

2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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First Friday Kick-Off

Date: Friday, October 6 @ 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Location: Albright Memorial Library, 500 Vine Street, Scranton

Join us as we celebrate the beginning of Scranton Reads 2017! We will be reading historical letters from local area organizations as well as selections from this year's book, *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson. We will have free copies of the book as well light refreshments.

Genealogy Workshop

Date: Saturday, October 7 @ 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Location: Computer Learning Lab, 520 Vine Street, Scranton

Learn how to discover you ancestors at this beginners Genealogy Workshop. Reference Librarians and representatives from the Lackawanna County Historical Society will be lead the workshop on area resources on searching your family tree. Call 570-348-3000 ext. 3038 to RSVP.

Exit Strategies: End of Life Care in the United States

Date: Sunday, October 15 @ 1:30 to 2:30 pm

Location: Pearn Auditorium, Brennan Hall 208, University of Scranton, Scranton, PA

Join Dr. Jones, Perelman School of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania, as he discusses the medical and practical end of life issues.

Good life, good death from Gilead to today

Date: Monday, October 16 @ 8:00 to 9:30 pm

Location: Room 331/337, 3rd Floor, Learning Commons, Marywood University, Scranton, PA

This discussion will explore issues of life and death:

What can we learn from *Gilead* about what it means to have a "good life"? How does this compare to your vision of a "good life"? What is the connection between a "good life" and a "good death"? How do John Ames and his family prepare for his death and what do we believe in 2017 about having a "good death"?

"Marilynne Robinson's American Vision" A Lecture and Discussion with Joseph Kraus, Ph.D.

Date: Wednesday, October 18th @ 12:15 pm

Location: Hawk Lecture Hall, Business Building, Room 201, Penn State Worthington Scranton, 120 Ridge View Road, Dunmore PA

Dr. Kraus, Professor of English at The University of Scranton, will help us find our way in *Gilead* by considering some of the traditions Marilynne Robinson is drawing upon in her story. We will discuss the theological and historical strains of thought she seeks to recover as well as the critique of American culture she seems to be offering. This event is free and open to the public. Everyone is welcome.

Genealogy Workshop

Date: Wednesday, October 18th @ 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Location: Computer Learning Lab, 520 Vine Street, Scranton

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War on the Home Front

Date: Friday, October 20 @ 5:00 pm

Location: The Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum and Library, 340 N Washington Ave, Scranton

Join us for a presentation about the War on the Home Front during the Civil War as seen in *Gilead* and here in Lackawanna County. Visitors will be able to explore the Civil War Museum after the presentation.

Family Stories--their value and persistence in our lives today

Date: Wednesday, October 25 @ 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Location: Room 331/337, 3rd Floor, Learning Commons, Marywood University, Scranton, PA
Stories surround us from the folk tales of our childhood to the cultural stories of today. We'll look at the value of family stories in our lives. Just like in *Gilead*, family stories pivot our lives; the why and how we evolve in our own families are important pieces of our culture. What are the family stories that get passed down through the generations? Who are the family members that dominate those stories? And why do family stories persist through the ages? All good questions with, sometimes, surprising answers.

Family Documents Scan Day

Date: Saturday, October 28 @ 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Location: Computer Learning Lab, 520 Vine Street, Scranton

Preserve your family letters and photos while sharing insight into the history of the Scranton area by participating in our first Scan Day. Volunteers will scan your historic photos and letters (limit 10 items per person). You keep your original items and receive a flash drive with your digital files. We retain a copy to share on the PA Photos and Documents website. Sign up via 570-348-3000 ext. 3038.

Book Discussions:

October 1st at 11:15 am

St Luke's Episcopal Church, 232 Wyoming Ave, Scranton. Sign up via 570-342-7654

October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th at 6:00 pm

Albright Memorial Library, 500 Vine Street, Scranton. Sign up via 570-348-3000 ext. 3050.

October 5th at 6:30 pm

Taylor Public Library, 710 South Main Street, Taylor. Sign up via 570-562-1234.

October 8th at 11:15 am

St Luke's Episcopal Church, 232 Wyoming Ave, Scranton. Sign up via 570-342-7654.

October 10th at 10 am

Nancy Kay Holmes Branch Library, 1032 Green Ridge St, Scranton. Sign up via 570-207-0764.

October 16th at 10:00 am

North Pocono Public Library, 1315 Church Street, Moscow. Sign up via 570-842-4700.

October 18th at 6:30 pm

Learning Commons, Marywood University, Scranton. Sign up via 570-961-4707.

October 19th at 6 pm

North Pocono Public Library, 1315 Church Street, Moscow. Sign up via 570-842-4700.

October 23rd at 6:00 pm

Abington Community Library, 1200 West Grove Street, Clarks Summit. Sign up via 570-587-3440

October 24th at 11:30 am

Weinberg Memorial Library, Rm. 305, University of Scranton, PA

October 25th at 6:30 pm

Valley Community Library, 739 River Street, Peckville. Sign up via 570-489-1765.

October 26th at 6:30 pm

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October 28th at 10:30 am

Dalton Community Library, 113 East Main Street, Dalton. Sign up via 70-563-2014.