supportscranton@scrantonlibrary.org



WELCOME TIM - OUR NEW HEAD OF PUBLIC SERVICES

On April 25th we were pleased to welcome Tim Kellogg to our Scranton Library team! Tim will serve as our Head of Public Services, which combines the roles of Assistant Director and Head of Circulation with a dash of facilities oversight thrown in for fun.

Tim comes to us from the East Hampton Library and previously worked at the Westbrook Library, the Guilford Free Library, and the Acton Public Library in Old Saybrook. He has a Master's of Information Science from Rutgers University and is the current Board President for LION, Inc. - our library consortium. Tim enjoys a good cup of coffee (or two) and is a champion of intellectual freedom. Stop by and meet Tim today!



Tim Kellogg, Head of Public Services

MAY 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

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY TEMPORARY CLOSURE

Please note that in order to pack up the Turtle Travels museum exhibit the **Children's Department will be closed to the public on Thursday, May 11th and Friday, May 12th.** During this time carts full of children's books available for check out will be located just outside the door to the Children's Library. If you need a specific item during this time, we ask that you place it on hold and pick it up from the main Borrowing Desk.

We hope you enjoyed this special exhibit funded by the Schumann Family Foundation!

GALAXY PLAY DOH

Thursday, May 18th at 4pm

This play-doh is out of this world! Join us at the library to create some pretty galactic play-doh to take home!

For kids ages 6 to 11. [Registration required.](#)

SPRING STORYTIME

Saturday, May 27th at 10am

Celebrate springtime with books, rhymes, songs and an accompanying craft.

For ages 2 and up. [Registration required.](#)

CHESS CLUB FOR TEENS

Every Tuesday from 4-5pm

Flex your chess muscles against other teens at the E.C. Scranton Memorial Library every Tuesday in January! All skill levels are welcome; you can bring your own board or we'll have some to use as well. Open to grades 7-12.

[No registration required.](#)

TEEN GAME CLUB

Every Thursday from 3 - 5pm

Hang out with your friends and get to play against other teens at Teen Game Club. Everything from our card games (Uno, Sushi Go!, etc.) to our video games (Switch, PS4 & Xbox One) will be available. Feel free to also bring your own games! Open to grades 7-12.

[No registration required.](#)

SATURDAY BREAKFAST BOOK CLUB

Saturday, May 13th at 10am

This monthly book club reads the novels & memoirs the New York Times designates as its "Most Notable Books" from the preceding year, while enjoying coffee and refreshments. Our selection for May is the acclaimed memoir **Crying in H-Mart** by **Michelle Zauner**. Copies of the book are now available at the library's Borrowing Desk.

[Registration required.](#)

FESTIVALS OF INDIA: A CLASSICAL INDIAN DANCE DEMO

Wednesday, May 10th at 6:30pm

Join us for a performance by Layavinyasa School of Dance & Music, led by founder Sarada Nori Akella! The presentation will showcase pieces that connect with Indian festivals and ancient Hindu scriptures. The performance will include visuals of legends and demonstrative hand gestures to highlight the underlying narratives.

[Registration required.](#)

JUNE FEATURED EVENTS

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NEW - YOGA NIDRA CLASS

Yoga Nidra—also known as yogic sleep—is a guided meditation practice that is intended to bring deep physical, mental, and emotional relaxation. Anyone can do it! No yoga experience necessary.

Join librarian Claudia Volano, a certified Divine Sleep® Yoga Nidra facilitator, for the inaugural class on **Thursday, June 8th at 6:30pm**. Register online!

SAFARI PARTY

Saturday, June 3rd at 10am

Join us at the library as we explore the safari! Activities include crafts and a game.

For grades K-5. Registration recommended. Limited walk-in availability.

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HUNGRY HUNGRY HIPPOS

Tuesday, June 27th at 6:30pm

You're the hippo in this life-sized version of the classic game! Grab a scooter and bucket and team up to trap the most balls before the timer runs out. Which team will win?

