



THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE INAUGURAL BEACHSIDE BASH TO BENEFIT SCRANTON LIBRARY A SUCCESS!



Thanks to generous individuals and businesses, guests had a variety of auction items and experiences to bid on

On June 21st, the Library held the inaugural Beachside Bash to benefit Scranton Library at the Surf Club in Madison. Guests were treated to delicious food and drink by Taco Pacifico, a wine tasting by The Wine Thief, and DJ Jimmy's groovy summer tunes. Thanks to the support of 125 guests who participated in online, silent, and a live auction courtesy of auctioneer, Rob Lavigne, the evening generated over \$15,000 for Scranton Library. Special thanks to the many generous individuals and businesses who donated gift cards and auction items to help make this evening a huge success.



Auction winner, Bruce the Library Mascot, made a guest appearance at Beachcomber's Night



Auction winner, Nina Halliwell, leads Scranton Library at the 4th of July Parade

Thank you to our sponsors for their generous contributions

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Or Visit:

scrantonlibrary.org/support-the-library/ways-to-give/

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 AND TEEN EVENTS & MORE!

Story time is back! Now through October 30th 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 or the Teen Room today to find out about other special events happening this fall.

FAIRYTALE STORYTIME

Friday, September 13th at 10am

Join us for a fantastically fabulous Fairytale Storytime! Have a magical time singing, dancing, listening to stories, and creating your own magic wand to take home!

For kids ages 1-5. Registration recommended. Limited walk-in availability.

ALL ABOUT ELEPHANTS

Wednesday, September 18th at 5:00pm

Celebrate elephants with themed books, craft, rhymes, and songs.

For children ages 2-7. Registration required.

HOW TO FIND A COLLEGE THAT FITS THE HEAD, HEART, AND WALLET

Tuesday, September 17th at 7pm

Chris Teare, a highly experienced Certified Educational Planner, will lead this discussion on how to navigate the challenging college process. This is a virtual program.

Open to grades 7-12. Registration required to receive Zoom link.

VIRTUAL REALITY TOURNAMENT

Thursday, September 26th from 4-7pm

Come to Scranton to compete in a VR tournament against Old Saybrook's Acton Public Library and Guilford's Guilford Free Library!

Open to grades 7-12. Registration required.

Adults

9/11 ANNIVERSARY DIGITAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Wednesday, September 11th at 2 pm
(with Museum Live Chat) and
6:30pm (with Community Discussion)

In remembrance of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, we will be streaming a 30-minute video provided by the 9/11 Memorial Museum. We will then participate in the live chat being offered by the museum.

For adults of all ages. Registration required.

JOB SEARCHING, RESUME WRITING, COVER LETTERS & MORE

Monday, September 23rd at 6:30pm

Join SCORE representative Sandra Beckman to learn more about job searching, resume, and cover letter writing. There will be one-on-one resume help on October 1 at 2pm.

For ages high school and adult. 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: Acoustics Club, Ukulele and Guitar Clubs, Master Gardener Clinic, Tech Help with Chris, Fiber Arts Club, Craft of the Month, Saturday Sleuth's Book Club, Time Out for Poetry, Friday Movie Matinee, and Autumn Mindfulness Meditation. **Thank you to the staff and volunteers who make these free programs possible!**

MYSTIC TOUCH TANKS

Thursday, October 3rd at 11:30, 12:00,
12:30, or 1:00pm

Come check out Mystic Aquarium's touch tanks on your day off from school! Learn about and interact with lobsters, horseshoe crabs, and other invertebrates.

For kids ages 3-12. [Registration required.](#)

WHY CHOOSE A COMMUNITY COLLEGE?

Tuesday, October 8 at 6:30pm

Join Bernard Shea, Outreach and Recruitment Specialist, for CT State Community College/Gateway CC, and learn how a community college might ease your student's college search burden.

Open to grades 7-12. [Registration required.](#)

WITCHY GRAHAM CRACKER HOUSES

Saturday, October 19th at 10:30am

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

For ages 3 and up. [Registration required.](#)

AFTER HOURS TEEN NIGHT

Friday, October 25 at 6pm

Crafts, food, games, and more for kids after the library officially closes for the day!

Open to grades 6-12. [Registration required.](#)

Adults

A FUNNY PROGRAM ABOUT FUNNY PROGRAMS

Saturday, October 19th at 2pm

Award-winning author and pop culture historian Martin Gitlin hosts this fun and enlightening presentation on The Greatest Sitcoms of All Time. He will show funny snippets from those shows and others, and challenge patrons with sitcom trivia (including identifying cool theme songs!).

For adults of all ages. [Registration required.](#)

AN EVENING WITH EDGAR ALLAN POE

Wednesday, October 23rd at 6:30pm

Experience dramatic performances of *The Tell-Tale Heart* and *The Raven* and learn about Poe's life, death, and profound influence on American literature. This program is a Topically Ted Event. "Topically Ted" is a series inspired by the loves and life of Ted Mallory, founded in 2017 in honor of the eponymous Madison resident and beloved friend of the library. These special events are held quarterly and are made possible by the Mallory Family.

For adults of all ages. [Registration required.](#)



Fundraising 2024-2025

\$2M annually to operate Scranton Library

YOUR DONATIONS FILL THE OPERATING GAP!

\$462k Operating Gap



Every donation directly benefits operations:

- LION Online Borrowing
- Library Materials
- Programming
- Salaries & Benefits
- Utilities
- Maintenance
- Open Hours

Special Thanks to our Generous Donors:

Town of Madison
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Scranton Library Faces \$2 Million Operating Cost: \$462,000 Gap Needs to be Filled

Scranton Library's annual operating budget is \$2 million for fiscal year 2024-25. While we are grateful for the support from the Town of Madison, the Leadership Alliance, and the Scranton Library Friends, we still face a significant challenge. Currently, there is an operating gap of \$462,000 that must be addressed.

This gap represents the shortfall between our current funding and the amount needed to maintain our library services. The funds raised will support essential areas including borrowing materials, programming, staff salaries and benefits, and current library open hours. The Board of Trustees is committed to closing this gap and ensuring that the Scranton Library continues to provide invaluable resources and services to our community. Your contributions can make a meaningful difference. We encourage everyone to consider donating to help us bridge this funding gap and keep the library thriving.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9:30am - 8pm

Friday & Saturday
9:30am - 5pm

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We make a living
by what we get,
but we make a life
by what we give.

Winston Churchill

SCRANTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

Upcoming book sales:

Thurs, Sept 19 4:30pm - 7:00pm
(members only,
but you can join at the door)

Fri, Sept 20 12pm - 7:00pm

Sat, Sept 21 10:00am - 3:30pm

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

CREATE YOUR LEGACY: Remember 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