



## YOUR BEST SUMMER STARTS AT THE LIBRARY

By Allison Murphy, Library Director

Whether you're staying close to home or heading somewhere new, Scranton Library fits right in your beach bag. Download the free Capira mobile app to check out books, request titles, and even print from your phone. With the Libby app, you can browse a huge collection of ebooks and audiobooks to enjoy on the road, in the hammock, or on the beach. All the season's bestsellers are waiting for you.

Summer reading is one of our favorite traditions — and one of the most important. Staying engaged with books over the summer helps kids and teens hold onto the reading and learning skills they've worked hard to build all year, so they head back to school in the fall ready to go. This year's summer reading program runs from June 23 through August 24. Families can join by downloading the Beanstack app, which helps them track books and earn prizes. It's fun, it's free, and it makes a real difference.

All summer long, teens and adults can record their reading and win prizes, too. We have many special programs, book groups, and activities planned to keep you engaged and involved with the library. And if you're looking to level up your next backyard hangout, check out our Library of Things, where you can borrow a pizza oven, an outdoor movie screen and projector, yard games, and more.

Your next summer party is basically already planned. We can't wait to see you at the library!

### TWO STAFF WIN CLA AWARDS



We are proud that two Scranton staff members were awarded CT Library Association scholarship prizes at the recent state conference. Gilligan Maruzo works in our Reference department and Suzie Beamguard can be found in the Borrowing department. Both are receiving their MLIS degrees from San Jose State University.

### A NOVEL PAIRING: SUMMER EDITION

Tuesday, June 2 from 6:00 - 8:00

A Novel Pairing is back by popular demand, and this time will feature hot new releases and summer beach reads. Cindy Haiken, Reader's Advisory Librarian at Wallingford Library will showcase the season's best books. You'll be able to purchase some of these titles at the event from RJ Julia. There will be a wine tasting from Cask & Cork, delicious hors d'oeuvres from James Madison House, raffle prizes, and more. Check our website to buy tickets.



### New MEMORY CARE KITS in the Library of Things

We're excited to introduce our new memory care kits to our Library of Things collection! These kits are designed for older adults and their caregivers or loved ones. We currently have 2 kits available: a general themed kit, and a 1950s themed kit. Stop by the library today to borrow one!



### Madison Memories PODCAST



Thanks to everyone whom we've interviewed for our Madison Memories podcast, which celebrates the people and stories that make this town so special. Look out for the podcast to be released in June, just in time for Madison's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

# NEWS FROM OUR DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

We are so happy that our Development Director, Susan Frankenbach, has coordinated these generous donations to the library!

The Larry McCurdy Family Foundation contributed \$45,000 in February. These funds have been used to address facility issues and repairs.

The Madison Beach Club, through the Madison Foundation, contributed \$500 in March.

The Community Foundation of Greater New Haven gave a gift of \$500 in April to underwrite the expenses of our upcoming Novel Pairings Summer Edition event.

Essex Savings Bank donated \$200 to the library for the purchase of large print books.

The Scranton Library Friends have donated \$30,000 this year for library operations.

The Library benefits from the generosity of these organizations and from so many of our library patrons and friends. We are so grateful for this important philanthropy.



## Staff Development Day

Library staff members had an inspirational and educational day on May 8 for our annual Staff Development Day. We enjoyed learning from Alicia Davis of Transformative Leadership Strategies about working in the multigenerational workplace. Safety training was conducted by the Madison Police Department, and the day concluded with a tour of the Historical Society's Allis Bushnell House.

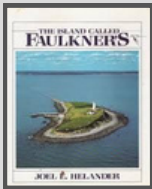
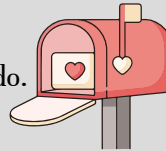
## Scranton Library Friends: From Donated Book to Family Treasure

This week, the Friends were reminded of why they do what they do.

A book they listed on eBay found its way to someone whose great-grandmother and great-grandfather are pictured inside.

It contains the only known photograph of them.

A copy is headed to the brother for his birthday, and the buyer is now on a mission to find copies for all of the siblings.



Thank you for supporting the Friends and helping to bring joy to families near and far!