For kids ages 8-13. Registration required.

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No registration required.

EXPLORING AFRICAN-AMERICAN CONNECTICUT

Tuesday, June 13 at 6:30 pm

Explore Juneteenth with stories of objects and exhibitions from The Amistad Center for Art & Culture—the cultural center based at The Wadsworth Atheneum which has celebrated Juneteenth in Hartford for 32 years. The Center manages a collection of art and artifacts that document centuries of Black American history and culture.

Registration required.

CELEBRATE THE ARTS WITH THE SHORELINE ARTS ALLIANCE

Thursday, June 22nd from 5 to 7pm

This special event will celebrate all of the arts with performances, readings and exhibits by winners of Shoreline Arts Alliance's 2023 Scholarships and Awards. Attendees will be able to view the work of both emerging and professional artists while enjoying interactive art events and projects.

Sponsored in part by Community Foundation of Middlesex County, Connecticut Office of the Arts, Guilford Foundation, Guilford Savings Bank, and National Roofing.

THE BOOK THAT CHANGED MY LIFE: FAILING FORWARD BY JOHN MAXWELL

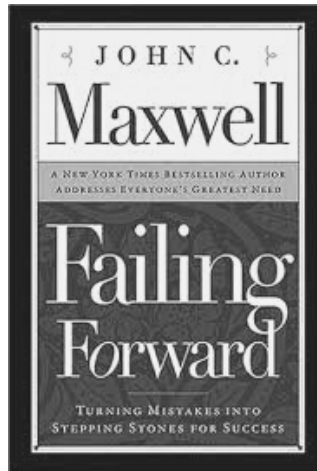
By Sunnie Scarpa, Library Director

One of the many books that has changed my life for the better was required reading for a leadership class I took in college. All these years later the message of this book is still with me and something I think about quite often. The book is Failing Forward by John Maxwell, a short yet powerful book about turning mistakes into stepping stones for success.

Failing "forward" is described as the ability to learn from each mistake made and consequently move forward in a better direction. In this way, failure can become just one small part of a larger process that leads to success.

Reading this book made me more resilient and courageous than I would have been had I never gained this perspective. It's just one of many books that have changed my life over the years and another reason I value reading in all its forms – physical books, eBooks, and audio books are all equal opportunities to learn and grow as a person.

Books can change all of our lives for the better!
Stop by the Library today and find your next favorite read.
We're always here to help you find what you're looking for.



SCRANTON LIBRARY FRIENDS - EXCITING NEWS!

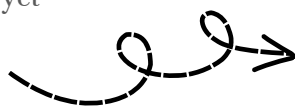
The Book Sale Collection Cabinets re-opened on March 27th. At that time, some of the Book Sale Elves returned from their Winter sojourn in warmer climes, others stood up and yawned after a long quiet winter spend mostly reading.

They are currently busy emptying the cabinets and sorting and storing the donations in preparation for our upcoming sales. As always, the Elves are grateful for the donations of gently used books. The first sale will be May 18th to the 20th.

- **Thursday, May 18th from 4:30 PM to 7 PM** - Admission is restricted to Members of the Friends.
- **Friday, May 19th from 12 PM to 7 PM** - Open to the Public
- **Saturday, May 20th from 10 AM to 3:30 PM** - Open to the Public

WAYS TO DONATE:

- Donate online:
scrantonlibrary.org/support-the-library
- Send a check: 801 Boston Post Road, Madison, CT 06443
- Make a gift via **PayPal**: bit.ly/scrantonpaypal
or **Venmo** @scrantonmemoriallibraryct
- Scan this QR code to donate online:



LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9:30am - 8pm

Friday & Saturday
9:30am - 5pm

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*Let us read and
let us dance -
these two
amusements will
never do any
harm to the
world.*

- Voltaire

SCRANTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

Book donations:

We are currently accepting good condition book donations.

They can be left in the large bins located on the porch of the white building, across the driveway from the North/Parking lot entrance.

Contact us:

friends@scrantonlibrary.org