



LOOKING FORWARD AND LOOKING BACK

By Allison Murphy, Library Director

This time of year makes me think of the year that's gone by in the blink of an eye, as well as the year ahead. We have accomplished so much this past year, and I'm very grateful for the help of our patrons, donors, and staff.

This year, we celebrated our 125th anniversary by sailing down Boston Post Road on the Library's pirate ship. At the end of summer, we welcomed hundreds of patrons to our second Summer @Scranton Block party, where they enjoyed free food and festivities. Our amazing Development team organized the ever-popular Beachside Bash at the Surf Club.

We are thrilled to have received a grant from the Madison Foundation, which allowed us to purchase loanable toys and games with the help of Traveling Toys, Inc. We had a joyful ribbon-cutting ceremony in the newly-opened Old Post Office and are so happy that the building is ready to be used for meeting space.

As I look to the future, I'm excited to share news about our new Development Director (see below)! Stay tuned for more exciting programs, such as Candidly Chris, as well as our involvement in the Madison 200th anniversary celebration.



*Head of Children's Amanda Felleman
opens up the new Traveling Toys
Library!*

WELCOME TO OUR NEW DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR!

We're very excited to announce that we've hired Susan Frankenbach as our new Development Director. Susan raised her family in Madison and worked in Development for Yale for nearly 20 years. She brings a wealth of experience in planned giving and donor relations. Please be sure to say hello when you see her in and around the Library!

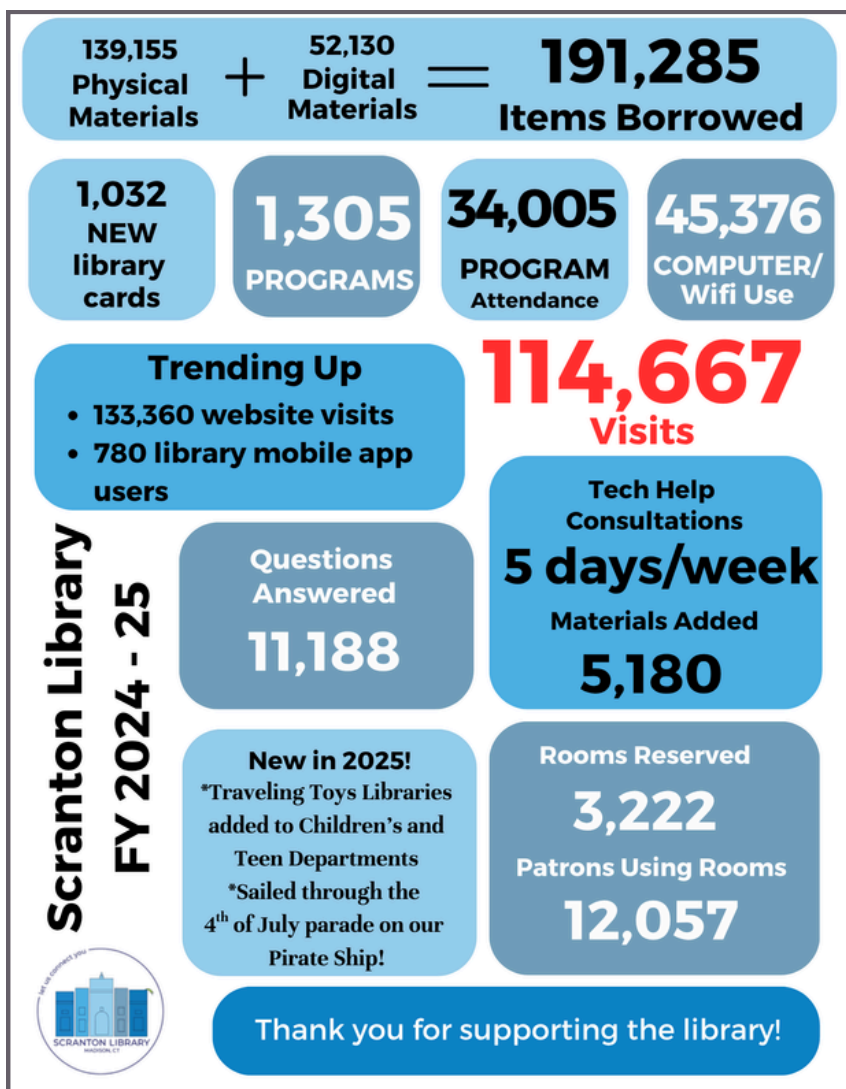


A NOVEL PAIRING: AN EXCLUSIVE EVENT FOR BOOK LOVERS!

Do you want to know the hottest books that are coming out in 2026? Would you like some gift suggestions for family or friends? Join us on **Wednesday, December 10 at 6:00pm** for this exclusive event with Super Librarian Cindy Haiken. We'll have wine from Cask & Cork, delicious food from What's Cookin', and dessert from Meriano's Bakery. Tickets are \$35. Visit our website to get yours today!



