



## BRING ON THE SUMMER FUN!

*By Allison Murphy, Library Director*

Summertime has us all looking forward to longer days with walks on the beach, bike rides around town, lots of ice cream and barbeques, and the chance to read outside. We have a full plate of summer activities planned for you this season and can't wait for you to explore all of the possibilities.

Summer reading is always a big hit at the library and an important way for children and teens to retain many of the reading and learning skills they've acquired over the school year. Reading for fun and attending exciting programs is a great way to keep kids engaged in learning and ready to go when they return to school in the fall. Our summer reading theme this year for children is "**Read, Renew, Repeat**". Sign-ups will run from June 24th to August 2nd and kids can fill out bingo cards and receive small prizes.

We also have wonderful programs, books, and activities for teens and adults during the summer. Check out our Library of Things and borrow a pizza oven, an outdoor movie screen and projector, a yard game and you have a backyard party planned! Use the Libby app to download a multitude of ebooks to read or listen to while you are traveling or relaxing on vacation.

### LIBRARY BIKES ARE READY FOR A SPIN

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!

### SUMMER @SCRANTON BLOCK PARTY

Kick off summer with snacks, music, and fun in the parking lot on Saturday, June 29th at 5:30. Play video games in the mobile games truck and meet animals in the petting zoo. We'll have a face painter, crafts for all ages, and more! The library and its parking lot will close early at 3:00 for party prep. Cars left in the lot are subject to towing. All ages are welcome. No registration required!

### BEACHSIDE BASH TO BENEFIT SCRANTON LIBRARY

Friday, June 21st, 6 pm - 8:30 pm

Surf Club, Madison

Tickets \$45. Only 110 tickets will be sold.

Join us for a beachside fiesta at our inaugural Beachside Bash to benefit Scranton Library!

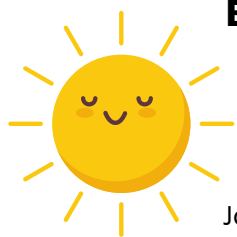
Indulge in delicious Mexican cuisine and refreshing margaritas while supporting your local library.

Bid on exciting experiences in our silent and live auctions while grooving to the beats of your favorite summer tunes.

Come celebrate the kickoff to summer and help raise funds for our community hub!

Guests must be 21+ to attend.

Ticket sales begin on May 13th at [scrantonlibrary.org](http://scrantonlibrary.org)



## 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](http://www.scrantonlibrary.org/events)

### CHILDREN'S LIBRARY TEMPORARY CLOSURE

Please note that in order to pack up the Leonardo's Lab museum exhibit the Children's Department will be closed to the public on **Thursday, May 16th and Friday, May 17th**. 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!

#### PAPER PLATE ICE CREAM CONES

Wednesday, May 15th at 4pm

Make an adorable smiley faced ice cream cone complete with rainbow sprinkles on top. Can't make it to class? Pick up your bag to bring home anytime between Monday, May 13th and Friday, May 17th

For ages 4 and up. [Registration required.](#)

#### PINT-SIZE PICASSOS: HENRI ROUSSEAU

Friday, May 24th at 10am

Join us for this art-filled storytime. This storytime celebrates artist Henri Rousseau! We will create jungle animals based on his paintings for your child to bring home.

For ages 1-4. [Registration required.](#)

#### WRITING WORKSHOP AND Q & A

Tuesday, May 7th at 6pm

Catherine Con Morse, author of the new YA novel *The Notes* will visit the library to conduct a fun writing activity. She'll also answer questions about her new book. Open to grades 6-12 and adults.

[Registration required.](#)

#### TEEN SLIME TIME

Wednesday, May 22nd at 4pm

Get your hands dirty and make some slime upstairs in the Creative Loft!  
Open to grades 7-12.

[Registration encouraged.](#)

#### FRIDAY MOVIE MATINEE

Friday, May 10th at 2pm

Friday, May 24th at 2pm

Join us on Friday, May 10 for Mean Girls (rated PG-13) and Friday, May 24 for Argyllle (rated PG-13). Popcorn and soda will be served.

[Registration preferred.](#)

#### CHAIR YOGA WITH MARTHA

Tuesday, May 28th 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 and flexibility.

