



## HAPPY 125<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY SCRANTON LIBRARY!

*By Allison Murphy, Library Director*

We are thrilled to celebrate our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2025! The Library held its opening dedication on July 1, 1900 and was attended by over 400 guests on the front lawn of the Library. At that time, Mary Eliza Scranton opened the Library with 1,200 books; there are now over 100,000 volumes in our collection. The building was designed by noted architect Henry Bacon, who also designed the Lincoln Memorial.

In 1965 the Library added a two-story wing to the north and renovated the original building. More space was added in 1989 for book collections, seating, computers, and an expanded children's area. The 2020 construction and expansion doubled the Library's size to 34,000 square feet and provided more meeting and study spaces, a new Teen area, increased parking, and a Creative Loft in an energy-efficient space. Our modern library is now heated and cooled by an expansive geothermal system. We have over 50 items in our Library of Things and you can borrow innovative items such as an Ooni pizza oven, digital slide converter, telescope, or even a beach bicycle!

We are proud to have welcomed over 100,000 visitors last year. Patrons borrowed 194,000 items during the year and we issued more than 1,000 new library cards. There were over 1,000 programs held for all ages and they were attended by 24,000 patrons. We had over 10,000 community members use our study rooms and meeting spaces.

The Library is an integral part of the community and we look forward to serving you for another 125 years!

### 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 at the beaches and parks. Show your library card and take home a great book or DVD.

### SAVE THE DATE:

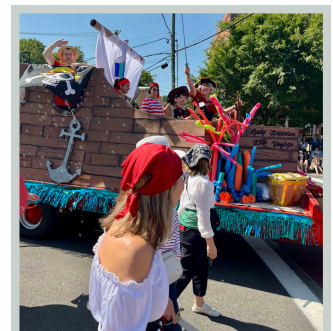
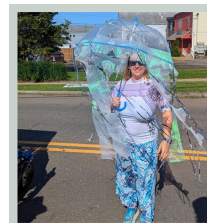
### SUMMER @SCRANTON BLOCK PARTY

The Block Party is back and is bigger than ever! Save the date for **Saturday, August 16 from 5:00 - 7:30** in the Library parking lot. There will be hot dogs, ice cream, and fun for all ages. We'll have a petting zoo, face painters, photo booth, bingo, and a video game truck. The event is free for all.



### A FABULOUS FOURTH OF JULY PARADE!

Thank you to Exchange Club for asking us to be the Grand Marshal of the parade this year! We had so much fun marching and waving to everyone on the parade route.



## SAY HELLO TO AMANDA FELLEMAN, OUR NEW HEAD OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES!



Many of you will recognize Amanda, who has been a dynamic Children's Librarian at Scranton for 4 years. Amanda received her Masters in Library Science from Southern University and interned at Scranton during that time period. Fun fact about Amanda? She loves her Golden Retriever, Misha, more than anything! We are so excited that she'll be leading the Children's team.

## VOLUNTEER TEA

We had a great time celebrating and thanking our Scranton volunteers! There are book shelvers, door greeters, Friends, Board members, presenters, and so many more who help us every day with their exceptional skills.



## TRAVELING TOYS LIBRARY

Thank you to Traveling Toys and The Madison Foundation for providing a grant which allowed us to purchase new toys and games for the Children's and Teen Rooms!



## WAYS TO DONATE:

- Click the **DONATE** button on the website
- 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:



## 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 Babbitt, Tuck Everlasting

## SCRANTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

Visit the Summer Book Sale!

Thursday, July 17 4:30-7:00  
(members only, but you can pay at the door)

Friday, July 18 12:00 - 7:00

Saturday, July 19 10:00 - 3:00

Save the Date!

Friends Mini Golf

Saturday, September 27



## 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](https://scrantonlibrary.org/events)

### CHILDREN'S LIBRARY STORY TIMES & MORE!

Story time is now in session! Now through August 15th, you and your little ones can enjoy all your favorites - Walkers & Wiggles, 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!

#### LIVING DRAGONS WITH RIVERSIDE REPTILE EDUCATION CENTER

Saturday, July 26th at 10:30am

Meet many different species of lizards: geckos that can climb glass, skinks with blue tongues, and a cousin of the Komodo Dragon.

For kids of all ages . Registration required.

#### Q-TIP FLOWER PAINTING

Thursday, July 31st at 4:00pm

Use Q-tips as a brush to make a beautiful painting of flowers.

For ages 8 - 12. Registration required.

#### TEEN MORNING

Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup> from 10am - 12pm

Start your day off by hanging with your friends, eating some tasty treats, crafting, and gaming.

For grades 6 - 12. No registration required.

#### HENNA FOR TEENS WITH Z!

Tuesday, July 29th from 4-6pm

Stop by the Teen Room to have some henna applied an awesome local henna artist, Z!

For grades 6 - 12. No registration required. First-come-first-serve basis.

# Adults

#### BALD EAGLES

Wednesday, July 23rd at 6:30pm

Join Ginny Apple, a Master Wildlife Conservationist with the State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, for a talk about these magnificent birds of prey. Ginny will give a slide presentation about the bald eagle and its resurging population in Connecticut.

For adults of all ages. Registration required.

#### MUSICA ITALIANA: A CELLO & VIOLIN CONCERT

Wednesday, July 30th at 6:30pm

We welcome musicians Randy and Millie for another great concert! They'll present a wonderful mix of Italian opera arias and Italian dance music. This program is presented through the generosity of an anonymous donor in honor of parents Domenico Pillicano and Melina (Savino) Pellicano.

For adults of all ages. Registration required.

## AUGUST FEATURED EVENTS

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### DON'T MISS THE SUMMER READING FINALE!

Summer @Scranton Block Party

Saturday, August 16 from 5:00 - 7:30 in the Scranton Library parking lot.

Join us for a festive end to the summer and enjoy food and games for all ages.

We'll have a petting zoo, crafts, and yard games for kids. Teens will love the video game truck, and adults can try their hand at a game of bingo. Don't forget to have your picture taken in the photo booth!

### CARTOONING 101 WITH BILL

Wednesday, August 6th at 4:30pm

Come to the library to learn the basics of cartooning with Bill Hernandez. Try drawing different characters and creatures!

For kids ages 7 - 10. [Registration required.](#)

### FREEZE POP SLEEVES

Wednesday, August 13th at 4:00pm

Do your fingers get cold when having a freeze pop? Then make a freeze pop sleeve to keep your hands warm while having a cold treat!

For kids ages 6 and up. [Registration required.](#)

### TEEN AFTER HOURS NIGHT

Friday, August 1st from 6:00 - 8:00pm

Join us for Teen After Hours! There will be Mario Kart World, Glow in the Dark Bingo, and delicious snacks.

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

### GEOMETRIC TAPE ART

Thursday, August 7th at 4:00pm

Create a tape design on paper then color in the open spaces to reveal your own one-of-a-kind piece of art.

For kids in grades 4-6. [Registration required.](#)

# Adults

### SELF-DEFENSE CLASS

Wednesday, August 13th at 6:30pm

Join us as we welcome Frank Shekosky, a self-defense and martial arts instructor. This class will teach protective tips on how to avoid confrontations as well as self-defense techniques when conflict can't be avoided.

For adults. [Registration required.](#)

### TRIVIA NIGHT

Tuesday, August 19th from 7:30 - 9:00pm

Comomango Restaurant (52 Wall Street) and Scranton have partnered together to create a fun trivia night! Please sign up in teams up to four people. Prizes provided by the restaurant.

For adults. [Registration required.](#)