



WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A LIBRARY CARD?

By Allison Murphy, Library Director

Someone once told me that the library in the summertime is like Macy's during the holidays. Watching the patrons coming through our doors and hearing the squeals of excitement from children signing up for summer reading fully confirms this belief. Just as you may be slowing yourself down for a relaxing summer, we are ramping up to provide you with all of the materials you need for fun. If you're reading this newsletter, you probably already have a library card, and we're so glad that you do. Did you know that you can do so much more with your library card than check out books and DVDs? Those will always be popular, but why not check out one of our databases such as Kanopy, where you can watch award-winning documentaries, rare and hard-to-find titles, film festival favorites, classic films, and world cinema. If you download the free Libby app on your phone or device, you have access to thousands of ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines. Take one or two along on your next road trip! If you have some extra time this summer, how about learning a new language? Transparent Language Online offers training for over 110 languages so you'll be ready for your next trip out of the country. Your library card also gives you access to all of our wonderful museum passes, including the Florence Griswold Museum, the Mystic Seaport Museum, and the Amazing World of Dr. Seuss. All of these services are free with your library card. If you don't have one, stop by or sign up online from our website. We can't wait to see you at the library!

THE BOOK CADDY IS BACK!



The Book Caddy is stocked up with great summer reads for all ages and will be rolling through town. Look for the Book Caddy outside of the Farmer's Market and at the beaches and parks. Show your library card and take home a great book or DVD.

SUMMER @ SCRANTON FOR ADULTS

Pick up a Bingo Card at the Info Desk and complete 5 tasks in a row. Return it to the Info Desk by August 22 to enter into our prize drawing. Each person who completes at least 5 tasks in a row will receive a Scranton library pin and a magnetic bookmark.

Three lucky winners will receive a \$75 gift card bundle to our awesome local businesses.

TEENS SUMMER @ SCRANTON 2024!

Beat the heat and have fun by participating in the Teen Department Summer @ Scranton 2024! Stop by the Teen Room to sign up and receive a Bingo card with activities to do inside and outside of the library. The first time you complete any five in a row and turn in your card, you will receive:

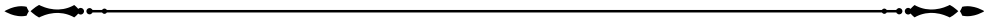
- Scratch ticket to win a \$10 RJ Julia or \$10 Ashley's gift card
- A laser-cut bookmark
- A ticket to enter one of three grand prizes - art themed, movie themed, or game themed basket.

Return your bingo cards by August 23 to redeem your prizes!



JULY 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 now in session! Now through August 7th you and your little ones can enjoy all your favorites - Walkers & Wigglers, Toddler Tango, and Tots & Tales. 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 summer and **don't forget to sign up for Summer Reading**. Children of all ages will enjoy the reading prizes, Bingo game, and scavenger hunts all summer long!

LLAMA LLAMA RED PAJAMA PARTY

Wednesday, July 10th at 6:30pm

Come in your pajamas to read Llama Llama Red Pajama by Anna Dewdney and decorate your own pretend pajamas using paper, buttons, pom poms and more!

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

AFTER HOURS TEEN NIGHT

Friday, July 26th from 6-8pm

After another successful outing in April, After Hours Teen Night will return & take over the Scranton Memorial Library! There will be food, games, prizes, and much fun to be had.

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

SING ME A FAIRY TALE

Saturday, July 27th at 10:30am

Everyone knows the Three Little Pigs, but you haven't heard it like this before! Sing, dance, and laugh while you listen to this hilarious retelling of the classic tale, "The Three Little Pigs." with Michele Urban.

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

KIDS' PING PONG PARTY

Tuesday, July 30th from 5-7pm

We've transformed our programming tables into ping pong tables. Stop by the library any time to try your hand at ping pong. Ping pong paddles and balls provided.

All ages welcome. [Registration encouraged.](#)

Adults

ASK A GENEALOGIST

Thursday, July 11th at 10:00am

Have you wanted to learn more about your family history, but don't know where to begin? Work one-on-one with an experienced genealogist who will be available to answer your research questions and demonstrate search strategies to help find pieces of your family history puzzle. Each participant will get a 1/2 hour meeting with Laura to dive into their family history.

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

SUMMER SATURDAY CRAFT: SEASHELL SHADOWBOX

Saturday, July 13th at 2:00pm

Join fellow crafters in the upstairs Creative Loft to craft a mini seashell shadowbox. All materials are provided, however we encourage you to bring any small shells, sea glass, or beach pebbles to customize/add special meaning

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

AUGUST FEATURED EVENTS

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DON'T MISS THE SUMMER READING FINALE!

Art with Kristin: Rainbow Weaving, August 13th at 4:30, ages 5-8
Art with Kristin: Warm Sun and Cool Moon, August 14th at 4:30, ages 8-12

Younger kids can weave a rainbow on August 13th and older kids can make a beautiful sun and moon on August 14th. Please see specific age requirements. [Registration required.](#)

TALEWISE: ADVENTURE OF THE LOST TREASURE

Friday, August 2nd at 11am

Join us on a treasure-hunting adventure deep within the jungle! The audience helps the performer act out the tale, as we use the events in the story to explore science concepts such as air pressure, energy transfer, and more

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

TWEEN BOOK CLUB

Thursday, August 15th at 6:00pm

Join us for our Tween bookclub! Get to know your fellow book-clubbers. Our book this month is A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle.

For kids in grades 6-8. [Registration required.](#) Call 203.245.8722 to RSVP

DRAW YOUR OWN SUPERHERO

Thursday, August 8th at 4:30 or 6pm

Have you ever wanted to create your own superhero? Or draw yourself as a superhero? What would your superhero costume look like? Join cartoonist Bill Hernandez to create your very own superhero.

For kids ages 5-8 @4:30pm and ages 9-12 @6pm.
[Registration required.](#)

SMASH BROS. ULTIMATE TOURNAMENT

Monday, August 19th at 5:30pm

Madison's teens go head to head against Clinton's teens in a Super Smash Bros. tournament for the ages at Clinton's Henry Carter Hull Library! Prizes and food will be served.

For kids in grades 6-12. [Registration required.](#)

Adults

INDIGENOUS MUSIC WITH CRAIG HARRIS

Wednesday, August 7th at 6:00pm

Join us for a multimedia and participatory program that combines songs, stories, a film montage of groundbreaking artists, and guided music-making. This offers an unprecedented eye-and-ear-opening look at the Indigenous soundscape.

For adults. [Registration required.](#)

CLIMATE FILM FESTIVAL

Saturday, August 24th at 2:00pm

Join us for the Climate Film Festival! We will be screening 10 short films for a total of 2 hours about climate change and how it affects different cultures. We will have a 30 minute discussion following the screening.

For adults. [Registration required.](#)

TRAVELLING THIS SUMMER? TAKE BOOKS WITH YOU.



Libby.

Download the Libby app to borrow ebooks, audiobooks & magazines

SCRANTON LIBRARY FRIENDS - BOOK SALE

Stock up on books for your vacation and summer reading time!
All books are very reasonably priced and in good condition.

Thursday, July 18th

Members preview

(non-members may join at sale)

4:30 to 6:30PM

Friday, July 19th

12 noon to 6:30PM

Saturday, July 20th

12:00 noon to 3:30PM



WAYS TO DONATE:

- Click the **DONATE** button on the website
- 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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The first week of August hangs at the very top of summer...like the highest seat of a ferris wheel when it pauses in its turning.

-*Natalie Babbit, Tuck Everlasting*

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