[Registration required.](#)

## JUNE FEATURED EVENTS

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### CELEBRATE THE ARTS WITH SCRANTON LIBRARY AND THE SHORELINE ARTS ALLIANCE

Thursday, June 27th from 5-7pm

Join us for a celebration of the arts with performances, readings, and exhibits by winners of Shoreline Arts Alliance's 2023 Scholarships in the Arts, IMAGES 2023, the 2024 Tassy Walden New Voices in Children's Literature competition, and SAA's 2023 Future Choices juried art exhibition for high school students. In addition to seeing emerging artists, attendees will be able to view the work of professional artists and enjoy interactive art events and projects.

#### TEEN PRIDE CRAFT & GAME

Wednesday, June 5th at 4pm

Start your Pride Month by making some awesome PRIDE/LGBTQ+ crafts and playing PRIDE/LGBTQ+ games (like UNO: Play with Pride) in our Teen Room upstairs!

For grades 7-12. [Registration recommended.](#)

#### SUPER SMASH BROTHERS

Wednesday, June 26th at 4pm

Compete against Guilford and Acton Libraries in the ultimate Super Smash Bros. Ultimate tournament! Prizes and food will be served! **Tournament played at Acton Library in Old Saybrook.**

For grades 5-12. [Registration required.](#)

#### BOARD OF LIBRARY TEENS

Thursday, June 27th at 6:30pm

Calling all teens wanting to take control of their library! Meet upstairs in the Teen Center the last Thursday of each month to meet and discuss how to make the Scranton Library truly representative of what YOU want.

For grades 7-12. [Registration encouraged.](#)

#### 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.](#)

#### THIN BLUE LIE: AN HONEST COP VS. THE FBI

Wednesday, June 5th at 6pm

In this gripping whistleblower account of FBI corruption and malfeasance, Greg Dillon—veteran state investigator and former FBI agent—finds himself caught up in an FBI misconduct scandal resulting in coverups, retaliation, a federal trial, and a landmark court ruling. Join us for this interesting talk.

[Registration required.](#)

#### CELLO SAMPLER CONCERT WITH RANDY CAKISTRI-YEH

Wednesday, June 26th at 6:30pm

This isn't your typical cello recital. While there will be classical music on the program, musicians such as Bach, Debussy, and Tchaikovsky might be joined by Scott Joplin, Glenn Miller, and the Beatles. Irish ballads might pair up with a Sousa march. A Broadway show tune might be followed by a Bulgarian folk dance.

[Registration required.](#)

## SPOTLIGHT ON THE TEEN ROOM

By Tanner Mroz, Teen Librarian

With the school year ending and summer fast approaching, there's no better time to reflect on what's been going on in the Teen Room.

The teens' favorite programs have been January's Meme Magnets, February's Teen Movie Night done in partnership with Daniel Hand's GASP (Gender & Sexualities Program), March's Shamrock Bath Bombs, and April's After Hours Teen Night where they made pizza bagels and played Fortnite.

Preparation for the summer continues to be a top priority. Besides stocking up on video and board games, we also purchased the 2025 Nutmeg nominees and other books from our schools' summer reading lists. We are also responding to teen feedback from our strategic plan and making our New Teen Fiction collection more robust.

As always, stay tuned for more exciting programs and developments in the Teen Room in the summer, next school year and beyond!



Tanner Mroz, Teen Librarian

## LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday  
9:30am - 8pm

Friday & Saturday  
9:30am - 5pm

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*One benefit of summer was that each day we had more light to read by.*

*- Jeanette Walls,  
The Glass Castle*

## SCRANTON LIBRARY FRIENDS - EXCITING NEWS!

The Book Sale Collection Cabinets re-opened on March 25th. 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 spent 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 16th to the 18th.

- **Thursday, May 16th from 4:30 PM to 7 PM** - Admission is restricted to Members of the Friends.
- **Friday, May 17th from 12 PM to 7 PM** - Open to the Public
- **Saturday, May 18th from 10 AM to 3:30 PM** - Open to the Public

## WAYS TO DONATE:

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



## 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](mailto:friends@scrantonlibrary.org)