



TAKING TIME TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE

By Allison Murphy, Library Director

It's hard to believe that there are just a few months left in this year, and that I'm approaching my one-year anniversary as Director of Scranton Library. Time sure does fly by!

In this season of autumn and early winter, I reflect upon what has happened this year and where we are going next year. I am so grateful for the amazing staff at the library, and for their care and dedication. As librarians, we need to know about accessing and sharing information, but our jobs are also about taking care of our patrons. Customer service is our number one priority, and I think that our staff members are excellent at what they do.

We are also very thankful for the many patrons who visit our library in person or online every day. Our numbers are soaring through the roof, and that's thanks to your many visits to our programs, room reservations, and materials you check out. We are grateful that you've made Scranton one of the best libraries in the state!



We are thankful for our new Door Greeter program and all of the wonderful volunteers who are here to help you as you walk into the building!



IN MEMORY

Chris Jennings Penders passed away peacefully on October 5, 2024. Chris, or CJP as he was affectionately known, worked at Scranton Library for almost 20 years. He was a fixture at the Borrowing Desk and loved greeting his many friends and neighbors. Chris could always recommend a book or movie and enjoyed hearing about your reaction. He was an author, photographer, and loved his Tech Help sessions. He will be deeply missed.

A memorial fund has been set up in Chris's name and we will be creating a series of programs in his honor.

WAYS TO DONATE TO YOUR LIBRARY

Thank you for supporting the Scranton Library!

- Donate online via Credit Card, Apple Pay, Google Pay or PayPal at scrantonlibrary.org/support-the-library.
- Send a check: 801 Boston Post Road, Madison, CT 06443.
- Make a gift via Venmo @scrantonmemoriallibraryct.
- Join the Leadership Alliance and make a pledge to donate the same amount for five years.

NOVEMBER 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

COOL-OLGY CRANBERRY CRAZE

Saturday, November 23rd at 10:30am

Step into the world of cranberries with "Cranberry Craze," an exciting STEAM class designed for children. In this interactive program, young learners will embark on a journey to discover the science, engineering, and creativity behind one of fall's most iconic fruits. This program is made possible by the Schumann Foundation.

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

THE GROVE SCHOOL THEATER TROUPE PRESENTS: VERY SHORT FAIRYTALES

Monday, November 18th at 4:30pm

Meet a cast of familiar characters with Grove School's Theater Troupe. Watch these fractured fairytales come to life!

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

TEEN GAME CLUB

Every Thursday from 3:00-5:00pm

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.](#)

NATURE JOURNALS WITH ANN COURCY

Tuesday, November 19th at 4:30pm

Explore and collect leaves, plants, and seed pods - then identify and sketch the materials you gathered in your own journal!

For kids ages 5-10. [Registration required.](#)

LEGO-MANIA FOR TEENS

Tuesday, November 26th at 4:00pm

As exams are wrapping up at DHHS, middle and high schoolers can drop by the Teen Room to decompress with some Legos!

For kids in grades 7-12. [No registration required.](#)

Adults

SHORELINE WORLD TRAVELERS COLLABORATIVE

Monday, November 18th at 6:00pm

Join this new fall series to share your travel experiences and learn from others. Two people will present a 15-minute slide show at each session.

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

CHAIR YOGA FOR ADULTS

Tuesday, November 26 at 6:30pm

Chair yoga allows you to perform yoga poses while seated or using a chair for balance. Chair-based yoga offers the same benefits as traditional yoga, like boosting strength, flexibility, and mental well-being.

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

DECEMBER 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 Sleuths Book Club, Ukulele and Guitar Clubs, Master Gardener Clinic, Fiber Arts Club, Craft of the Month, Scranton Writers' Club, Madison Movie Chat, and Time Out For Poetry. **Thank you to the staff and volunteers who make these free programs possible!**

HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT

Tuesday, December 10th at 3:00pm

Calling all homeschoolers! Join hangout at the library - meet fellow homeschoolers and share resources, ideas, and stories!

All ages welcome. No registration required.

HOLIDAY COOKIE DECORATING FOR TEENS

Tuesday, December 17th at 4:00pm

No matter what holiday you celebrate, get into the spirit by decorating some delectable holiday-themed cookies!

For grades 7-12. No registration required.

MAKE YOUR OWN SNOW GLOBE

Tuesday, December 17th at 4:30pm

Come to the Library to create your own winter wonderland in a jar! All supplies will be provided.

