



TWO GROUPS HELP CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR LIBRARY

What's the difference between the Board of Trustees and the Scranton Library Friends?

The Town of Madison generously supports the Library, contributing, on average, approximately 60-70% of its annual operating budget. The Library is responsible for raising the remainder of its annual costs, which come to approximately \$410,000 this year. Two organizations are integral to helping us raise the funds we need -- the Board of Trustees and the Friends of Scranton Library, both of which appreciate the support they receive from community donors.



*Board members recently volunteered
at Beachcomber Night*

What is the role of the Board of Trustees?

This is the official leadership team responsible for Scranton Library's direction and accountability.

- Legally Responsible – The Board is the legally recognized governing body of the library.
- Oversight & Strategy – The Board ensures the Library stays on track ethically and financially, makes high-level policy decisions, and hires leadership.
- Fundraising – The Board is responsible for raising a significant portion of the Library's annual budget not covered by the Town, ensuring that the Library can fully meet its goals. The Board does so through annual appeals and fundraising events.

What is the role of the Friends of Scranton Library?

This is an independent, non-profit group that helps the Library succeed.

- Support & Advocacy – The Friends promote the Library's work and raise awareness of the Library in the community.
- Fundraising– The Friends' mission is to organize fundraisers, such as book sales, and donate net proceeds to the library.
- Volunteer Help – Members contribute time and skills to help with events and activities.
- Advisory Role – The Friends may offer ideas or feedback to Library Trustees.



Scranton Friends Board members

In short, the Board of Trustees runs the organization and the Friends help support it. Both are important and appreciate your support! You can contribute directly to the Library at:

scrantonlibrary.org/support-the-library/ways-to-give/
and to the Friends at [paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/2154970](https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/2154970).



Kari Castelli: Celebrating 30 years at Scranton Library!

On September 5, Kari will celebrate a major milestone - working 30 years at the Scranton Library! Kari grew up in Madison and always thought that it would be fun to work in her local library. When she first started, Kari had many roles, including working in the Children's Room and managing 13 tenants in one of the buildings on our

Library campus. Kari was the first employee in the Library to have a computer - a big improvement from having to handwrite or type everything! Her job now focuses on human resources and finance. She's seen many changes at Scranton Library, including a number of building expansions and renovations. Kari's wealth of knowledge is invaluable to our library and we appreciate her every day. Kari's advice to others: Be flexible and open to people and ideas that aren't your own, always be willing to change, and try new things, and take advantage of professional development opportunities. Thank you Kari and happy anniversary!



Fall Outreach

Look for us out in the community this fall! Here are some of the events where you can find us:

Pride Fest on the Town Green, Saturday, September 13

Madison Beach Hotel Craft Fair, Sunday, October 5

Bauer Park Fall Harvest Festival, Saturday, October 18



Did you know that

September is Library Card Sign Up Month?

Stop by the Library to pick up your FREE library card! All you need is proof that you live in Madison. Your card allows you to check out books, DVDs, and even a pizza oven from our Library of Things!



LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9:30am - 8pm

Friday & Saturday
9:30am - 5pm

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We make a living
by what we get,
but we make a life
by what we give.

Winston Churchill

SCRANTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

Upcoming book sales:

Thurs, Sept 18, 4:30pm - 7:00pm
(members only,
but you can join at the door)

Fri, Sept 19, 12:00pm - 7:00pm

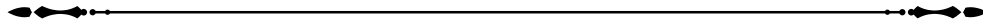
Sat, Sept 20, 10:00am - 3:30pm

For more info, go to:
scrantonlibrary.org/friends
or contact them at:
friends@scrantonlibrary.org

Please note the NEW location for book donations! Drop off your books in the cabinet on the porch of the white house across from the Library.

SEPTEMBER 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 AND TEEN EVENTS & MORE!

