



SCRANTON LIBRARY: A PLACE FOR THE ARTS

By Kathleen Mahoney, Scranton Library Board of Trustees Member

The arts and crafts are thriving at Scranton Library. Come to the library and enjoy our permanent art collection, which is on display throughout the library, courtesy of the Katz family. There are rotating exhibits of paintings, photographs, and sculpture created by your neighbors, including hobbyists, professionals, emerging and award-winning artists.

Make your way to the library to take in a performance. During the past year, audiences enjoyed a classical ensemble, Celtic tunes, and a Caribbean Vibe Steel Drum concert. Jazz musicians performed under the courtyard tent, and there are also performances geared to younger patrons.

Head to the library to pick up a pass to one of a dozen-plus local museums and galleries. A friend and I recently used a half-price admission pass when visiting the Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme. A list of available museum and gallery passes is on the library's website.

There are many opportunities for those interested in the visual arts. Teens can enjoy Crafternoon programs, and younger folks can do Art with Kristin in the Children's Room. Adults can paint, decoupage, sew, and make cards. The iPhotography Collaborative teaches patrons how to take better photos, and some have borrowed photography equipment from the Library of Things to pursue this interest.

Check out the events calendar and join us soon to enjoy the arts or kindle your creative spirit!



Development Spotlight

by Susan Frankenbach, Development Director

We are pleased and proud to announce the award of \$65,000 from the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven. This generous grant is a multi-year core support grant for unrestricted use. The CFFGNH was established in 1928 as a permanent charitable endowment for the community.

At the recommendation of Howard Gilman Foundation trustee Mary Farrell, Scranton Library is the beneficiary of a \$10,000 gift for general operating use. The library has benefited from Mrs. Farrell's thoughtfulness over many years, and we continue to be grateful for her support.

Thanks to the generosity and thoughtfulness of a former Library Trustee, the library is the beneficiary of a remarkable bequest from Peter C. Van Strum. A long-time Madison resident and avid reader, the library is honored and grateful for this extraordinary gift.

Patrons interested in including the library in their estate plans, please contact Susan Frankenbach, Development Director at frankenbachs@scrantonlibrary.org or 203-530-7466.



The Creative Loft...ever wonder what YOU can make?

By Natalie Fleischer, Library Technical Assistant



Did you know that the second floor of the library features a bright, fun Creative Loft? This room is open to all ages, any time during library hours. You'll find tables and cabinets stocked with art supplies, a sink for cleanup, plus a large TV equipped with gaming systems, even sensory items for all ages, and a plant swap!

Some of the gadgets you'll find here are Cricut Machines (laser-precision cutters for crafting), a Cricut Heat Press, a hand engraver/metal embosser, a button maker, a laminator, and a sticker maker. There are never any fees. There's also a variety of craft supplies, including fabric, yarn, glue, pipe cleaners, patterned and colored paper, stencils, stamps, watercolor paints, basic jewelry-making supplies, and coloring sheets.

You can stop by any Friday morning from 10-12 to knit or crochet and hang out with our drop-in Fiber Arts Club, or stop by any Tuesday night from 5:30-7:30 for Creative Craft Night. This is a time to do your own thing, but use our space, supplies, and maybe even meet up with other crafters.

If you have any craft supplies you'd like to donate to our Creative Loft, you can bring them to the library any time. We appreciate your support!

So...what will YOU make the next time you're in the library?

Solving Tech Problems, One Question at a Time

By Nici Bruno, Library Technical Assistant

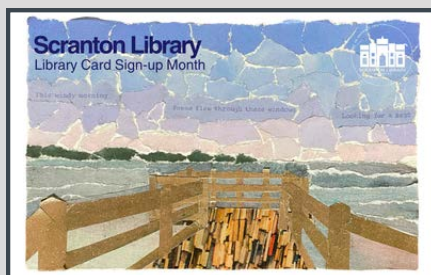
Four days a week, the library offers tech assistance appointments, and we help with a plethora of issues, from maximizing iPhone storage and organizing files in iCloud to setting up printers, or even installing a new app. No question is too basic! I would say that handling finicky iPhones and placating fussy email accounts are two of the most common issues.

My goal in every meeting is to create a safe, judgment-free space where patrons feel comfortable explaining their difficulties with their devices. No issue is too small or simple for a tech appointment.

One of the key skills of librarianship is knowing where and how to find answers. I find something new to learn in every appointment. I'm always happy to figure out a problem together!

Did you know that September is Library Card Sign Up Month?

In honor of this special month, library staff member Rachel McKittrick has designed a limited-edition library card! Anyone who signs up in September will receive this special card. Whether you need a new card or need to renew yours, stop by and see us.



LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9:30am - 8pm

Friday & Saturday
9:30am - 5pm

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Life starts all over again
when it gets crisp
in the fall.

