



SMALL BUT MIGHTY - SCRANTON LIBRARY'S DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

By Nicole Wiles, Development Committee Chair

Scranton Library is fortunate to have many generous supporters and dedicated volunteers. Their whole-hearted contributions guarantee that the library can continue to be the place where community members come together to learn, socialize, be entertained, and receive trusted information.

Annually, Scranton Library is required to generate approximately 15% of its operating income. For fiscal year 2023-24, \$217,000 must be raised via donations and fundraisers. The Development Committee of the Board of Trustees is charged with developing and implementing a fundraising action plan to meet this requirement. This small, but mighty committee is comprised of trustees, library staff, Friends, and community volunteers. Their creative ideas and commitment to reaching the library's financial obligation are admirable and I dedicate this message to them.

New for 23/24: The Committee is working with photographer Rebekah Butler to offer the community a holiday/Santa photo fundraiser.



Laura Becker serves on the Development Committee as a community volunteer.



CREATIVE LOFT HIGHLIGHT

Coming soon for our patrons to use is a Brother SE700 Sewing & Embroidery Machine.

This machine is perfect for making: alterations, personalized gifts, a cosplay or Halloween costume, custom curtains & much more!

Stop by our Creative Loft upstairs to see this and other awesome tools for your creative endeavors!

CREATE YOUR LEGACY: REMEMBER THE SCRANTON LIBRARY IN YOUR ESTATE PLANS

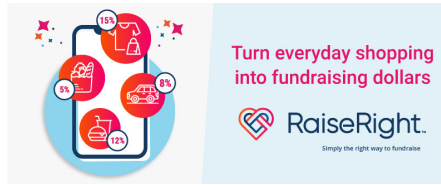
Leaving your legacy is surprisingly simple:

- Include E.C. Scranton Memorial Library in your will or living trust; or
- Update your retirement plan beneficiary designation to include E.C. Scranton Memorial Library, Tax ID #06-0726490

For more info visit scrantonlibrary.org/support-the-library or email: supportscranton@scrantonlibrary.org

RAISE FUNDS FOR SCRANTON LIBRARY WITH EVERYDAY SHOPPING

Raise funds by buying gift cards from your favorite brands to earn on your daily purchases.



Groceries, dining out, home improvement, and everything in between. It's the most convenient and effective way to fundraise because earning becomes part of your everyday life.

How it works



You buy a gift card
You get the full value.



The brand gives back
No extra money comes out of your pocket.



Your organization earns
Impacting what matters most to you.



Get Started Today!

Create a free fundraising account on the RaiseRight mobile app or at [RaiseRight.com](https://www.RaiseRight.com). For step-by-step instructions, visit [Raiseright.com/m/startearning](https://www.Raiseright.com/m/startearning)
Questions? supportscranton@scrantonlibrary.org
Enrollment Code: VCNQV8ZRFUJ

DONOR SURVEY - 2023

Every August we conduct a survey to get feedback on the donor experience during the previous fiscal year. We are always listening and working to make your experience even better!

This year 96% of our donors agreed with the statement "the Library is meeting my expectations as a donor."

Here's a sample of the many wonderful responses we received in response to the question "What compelled you to give to the Library?"

- **The library is vital to the town.** The last time I was in I toured all around & was pleasantly surprised to find so many teenagers using the facility for chatting, reading or using the computers. A good thing!
- **I love our library and the terrific staff there.**
- A community is judged by the quality of its library. **Madison's library shows how much learning is valued**, and it makes me proud to be a part of it.
- I depend on my library to be there when I need it. **No one should take their local library for granted!**

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9:30am - 8pm

Friday & Saturday
9:30am - 5pm

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*We make a living
by what we get.
We make a life by
what we give.*

- Winston S. Churchill

SCRANTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

Upcoming book sales:

Fri, Sept 23rd 12pm - 7:30pm
Sat, Sept 24th 10am - 3:30pm

Book donations:

The SLF will stop collecting book donations on Sat, Sept 17th. Thank you for all your support this year!

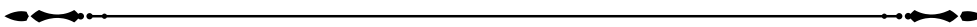
Save the Date:

For Library Links! A mini-golf fundraiser on Nov 4th & 5th

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

SEPTEMBER FEATURED EVENTS

This is just a small sampling of the free events offered by the Scranton Library each month. Go to our website to see more, read the full details, and register now: scrantonlibrary.org/events



CHILDREN'S LIBRARY STORY TIMES & MORE!

Story time is back! Now through October 31st you and your little ones can enjoy all your favorites - Walkers & Wiggles, Toddler Tango, and Tots & Tales. Story times are fun and engaging, plus they introduce early literacy skills like rhyming and letter recognition that support your child's reading readiness. Registration opens one week before each program.

