

ANNUAL REPORT FY 24/25



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Dear Friends,

As we reflect on the past year, we are incredibly grateful to share the continued growth and success of our library. Over the past 125 years, the library has been a cornerstone of the Madison community, and fiscal year 24/25 has been no exception. Thanks to the unwavering support of our patrons, dedicated staff, and community partners, we have achieved many milestones in program attendance, room usage, and the overall number of programs offered, reflecting the vibrancy and strength of our library services.

A record number of **114,667** patrons entered the building in FY 24/25, including everyone from children and families to adults and seniors. Our educational workshops, book clubs, and community events have become increasingly popular, further cementing our role as a dynamic gathering space for learning and connection.

The increase in room bookings is a testament to the library's evolving role as a central hub for community activities. Whether it's a local organization such as a Girl Scout group, a class gathering for a card-making project, or students preparing for midterm exams, our rooms have become essential to the fabric of Madison's civic and cultural life.

Over the past ten years, the double-and triple-digit increases in library use reflect the expanding needs of our community. These increases are a clear indication that our services are meeting a real demand, and we remain committed to adapting and evolving to meet future needs.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the opportunities to further enhance what our library brings to you and deepen our connection with the community. We are guided by the belief that a library is more than just a place to borrow books—it is a vibrant, living institution that serves as a hub for community growth and enrichment.

Thank you for your continued support of Scranton Library. Together, we are building a bright future for our community, and we are excited to embark on this next chapter with all of you!

With gratitude,



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Friends love playing with trains in the Children's Room.



We're proud that Ed Lent is Madison's Poet Laureate and ambassador for the library,



Jesse and the Book Caddy at the Surf Club.



Teens play video games at the Summer @Scranton Block Party.

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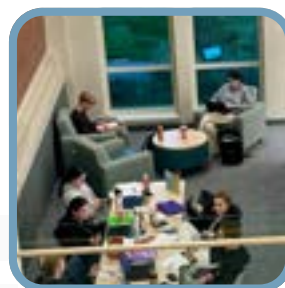
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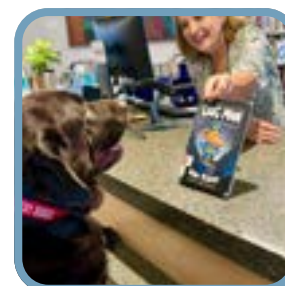
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Our mission is to improve the quality of life for all Madison residents by providing access to information, fostering lifelong educational and cultural learning, and cultivating relationships among our residents through the exchange of ideas.

2024/2025 HIGHLIGHTS



Children make fossils during the Summer Drop-Off Program.

July: The Summer Drop-Off Program began. This free program for Madison children is funded by a generous grant from the Schumann Family Foundation.

August: The Teen Department hosted a Smash Brothers Tournament with Henry Carter Hull Library. Our Kid Librarian for a Day learned about all of the inner workings of the library.

September: Library Card Sign-Up month began, and we registered 91 new patrons. The Children's Department served up a sweet storytime with a Pancake Story and Craft program.



Kid Librarian for the Day checks out the Director's chair.

October: The Garden Club celebrated their 125th anniversary with an exhibit and reception featuring Palettes to Petals: Katz Collection Reimagined.

November: The Children's and Teen Departments hosted a Youth Entrepreneur Holiday Market with over 100 attendees.

December: The library sponsored a Holiday Helper Hangout in the Children's Room so that parents could shop for holiday gifts while their kids were safely supervised.



Teens having fun playing video games.



The Garden Club Katz event drew a large crowd.



The youth entrepreneur market was a great success.

HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED



Nature Cat, a museum exhibit in the Children's Room, opened in February 2025.

January: Open Mic Night, a monthly program hosted by Madison's Poet Laureate, began. Patrons joined in to read poetry, sing, play an instrument, and more.

February: The Nature Cat museum exhibit opened in the Children's Room and thrilled hundreds of little people.

March: The library was packed with teenagers preparing for exams. We're proud that they enjoy using our study rooms, Teen Room, and library space.



Adults had fun ringing in summertime at the Beachside Bash.

April: The Adult Department hosted a Turkish Coffee Tasting with many different flavored beverages.

May: Daniel Hand High School's Giving Bach brought their Instrument Petting Zoo to the Children's Department.

June: The Beachside Bash celebrated summer with reggae tunes under the stars at the Surf Club.



Children explored bubbles at the Summer Camp drop-off program.



Teens decorated cupcakes and played video games at the Teen After Hours program.



Adults learned about the art of pizza making.



Ed Lent at Open Mic Night.



Giving Bach performs in the Children's Room.

TOP 5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE LIBRARY



1

The Old Post Office, located on the Library campus, finally reopened after it was damaged by fire two years ago. This building, built in 1879, is now available for meeting and programming space.

2

We hired Susan Frankenbach as our new Development Director! Susan brings a wealth of fundraising and development experience from her career at Yale. She's looking forward to growing donor relations and our Leadership Alliance.



3

Traveling Toys Libraries opened in the Children's and Teen Rooms. You can now borrow high-quality, age-appropriate toys and games that promote play.

4

Scranton Library is consistently one of the top three lenders in our library consortium with Overdrive. You can borrow ebooks or audiobooks and read or listen anywhere you like!



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The Library has doubled and even tripled our room use, programs, and patron visits within the past 10 years. In 2015, we had 67,000 visitors, and in 2025, there were 114,677.

STATISTICS

Library room
users increased
by **59%** this
year!

