



FLIP FLOPS, SUNSHINE, AND BEACH READS!

By Allison Murphy, Library Director

Whether you're staying close to home or exploring this summer, Scranton Library is an essential part of your summer beach bag. You can take us along with the free Capiira mobile app and use it to check out books, request titles, and even print from your phone. We have all of the bestselling titles of this season to keep you entertained on the road or in the hammock. Use the Libby app to download a multitude of ebooks to read or listen to while you are traveling or relaxing on vacation.

Summer reading is always a big hit at the library and an important way for children and teens to retain many 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 sign-ups will run from June 23rd to August 22nd, 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 ready to go!

NEW ITEMS IN THE LIBRARY OF THINGS

Have you ever thought about buying a KitchenAid stand mixer but wanted to try it out first? Don't have room to store one in your kitchen? Now's your chance to check out our new baby-blue KitchenAid mixer from the Library of Things! The mixer also comes with a bunch of accessories to elevate your baking and cooking.



INTRODUCING: TECH HELP WITH SUZIE



Suzie Beamguard, one of our newest staff members, is here to help with your technology questions and concerns. Schedule an appointment with Suzie and she can assist you with your phone, iPad, computer, or other tech-related questions. Check out the calendar on our website for days and times.



BEACHSIDE BASH TO BENEFIT SCRANTON LIBRARY

Friday, June 28th, 6 pm - 8:30 pm

Surf Club, Madison

Tickets \$75. Only 125 tickets will be sold.

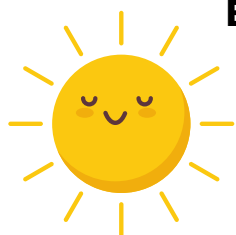
Join us for a beachside fiesta at our inaugural Beachside Bash to benefit Scranton Library! Indulge in delicious Mexican cuisine and refreshing margaritas while supporting your local library.

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 12th at 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

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY TEMPORARY CLOSURE

Please note that in order to pack up the Nature Cat museum exhibit **the Children's Department will be closed to the public on Monday, June 2nd through Saturday, June 7th.** 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!

INSTRUMENT PETTING WITH GIVING BACH

Saturday, May 17th at 10:30am

Listen to a short concert from Daniel Hand's Giving Bach group and then get a chance to try your hand at various child-sized instruments.

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

SPRING TAKE HOME CRAFT: DAFFODIL CUPCAKE LINER

Monday, May 19th - Friday, May 23rd

Make a daffodil with cardstock, cupcake liner body, and craft stick stem. Pick up your bag to bring home anytime this week.

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

BATTY FOR BATS FOR TEENS!

Thursday, May 22nd at 6pm

Join certified bat conservationist and rehabilitator Maureen Heidtmann for an informative presentation about these awesome winged creatures.

For grades 7 - 12.

[Registration required.](#)

PAINT AN ADOPTABLE PET

Saturday, May 31st at 1pm

Help a pet currently up for adoption find their forever home by painting their portrait with Daniel Hand's DAWG (Dog and Animal Welfare) Club.

For grades 7 - 12.

[Registration encouraged.](#)

VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALK: HOW JUDY BLUME REWROTE CHILDHOOD FOR ALL OF US

Wednesday, May 21st at 2pm

You're invited to an online conversation with bestselling author Rachelle Bergstein as she chats about her newest book, *The Genius of Judy*. This book takes an expansive look at Judy Blume's life, work, and cultural impact.

[Registration required.](#)

SWEET AS HONEY: BEES AND KEEPERS IN MADISON

Wednesday, May 28th at 6:30pm

In honor of World Bee Day, we welcome Madison beekeeper and Backyard Beekeepers Association board member, Tammi Worsham. She will speak about native bees and their importance in our agricultural system.

[Registration required.](#)

JUNE FEATURED EVENTS

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CELEBRATE THE ARTS WITH SCRANTON LIBRARY AND THE SHORELINE ARTS ALLIANCE

Thursday, June 26th from 5 - 7pm

Join us for a celebration of the arts with performances, readings, and exhibits by winners of Shoreline Arts Alliance's 2024 Scholarships in the Arts, IMAGES 2024, the 2024 Tassy Walden New Voices in Children's Literature competition, and SAA's 2024 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.

GROVE SCHOOL THEATER TROUPE PRESENTS: KNUFFLE BUNNY

Wednesday, June 18th at 4:30pm

You've read the book, now watch Knuffle Bunny come to life in this short, 15 - 20 minute live theater performance.

For kids of all ages. [Registration encouraged.](#)

SUMMER READING KICKOFF: THEIR BUTT DOES WHAT?!?

Thursday, June 26th at 4:30pm

Not every animal has a butt, but for those that do, there is an almost infinite variety of ways in which their butts can surprise us! You'll learn about an inflating butt, a deflating butt, and a butt that can talk.

For ages 4 - 10. [Registration required.](#)

TEEN FORTNITE TOURNAMENT

Wednesday, June 4th at 4pm

Compete in another Fortnite tournament against Acton Public Library and Guilford Public Library. Teens are welcome to register to play or cheer their friends on!

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

TEEN CRAFTERNOON

Every Tuesday from 4 - 5pm

Stop by the Teen Room on Tuesdays to decompress from the day with some arts and crafts. Different craft supplies will be available, as well as our video games.

Open to grades 7-12. [No registration required.](#)

FRIDAY MOVIE MATINEES

Friday, June 6th at 2pm

Friday, June 27th at 2pm

Come chill out with popcorn and watch *A Complete Unknown* (rated R) on June 6 and *Small Things Like These* (rated PG-13) on June 27.

[Registration encouraged.](#)

A GREEN BURIAL: PLANNING YOUR NATURAL FUNERAL

Wednesday, June 25th at 6:30pm

In this seminar, we will identify ways to ensure your sustainable, eco-friendly end-of-life disposition plans. Participants will learn the steps and benefits of planning for this type of funeral.

[Registration required.](#)

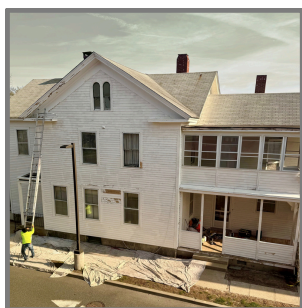
PROGRESS IS HAPPENING !

If you've driven or walked past the Library recently, you may have noticed that a lot is happening at the two white buildings on the property.

The Old Post Office, located closer to the parking lot, was damaged in a fire over two years ago. The building is being restored and will soon be open for program space on the ground floor. The Scranton Summer Drop-Off for children will be one of the first groups to use this space. Stay tuned for more information on how you can reserve this room for your next meeting.



24 Wall Street, the building closer to the road, is being repainted by Orlando and Sons Painters. The building will also receive new gutters.



SCRANTON LIBRARY FRIENDS - EXCITING NEWS!

The Book Sale Collection Cabinet re-opened in March. 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 cabinet 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 15th to the 17th.

- **Thursday, May 15th from 4:30 PM to 7 PM** - Admission is restricted to Members of the Friends.
- **Friday, May 16th from 12 PM to 7 PM** - Open to the Public
- **Saturday, May 17th from 10 AM to 3:30 PM** - Open to the Public

WAYS TO DONATE:

- 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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*Books are a
uniquely
portable
magic.*

- Stephen King

SCRANTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

Book donations:

We are currently accepting good condition book donations.

They can be left in the large cabinet next to the Book Drop, located in the North/Parking lot.

Contact us:
friends@scrantonlibrary.org