Plus, check our Events Calendar online or stop by the Children's Library today to find out about other special events happening this fall.

DROP IN CRAFT: FIRE BREATHING DRAGON

Saturday, September 2nd from 10am-12pm

Create a simple dragon craft using craft rolls, construction paper, tissue paper and more. Blow in the end of the tube and watch your dragon "breath fire"

For children of all ages. 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. Card games (Uno, Sushi Go!, etc.) & video games (Switch, PS4 & Xbox One) will be available to play. Feel free to also bring your own games!

Open to grades 7-12. No registration required.

SPOOKY GRAHAM CRACKER HOUSES

Saturday, September 30th at 10:30am

Spooky season is here, and with it our annual Spooky House Graham Cracker program! We'll provide the graham crackers, frosting, and candy for you to make the scariest graham cracker house on the block.

For children of all ages. Registration required.

SEED BOMBS FOR TEENS

Friday, September 22 from 3-4pm

Awaken your inner gardener by making seed bombs at the Library! These balls of seeds, soil and fertilizer are formed and thrown to sew plants in places where gardening isn't the easiest or ones that just need some sprucing up.

Open to grades 7-12. No registration required.

Adults

EDIBLE MUSHROOMS OF CONNECTICUT

Wednesday, September 13th at 6:30pm

Wild mushroom hunting for food purposes is a satisfying and delicious hobby and CT has an abundance of tasty fungi to find, especially in the fall! The diversity of species can be amazing as well as overwhelming, and the Three Foragers, a scavenging family from southeastern CT, will talk about the best edible mushrooms of the season.

For adults of all ages. Registration required.

FROM BROADWAY TO BRAZIL: LIVE MUSIC MATINEE

Saturday, September 30th from 2:30 - 3:30pm

Join us as acclaimed musician Benji Kaplan takes us from Broadway to Brazil and beyond with his enchanting music in both Portuguese and English! A composer of Cuban, Russian and Austrian descent, Benji grew up hearing various types of music and languages and incorporates these influences into his own work.

For adults of all ages. Registration required.

OCTOBER FEATURED EVENTS

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CAN'T MISS PROGRAMMING FOR ADULTS!

In addition to the special events featured here, we also host a variety of regularly scheduled weekly and monthly programming. Check out our online Events Calendar for full details. We have something for everyone!

FREE MONTHLY OR WEEKLY PROGRAMS: Saturday Breakfast Book Club, Ukulele and Guitar Clubs, Master Gardener Clinic, Tech Help with Chris, Knitting Club, Craft of the Month, Scranton Writers' Club, Classics @ Scranton, Madison Movie Chat, Maker Meet-up, and Yoga Nidra. Thank you to the staff and volunteers who make these free programs possible!

COOL-OLOGY: MAKERSPACE LAB

Wednesday, October 11th at 4:30pm

Check out Cool-ology's Mobile Makerspace Lab. This fun STEAM program helps kids use empathetic problem solving, creative design, and critical thinking skills to deepen their understanding of core science and engineering principles- all while having fun!

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

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SPOOKTACULAR STORYTIME

Thursday, October 19th at 4pm

Excited for spooky season? Join your Children's Librarian for fun and not-too-scary spooky books, rhymes and songs followed by a craft.

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

TRY BEFORE YOU BUY FOR TEENS

Friday, October 20 from 3-4pm

Stop by to try out two of the biggest video games this year on release day - Marvel's Spider-Man 2 on PS5 & Super Mario Bros. Wonder on the Nintendo Switch! Plus, make some fun Spiderman & Mario-themed crafts to celebrate!

Open to grades 7-12. [No registration required.](#)

Adults

"THE MAFIA KILLS ONLY IN SUMMER:" FILM SCREENING

Saturday, October 14th at 2:30pm

Join us for a screening of the 2013 Italian comedy-drama *The Mafia Kills Only in Summer!* This is a tie-in event with our Oct. 18th talk "Martyrs for the Anti-Mafia Cause: An Italian Film Legacy," to be presented by Dr. Millicent Marcus of Yale University. Dr. Marcus will also host the screening and lead a Q&A afterwards.

For adults of all ages. [No registration required.](#)

NEW ENGLAND GHOST STORIES

Wednesday, October 25th at 6:30pm

Have you ever had an experience that you simply cannot explain? The Ain't it Scary? with Sean & Carrie podcasters host a presentation covering a short history of paranormal and ghost stories in New England - from the cases of the Conjuring series-inspiring Warrens to hauntings relating to major historical events to some of the spookiest and strangest stories based in the Northeastern US.

For all ages. [Registration recommended.](#)