For kids ages 5 and up. Registration required.

FESTIVE GRAHAM CRACKER HOUSES

Saturday, December 28th at 10:30am

It's the most wonderful time of the year! That's right, it's time for our annual Festive Graham Cracker House workshop. All supplies provided.

For ages 3 and up. Registration required.

Adults

CREATIVE CRAFTS WITH JESSE: HOLIDAY CARDS

Wednesday, December 4th at 6:00pm or
Thursday, December 5th at 2:00pm

In this fun card class you will use die cuts, embossing folders, ink-blending and stamps to make three beautiful holiday cards. No card-making experience needed. All materials provided.

For adults of all ages. Registration required.

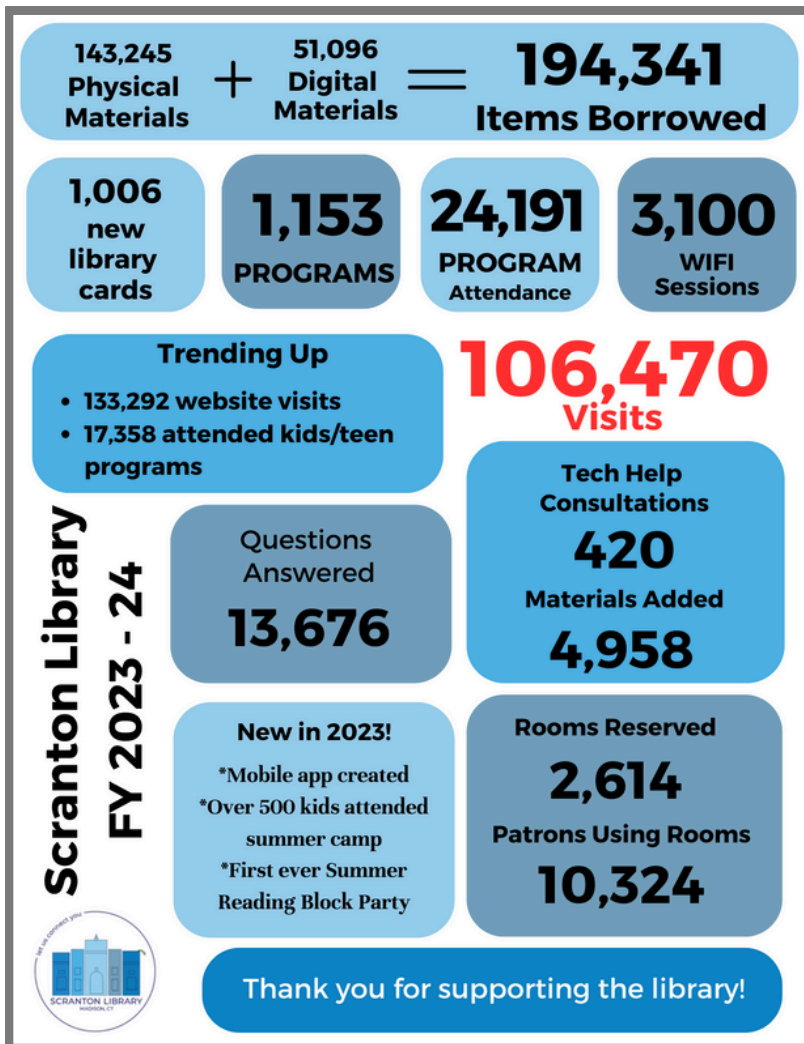
WINTER CELEBRATION: SONGS AND STORIES OF THE SEASON

Wednesday, December 11th at 6:30pm

This holiday concert features cello and violin live music and will have some of your favorite Christmas and Hanukkah songs. Included are selections from Handel's "Messiah", Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker", and music for the winter solstice.

For adults all ages. Registration required.

CHECK OUT THESE STATISTICS!



LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9:30am - 8pm

Friday & Saturday
9:30am - 5pm

“Google can bring you back 100,000 answers, a librarian can bring you back the right one.”

-Neil Gaiman

SPOTLIGHT ON:

New Book Displays!

You asked and we listened. In our recent survey, many patrons asked for more new books and better accessibility. We've beefed up our new book collection and moved the display shelves so that you can easily see all of the titles available. We hope you like the new look!



SCRANTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

Public Relations Help Needed!
The Friends are looking for someone who can help post their events on social media and/or update their website.

Please contact us:
friends@scrantonlibrary.org
or call the library:
203-245-7365