F. Scott Fitzgerald



SCRANTON LIBRARY FRIENDS

Upcoming book sales:

Thurs, Sept 17, 4:30pm - 7:00pm
(members only,
but you can join at the door)

Fri, Sept 18, 10:00am - 7:00pm

Sat, Sept 19, 10:00am - 3:00pm

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

Drop off your books in the cabinet on
the porch of the white house across
from the Library on Wall Street.

SEPTEMBER FEATURED EVENTS

This is a list 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:

WALKERS & WIGGLERS, Mondays at 10:00, ages 2-5
TODDLER TANGO, Tuesdays at 10:00, ages 1-3
ITTY BITTY MEETUP, Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays at 10:30 and Saturdays at 9:30, ages 0-5
TOTS & TALES, Wednesdays at 10:00, ages 0-2
STORYTIME SPROUTS, Friday, September 4, 18, 25 at 10:00, ages 1-4
OUTDOOR EXPLORERS, Friday, September 4, 11, 18 at 1:00, ages 1-5
TWEEN AFTERNOON, Saturday, September 5 at 2:00, grades 4-6
MINI BOOKWORMS, Thursday, September 10 at 10:00, ages 0-2
TWINKLETOES MUSIC, Friday, September 11 at 10:00, ages 2-4
PRESCHOOL STORYTIME, Saturday, September 12 at 10:00, ages 3-5
DECOUPAGE CANDLE HOLDER, Tuesday, September 15 at 4:00, ages 7-12
FRUIT PRINTING, Wednesday, September 16 at 4:15, ages 5-12
ART WITH KRISTIN: LITTLE SWIMMER COLLAGE, Thursday, September 17 at 4:30, ages 5-8
TOTS & TALES: WEEKEND EDITION, Saturday, September 19 at 10:00, ages 0-2
COOKIES & COLORING, Monday, September 21 at 12:00, ages 5 and up
AMPHIBIAN REPTILE CENTER, Monday, September 21 at 2:00, grades K-12
RAPTORS OF CT, Tuesday, September 22 at 4:30, grades K-5
ART WITH KRISTIN: OUTER SPACE CANVAS, Wednesday, September 23 at 4:30, ages 8-12
ALEBRIJES STORY & CRAFT, Thursday, September 24 at 4:00, ages 3-12
COZY CRAFT: SQUIRREL NEST, Saturday, September 26 at 1:00, all ages
LIBRARY FAERIE CRAFTS: STRAWBERRY MOON TAKE-HOME CRAFT, starting Monday, September 28 at 9:30, ages 3-12
BOOK BUDS, Monday, September 28 at 4:45, grades K-3

TEENS:

TEEN TAKE & MAKE KIT: GLITTER SLIME, starting Tuesday, September 1 at 9:30
CREATIVE CRAFT NIGHT, Tuesdays at 5:30
TEEN GAME CLUB, Thursdays at 3:00
COLLEGE PREP WORKSHOP FOR 12TH GRADERS & PARENTS, Tuesday, September 8 at 5:30
COLLEGE PREP WORKSHOP FOR 9-11TH GRADERS & PARENTS, Tuesday, September 8 at 6:30
FOREST BATHING: A MINDFUL WALK IN THE WOODS, Friday, September 11 and Wednesday, September 16 at 10:00
AMPHIBIAN REPTILE CENTER, Monday, September 21 at 2:00
BOOK BUDS, Monday, September 28 at 4:45
BOARD GAME NIGHT, Monday, September 28 at 5:30
FEATURE FILM STORYBOARDS WITH BRICK MASON, Wednesday, September 30 at 6:30

ADULTS:

MONTHLY OR WEEKLY PROGRAMS: Ukulele and Guitar Clubs, Master Gardener Clinic, Tech Support, Fiber Arts Club, Craft of the Month, Scranton Writers' Club, Friday Movie Matinee.

BEGINNER ITALIAN 5-WEEK CLASS, Wednesday, September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 6:15

WOLF CONSERVATION: SAVING A SPECIES, Wednesday, September 2 at 6:30

OPEN MIC NIGHT, Thursday, September 3 at 6:00

COLLEGE PREP WORKSHOP FOR 12TH GRADERS & PARENTS, Tuesday, September 8 at 5:30

COLLEGE PREP WORKSHOP FOR 9-11TH GRADERS & PARENTS, Tuesday, September 8 at 6:30

YOGA WITH MARTHA, Tuesday, September 8 at 6:00

FRENCH CONVERSATION GROUP, Wednesday, September 9 and 23 at 2:30

MUSICA ITALIANA: CELLO & VIOLIN CONCERT, Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30

FOREST BATHING: A MINDFUL WALK IN THE WOODS, Friday, September 11 and Wednesday, September 16 at 10:00