Here's a statistical snapshot of what YOUR support helped us
accomplish in 2024. ***We couldn't do it without you!***

We're the 3rd
highest lender
of digital items in
our consortium

Wow! Check out these numbers!

139,155
Physical
Materials

+

52,130
Digital
Materials

=

191,285
Items Borrowed

1,032
NEW
library
cards

1,305
PROGRAMS

34,005
PROGRAM
Attendance

COMPUTER/
Wifi Use
45,376

114,667 Library Visits

Questions
Answered
11,188

Tech Help
Consultations
5 days/week
Materials Added
5,180

New in 2025!

Traveling Toys Libraries added to
Children's and Teen Departments

Sailed through the 4th of July parade
on our Pirate Ship!

Rooms Reserved

3,222

Patrons Using Rooms

12,057

Our mobile app
usage has
doubled
over 12 months

There are
over 40 items
in our
Library of
Things



Quotes That Make Us Smile!



I was so incredibly impressed by the children's section at this library. It is the type of place I could bring my kids and let them be entertained and busy for more than an hour, while I sit and read. The children's librarians were so friendly and helpful as well. Such a pleasant experience!

-Scranton library patron

I was so very impressed with Jessie today. She is already my hero with her Saturday book group, but today she was so kind and patient with an elderly man who was completely overwhelmed by technology. Thanks for all you do.

- Scranton library patron

Scranton Library is extremely fortunate to have such a capable, welcoming and devoted professional like Mr. Kellogg on staff. He is what makes a library the place that I -- and other Madison residents -- want to frequent.

- Scranton Library patron

I want to say how pleased I am with the library service provided by the reference librarian today. When I was frustrated at not being able to get access to a physical or digital title that I wanted, she directed me to the Palace Project. Yay! I got the title and others. A door was opened.

- Scranton library patron

SUPPORT SCRANTON

Scranton Library is an association library that is governed by a Board of Trustees.

It is not a town department, but a nonprofit organization that relies on the generosity of donors, as well as local government and community partnerships.

Annually, the Library must raise approximately 40% (\$410,000 for fiscal year 2024-25) of its operational expenses. Please consider a donation to the Library and support this community resource.

- Visit scrantonlibrary.org/support-the-library/ways-to-give to review all your giving options
- Include E.C. Scranton Memorial Library in your will or living trust; or update your retirement plan beneficiary designation to include E.C. Scranton Memorial Library, Tax ID #06-0726490
- Buy a brick for someone special and give a gift that lasts a lifetime! bit.ly/scrantonlibrarybricks

Would you like to be Friend of the Library?

Consider joining the Scranton Library Friends group!

The Scranton Friends are the “booster club” for the Library.

They’re a nonprofit organization that helps the Scranton Library in so many ways.

The Friends hold three annual book sales, and all proceeds benefit the library.

You can help with sorting books throughout the year or assist at the book sales.



Friends group gathers at the Library steps.



Book sales are a great way to meet new people and help the library.

To learn more about the Friends group and how to join, visit:
<https://scrantonlibraryfriends.wordpress.com/>

FINANCIALS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - UNAUDITED June 30, 2025

Assets	
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 296,000
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	468,000
Promises to give	191,000
Prepaid expenses	24,000
Other receivables	12,000
Net property, equipment and other	13,940,000
Grants receivable	250,000
Long-term investments	2,942,000
Overfunded pension receivable	378,000
Total assets	<u>\$ 18,501,000</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 13,000
Accrued payroll and taxes	25,000
Total liabilities	<u>38,000</u>
Net assets:	
Without donor restrictions	17,934,000
With donor restrictions	529,000
Total net assets	<u>18,463,000</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 18,501,000</u>

This is unaudited information and is pending our full audit and is not intended to present the full financial position of E.C. Scranton Memorial Library as of June 30, 2025.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - UNAUDITED BY THE BOARD - MEMORIAL For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Total
PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUES:	
Grants and Contributions	
Without Donor Restrictions	\$ 1,724,000
With Donor Restrictions	398,000
Annual appeal	201,000
Investment Activity	
Without Donor Restrictions	319,000
With Donor Restrictions	-
Other	10,000
Total public support and revenues	<u>2,652,000</u>
FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES:	
Program services	1,523,000
Development and fundraising	19,000
Management and general	711,000
Total functional expenses	<u>2,253,000</u>
Increase in net assets	399,000
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>18,064,000</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 18,463,000</u>

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Staff Members - as of 12/1/2025

Administration

- Allison Murphy, Library Director
- Kari Castelli, Business Manager
- Susan Frankenbach, Development Director

Adult Services/Reference

- Emily Rush, Head of Reference
- Anne O'Connor, Adult Reference and Technical Services Librarian
- Jesse Bernier, Adult Reference and Programming Librarian
- Tanner Mroz, Adult Reference and Teen Librarian

Children's Services

- Amanda Felleman, Head of Children's Services
- Myla Perrelli, Children's Librarian
- Sawyer Hanlon, Children's Librarian

Circulation/Borrowing

- Tim Kellogg, Head of Public Services
- Kayla Munger, Assistant Circulation Manager

Part-time Staff

Bruce Allen, Suzie Beamgard, Nici Bruno, Ray Eurto, Natalie Fleischer, Laura Follo, Lindsay Greco, Tessa Griffin, Laura Kelly, Neil Kemp, Gilligan Maruzo, Denice McGregor, Julie Northrup, Chris Trentham, Thia Wrightsman

Thank you for organizing [the Teen After Hours]! It's nice to have a fun and safe option for kids on the weekends.

-- Scranton Library patron