## WAYS TO DONATE:

- Donate online: [scrantonlibrary.org/support-the-library](http://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



*One benefit of summer is that we had more light to read by.*

Jeanette Walls,  
The Glass Castle

## SCRANTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

### Book Sale:

- Thursday, May 14 4:30-7:00 (members only but can join at the door)
- Friday, May 15, 10:00-7:00
- Saturday, May 16, 10:00-3:00

### Contact us:

[friends@scrantonlibrary.org](mailto:friends@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](http://www.scrantonlibrary.org/events)

### SIGN UP FOR SUMMER READING!

Join us June 23rd from 10:00-12:00 to sign up in person in the Children's Room. During your visit, we'll help you download the Beanstack app to track all of your reading and completed challenges. As an added bonus, you'll receive a little prize just for registering at this event! Teens can pick up their bingo cards, record books, and win prizes starting June 23rd. Summer Reading is not just for kids! Pick up your Summer @ Scranton For Adults Pamphlet at the Info Desk or Book Caddy and join in the challenge. Complete tasks to be entered to be one of 3 lucky winners!

#### ALL ABOUT AXOLOTLS!

Wednesday, May 13 at 4:30pm



Love axolotls or just want to learn more? Stop by the Children's Room to learn about axolotls with the Amphibian Reptile Center.

For ages 5 and up. Registration required

#### TWEEN AFTERNOON

Saturday, May 16 at 2:00pm

Get ready for a fun-packed time at the library. We'll have video game, crafts, snacks, and more!

For grades 4 and up. Registration recommended.

#### MADISON 200 ESCAPE ROOM

Tuesday, May 19 -- Thursday, May 21  
from 3:00 - 5:00pm

Celebrate Madison's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary with an escape room that utilizes your quick wits, friends, and popular artifacts from the last 200 years.

For grades 6 and up. Registration required.

#### BUNNYBEAR STORYTIME WITH GASP

Friday, May 22 at 3:00pm

Enjoy an afternoon story and activity with teens from Daniel Hand's GASP Club. We'll read *Bunnybear* and then join in a craft.

For ages 3 and up. Registration encouraged.

#### CANDIDLY CHRIS: THE ULTIMATE PRESENTATION FOR RED SOX NATION



Wednesday, May 13 at 6:30pm

Take a fun journey through Boston Red Sox history with the author of the *Ultimate Boston Red Sox Time Machine Book*. This program is inspired by the life and loves of our beloved Chris Jennings Penders. These special events are made possible by donations made in Chris's memory.

Registration required.

#### AI TECHNOLOGY OVERVIEW



Wednesday, May 27 at 6:00pm

This program introduces the community to artificial intelligence in a fun, friendly, and highly interactive way. With live demonstrations, audience participation, and clear explanations designed for adults, this session makes AI feel accessible and empowering.

Registration required.

# JUNE 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 - go to our website to see more, read the full details, and register now!

[www.scrantonlibrary.org/events](http://www.scrantonlibrary.org/events)

## CELEBRATE THE ARTS WITH SCRANTON LIBRARY AND THE SHORELINE ARTS ALLIANCE

Thursday, June 25 from 5:00 - 7:00pm

Join us for a celebration of the arts with performances, readings, and exhibits by winners of Shoreline Arts Alliance's 2026 Scholarships in the Arts, IMAGES 2026, the 2026 Tassy Walden New Voices in Children's Literature competition, and SAA's 2026 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.



### BABY PROM

Friday, June 5 at 10:00am

Put on your dancing shoes and wear your best outfit to our Baby Prom! We will have a dance floor, photo wall, and more!

For ages 2 to 5. Registration recommended.



### LIVE OWLS WITH A PLACE CALLED HOPE

Saturday, June 13 at 3:00pm

Join us as we welcome A Place Called Hope and get the chance to meet three of their owls. Learn each bird's story of survival and ways to lessen conflicts with wildlife in your own backyard.

For grades 6 and up. Registration required.

### DINOSAUR ROCKS!

Monday, June 22 at 4:30pm

Kick off the summer with Dinosaurs Rock! Join us as we explore all there is to know about dinosaurs and get the chance to see fossils.

For ages 5 and up. Registration required.



### HENNA FOR TEENS WITH Z

Tuesday, June 23 at 2:30pm

Stop by the Teen Room to get some henna done with awesome local artist, Z!

For grades 6-12. Registration required.

### CRASH COURSE COOKING: PIZZA MAKING

Wednesday, June 3 at 6:00pm

Everything you want to know about pizza making, from sauce to dough to toppings to the plate. This program is presented through the generosity of an anonymous donor in honor of parents Domenico Pellicano and Melina (Savino) Pellicano, originally from San Panteleone, Reggio, and San Giovanni Rotondo, Puglia, Italy

Registration required.



### ASK A GENEALOGIST

Tuesday, June 16 from 10:00 - 12:00

Have you ever wanted to know about your family's history but don't know where to begin? Work one-on-one with an experienced genealogist who will be available to answer your research questions and demonstrate strategies to help find pieces of your family history puzzle.

Please call the information desk to sign up. Registration required.