CRAFTS WITH NATALIE: PAINTED ACRYLIC KEYCHAIN, Saturday, September 12 at 2:00

PIQUE OF THE MONTH BOOK CLUB, Saturday, September 12 at 3:00

MADISON MOVIE CHAT: VITA ACTIVA, Monday, September 14 at 6:30

IPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY COLLABORATIVE, Monday, September 14 at 6:30

TRIVIA NIGHT, Tuesday, September 15 at 7:30

WOMEN AND MONEY ROUNDTABLE: HOW TO MAKE SENSE OF TODAY'S FINANCIAL MARKETS, Wednesday, September 16 at 1:00

CRAFT SUPPLY DROP-OFF, September 18-25

EXPLORING APPLE'S NEW OPERATING SYSTEM FOR IPHONES, Monday, September 21 at 6:30

CHAIR YOGA, Tuesday, September 22 at 6:00

CREATIVE CRAFTS WITH JESSE: WASHI TAPE CARDS, Wednesday, September 23 at 6:00 and Thursday, September 24 at 2:00

SATURDAY SLEUTHS BOOK CLUB, Saturday, September 26 at 10:00

CRAFT SUPPLY SWAP, Saturday, September 26 at 2:00

BOARD GAME NIGHT, Monday, September 28 at 5:30

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SPOOKY STORY & CRAFT, Thursday, October 1 at 10:00, ages 2-7
YOUNG ARTIST WORKSHOP SERIES, Thursday, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 4:30, ages 8-12
TWINKLETOES MUSIC, Friday, October 2 at 10:00, ages 2-4
LIBRARY FAERIE CRAFTS, new kits almost every week, pick up starts each Monday at 9:30, ages 3-12
BOOK BUDS, Monday, October 5, 19, 26 at 4:45, grades K-3
ART WITH KRISTIN: DESIGN A CASTLE, Wednesday, October 7 at 4:30, ages 5-8
MINI BOOKWORMS, Thursday, October 8 at 10:00, ages 0-2
STORYTIME SPROUTS, Friday, October 9 and 16 at 10:00, ages 1-4
HOW TO DRAW SPOOKY HALLOWEEN MONSTERS, Tuesday, October 13 at 4:30, ages 7-11
ART WITH KRISTIN: NEON SKULL, Wednesday, October 14 at 4:30, ages 8-12
GROVE SCHOOL PRESENTS: THE DAY THE CRAYONS QUIT, Wednesday, October 21 at 4:00 and Thursday, October 29 at 10:00, all ages
BABY & ME YOGA, Thursday, October 22 at 10:00, ages 0-2
TODDLER YOGA, Friday, October 23 at 11:00, ages 2-4
ANNUAL SPOOKY GRAHAM CRACKER HOUSES, Saturday, October 24 at 10:30, ages 3-12
COZY CRAFT: MAGNETIC CROW, Saturday, October 24 at 1:00, all ages
SPOOKY SPIDERS, Wednesday, October 28 at 4:15, ages 5-12
HALLOWEEN STORYTIME AND COSTUME PARADE, Friday, October 30 at 10:00, all ages
SCRANTON LIBRARY AT TRUNK OR TREAT ON THE GREEN, Saturday, October 31 at 4:00, all ages

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BOARD GAME NIGHT, Monday, October 5 at 5:30
MADISON MOVIE CHAT: TWO SHORT FILMS, Monday, October 5 at 6:30
WINGED WONDERS, Wednesday, October 7 at 6:30
CRAFTS WITH NATALIE: BEDAZZLED PUMPKINS, Saturday, October 10 at 2:00
PIQUE OF THE MONTH BOOK CLUB, Saturday, October 10 at 3:00
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FRENCH CONVERSATION GROUP, Wednesday, October 14 and 28 at 2:30
AN EVENING WITH EDGAR ALLEN POE, Wednesday, October 14 at 6:30
HOLIDAY DECOR SWAP DROP OFF, October 16-23
MADISON MOVIE CHAT: A WALK IN THE WOODS, Monday, October 19 at 6:30
OVERDOSE AWARENESS, Tuesday, October 20 at 2:00
HOW TO STAY INDEPENDENT AT HOME, Tuesday, October 20 at 6:00
TRIVIA NIGHT, Tuesday, October 20 at 7:30
SATURDAY SLEUTHS BOOK GROUP, Saturday, October 24 at 10:00
HOLIDAY DECOR SWAP, Saturday, October 24 at 2:00
SHORELINE WORLD TRAVELERS COLLABORATIVE, Monday, October 26 at 6:00
CHAIR YOGA, Tuesday, October 27 at 6:00
COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR, Wednesday, October 28 at 2:00
CREATIVE CRAFTS WITH JESSE: FALL QUILLING, Wednesday, October 28 at 6:00 and Thursday, October 29 at 2:00