Story time is back! Now through October 29th you and your little ones can enjoy all your favorites - Walkers & Wigglers, Toddler Tango, Storytime Sprouts, and Tots & Tales. Story times are fun and engaging, plus they introduce early literacy skills like rhyming and letter recognition that support your child's reading readiness. Registration opens one week before each program. Teens can enjoy Teen Crafternoon on Tuesdays and Teen Game Club every Thursday.

Plus, check our Events Calendar online or stop by the Children's Library or the Teen Room today to find out about other special events happening this fall.

MISSION DEFROSTABLE STORY AND SNACK

Thursday, September 18th at 4pm

Enjoy the story *Mission Defrostable* by Josh Funk followed by a snack!

For children ages 3 and up Registration recommended. Limited walk-in availability.

NO SCHOOL CRAFTS

Tuesday, September 23rd at 12pm

Come to the library on your day off to see what crafts the Children's Room has to offer. Make a bracelet, draw a picture, or try one of our craft kits!

For all ages. While supplies last. No registration required.

MARSHMALLOW BUILDING

Thursday, September 25th at 4:30pm

Try to build the tallest structure you can with only toothpicks and marshmallows.

For children ages 7 and up. Registration required.

TEEN MARIO KART TOURNAMENT

Monday, September 29th from 4-7pm

Come to Scranton to compete in a Mario Kart tournament against Old Saybrook's Acton Public Library and Guilford's Guilford Free Library!

Open to grades 6-12. Registration required.



TRIVIA NIGHT

Tuesday, September 16 at 7:30pm

Join us at Commomango Mexican Restaurant (52 Wall Street) for a friendly trivia competition! Prizes are awarded by Commomango. Please sign up in teams of four.

For adults of all ages. Registration required.

FIESTA DEL NORTE MARIACHI CONCERT

Wednesday, September 24th at 6:30pm

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a Mariachi concert that features traditional folk and popular music of Mexico. Chips and salsa will also be served.

For adults of all ages. Registration required.

OCTOBER 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: Ukulele and Guitar Clubs, Master Gardener Clinic, Tech Support with Suzie, Fiber Arts Club, Craft of the Month, Saturday Sleuth's Book Club, Scranton Writers' Club, Friday Movie Matinee, and Ask-A-Lawyer Clinic. **Thank you to the staff and volunteers who make these free programs possible!**

POPPI'S PLANET

Saturday, October 18th at 10:30am

Welcome to Poppi's Planet, where mindfulness and wonder come to life while exploring big feelings. Through performance art, Poppi introduces strategies to identify emotions, gain self-awareness, and promote joy!

For children ages 0-8. Registration required.

SPOOKY HOUSES

Saturday, October 25th at 10:30am

Spooky season is here, and with it our annual Halloween Graham Cracker House program! We'll provide the graham crackers, frosting, and candy for you to make the scariest graham cracker house on the block.

For ages 3 and up. Registration required.

HALLOWEEN STORY AND PARADE

Friday, October 31st at 10am

Have a monstrously good time with a fun-filled Halloween Storytime, followed by a Halloween parade throughout the Library.

For children ages 1 and up. Registration recommended.

AFTER HOURS TEEN NIGHT

Friday, October 24th at 6pm

Crafts, food, games, and more for kids after the library officially closes for the day!

Open to grades 6-12. Registration required.



CANDIDLY CHRIS: BLOCK ISLAND

Wednesday, October 22nd at 6:30pm

This is the first in a series of programs in honor of Chris Jennings Penders. We welcome Dr. Richard Benfield for a riveting lecture about Chris's favorite place, Block Island. This program is a series inspired by the life and loves of our beloved colleague and friend, Chris Jennings Penders.

For adults of all ages. Registration required.

CHAIR YOGA WITH MARTHA

Tuesday, October 28th at 6:30pm

Join Martha for a chair yoga program that encourages flow, develops strength and flexibility while supporting proper breathing and alignment.

For adults of all ages. Registration required.