CHECK OUT THESE STATISTICS!



It's time for our [December Annual Appeal](#). Please consider donating to the Library so that we can continue to provide you with the materials you want to read, the programs you want to see, and the space you enjoy visiting.

Scan here to donate today:



SCRANTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

Bring home a keepsake that memorializes Scranton Library's 125th anniversary! This 2D brass item is beautifully handcrafted by the same company that makes the White House ornament. Purchase at the Borrowing Desk for \$28.



Library Hours

Monday-Thursday, 9:30 - 8:00
Friday and Saturday, 9:30 - 5:00

Please help us give back to our community



We are collecting new adult-sized gloves, mittens, scarves, and hats from December 1-23. These items will be delivered with a meal and homemade card on Christmas to homebound residents. Merry Meals delivers nearly 200 meals each year!

Please donate non-perishable items to the food collection bin in the Library lobby. All items will be donated to the Madison food pantry.



NOVEMBER 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



YOUTH ENTREPRENEUR HOLIDAY MARKET

Saturday, November 15th at 10:00am

Looking for something special for friends or family this holiday season? Come to our youth entrepreneur holiday market to do your shopping! All of our vendors are ages 18 and under. Stuffed animals, toys, and handmade items galore! All items will be priced \$5 and under.

For ages 6-18. No registration required.

WORLD KINDNESS DAY: CARD ANGELS POP UP MEETING

Wednesday, November 12th at 5:30pm

Make homemade cards with happy messages that go to cancer treatment centers and nursing homes to cheer patients up.

Open to grades 7-12 and Adults. No registration required.

THE GROVE SCHOOL PRESENTS: FRACTURED FAIRYTALES

Tuesday, November 18th at 4:30pm

Join us at the library as the Grove School Theater brings your favorite fairytale stories to life in this short, 15-20 minutes live theater performance!

For all ages. Registration recommended.

KIDS ROCK CLUB

Tuesday, November 25th at 4:00pm

Calling all rock lovers! Bring in your rocks to talk about them and trade with other kids then display your favorite rock in the display case outside the Children's Room.

For ages 3 and up. Registration required.

TUESDAY FILM TITANS: WIZARD OF OZ

Tuesday, November 25h at 5:00pm

Hang out with your friends, have some popcorn, and watch this classic movie.

For kids in grades 7-12. Registration required.

Adults

TRIVIA NIGHT AT COMMOMANGO

Wednesday, November 19th at 7:30pm

Gather your team of two or four players and meet us at Commomango Mexican Restaurant for fun and trivia! Prizes supplied by the restaurant.

For adults of all ages. Registration suggested.

FALL CRAFTS WITH NATALIE: HARVEST/HOLIDAY WOOD SIGN

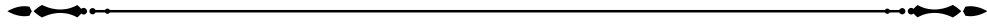
Tuesday, November 22nd at 2:00pm

Join Natalie in the Creative Loft to stencil paint a lightweight wooden circle door sign just in time for the holidays!

For adults of all ages. Registration required.

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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: Saturday Sleuths Book Club, Ukulele and Guitar Clubs, Master Gardener Clinic, Fiber Arts Club, Craft of the Month, Scranton Writers' Club, Madison Movie Chat, and Time Out For Poetry. Thank you to the staff and volunteers who make these free programs possible!

HOLIDAY HELPER HANGOUT

Thursday, December 4th at 4:30pm

Calling all parents! Need some time to get your holiday shopping done? Drop your kids (grades K-5) off at the library during the Chamber of Commerce's Ladies' Night Out shopping event.

For kids ages 5 and up. [Registration required.](#)

FESTIVE GINGERBREAD HOUSES

Saturday, December 13th at 10:30am

It's the most wonderful time of the year! That's right, it's time for our annual Festive Graham Cracker House workshop. All supplies provided.

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

LIBRARY LASER TAG VS. GUILFORD LIBRARY

Friday, December 12th at 6:30pm

Come play an ultimate game of laser tag versus Guilford Library. With the lights down low, you and your teammates will go head to head with the opposing team in an epic game of elimination laser tag.

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

MAKE YOUR OWN SNOW GLOBE

Thursday, December 18th at 4:30 AND 5:30pm

Come to the Library to create your own winter wonderland in a jar! All supplies will be provided.

For kids ages 5 and up. [Registration required.](#)

Adults

YOGA WITH MARTHA

Tuesday, December 9th at 6:00pm

Don't miss the opportunity to try this wonderful wellness practice with a master teacher. Please bring a yoga mat.

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

WINTER CELEBRATION: SONGS AND STORIES OF THE SEASON

Wednesday, December 17th at 6:30pm

This holiday concert features live cello and violin music and will have some of your favorite Christmas and Hanukkah songs. Included are selections from Handel's "Messiah", Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker", and music for the winter solstice.

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