

Silas Bronson Library BOOKS AND HAPPENINGS

The Newsletter of Waterbury's Public Library

WINTER 2018-19



EAST WING RENOVATION

We started moving things around this fall for the renovation of the East Wing. The music collection is being moved to the Main Reading Room, the Teen/YA collection will be moved to the new Teen Zone, and the Friends' Book Store will be moved to the old Teen/YA corridor.

We'll be getting an expanded and greatly improved Teen Zone, as well as some new carpeting. The majority of the public computers from the Main Reading Room will be moved to the East Wing, so you will no longer have your work interrupted by a public program. In response to your requests, we'll be installing a fax machine for public use. The East Wing will become our hub for all your computer, printing, copying, and business needs. Funding for the project comes from the Elisha Leavenworth Foundation, the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library, and a bequest from Anna M. Paul.

MAIN READING ROOM

The Main Reading Room will be getting some more room for reading and studying, right next to the windows with beautiful views of Library Park. The collection will be reorganized and consolidated on the shelves so that the rows of shelving closest to the windows can be removed, opening up new spaces for desks and chairs.

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WINTER EXHIBITS

The display cases in the front lobby will feature a different exhibit each month. In **December**, we'll have vintage clocks and watches from the National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors, CT Chapter 148. The exhibit will include pieces made here in Waterbury.





In **January**, historic photos and artifacts from the CT Transit collection will show the evolution of public bus transportation in Connecticut and the Waterbury area.

In **February**, we'll have playbills, LPs, and CDs from Broadway and Off-Broadway productions featuring U.S. Presidents from



the collection of Dr. Stuart Brown, host of a weekly "On Broadway" radio show and Director of Student Services at UConn-Waterbury.



GOODREADS

The library is now on Goodreads! Join us there as we start new online book discussion groups and share some of our favorite reads. Search for Silas Bronson Library and follow us or join one or our groups.









News from the Friends of the Library

Readers' Garden Bookstore

Hi, Hope everyone had a safe and happy fall.

During this winter, a selection of sales tables will be on display in the front lobby area as we are renovating the East Wing and plan to relocate the bookstore to be in the former Teen/YA Zone location.

While we are in transition, we will continue to offer books on various subject matter, as well as sale baskets featuring discounted books. Please be sure to browse the selection in the front lobby often as we continue to replenish the tables and baskets frequently.



The shelves may stay up a few weeks longer featuring CDs, VHS, DVDs, paper back and hard cover. Also included are holiday crafts, and cook books. You may want to purchase some for stocking stuffers, or simply treat yourself to a beautiful holiday story.

Thanks to all who continue to support the Friends of the Library Readers Garden Bookstore. Please tell your friends about us. All proceeds support the Library's many programs, services and projects. The Bookstore is available during library hours. As always, your support is most appreciated.

Book Donations

If you would like to donate books, please call the library at 203-574-8222 to schedule a delivery time. Please note that we may not be able to accept all book donations at this time.



Join the Friends of the Library

Members of the Friends receive this newsletter in the mail. Membership rates start at \$15/year for students and seniors; \$25/year for individuals; \$50/year for patrons; and \$100/year for corporate memberships. To join, please send a check payable to the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library, P.O. Box 2853, Waterbury, CT 06723 and indicate that it is for a new membership. Membership brochures are available at the library with additional information.

Gifts & Bequests

The Friends of the Silas Bronson Library is a 501 (c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the mission and programs of the Silas Bronson Library. Donations and bequests may be made to the Friends to support the library's programs or to assist with building improvements. Donations to the Friends may be sent to us at P.O. Box 2853, Waterbury, CT 06723.

COMPUTERS, WIFI, PRINTING, & COPYING

ONE-ON-ONE COMPUTER HELP

By Appointment

Call 203-574-8225 or visit the

Reference Desk at the main library to schedule your appointment.



Have a tablet, but don't know how to use it?

Need to figure out how to set up an email account?

Wondering how to use the library's Wi-Fi?

Want to learn how to use our online resources?

Schedule a half-hour appointment with one of our librarians to learn the basics of internet technology.

PUBLIC COMPUTERS

Our public computers are available for anyone to use. You can log on with a library card from any public library in the Bibliomation consortium. Not sure if your library is in the consortium? Ask at the Reference Desk for a list of Bibliomation libraries. If you don't have a library card, guest passes are available for one session per day.

WIFI

Access the internet with your own laptop, tablet, or phone using our free wifi. No password required, just select **SBL-WiFi-hotspot** on your device.



PRINTING & COPYING

Black-and-white printing and copying is available at 15 cents per page. Color printing is available at 50 cents per page; please ask for assistance at the Reference Desk if you wish to print in color.

In order to print, you will need to pre-load money onto your library card or guest pass at the Circulation Desk.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Wednesdays, 1 p.m.

Computer Classroom



Drop in for these specific classes and bring any related questions to get help with. Classes will utilize Microsoft Office software, Google Apps, and general computer skills for beginners.

Dec. 5, 1 p.m. Word for Beginners
Dec. 12, 1 p.m. Publisher for Beginners

Dec. 19, 1 p.m. Excel for Beginners

Dec. 26, 1 p.m. PowerPoint for Beginners

Jan. 2, 1 p.m. Word for Beginners

Jan. 9, 1 p.m. Publisher for Beginners

Jan. 16, 1 p.m. Excel for Beginners

Jan. 23, 1 p.m. Learn Online with Lynda.com

Jan. 30, 1 p.m. Gmail & Google Drive

Feb. 6, 1 p.m. Word for Beginners

Feb. 13, 1 p.m. Publisher for Beginners

Feb. 20, 1 p.m. Excel for Beginners

Feb. 27, 1 p.m. PowerPoint for Beginners

For ages 16 and up. No registration required. Must be able to use a mouse and keyboard.

B.R.A.S.S. AT THE BRANCH

Tuesdays, 2 p.m.

December 4 - February 26 Bunker Hill Branch Library



Learn how to use a tablet, smartphone, or computer. You will be assisted in using the internet, Wi-Fi, eBooks, and more! For seniors ages 60 and over. Free parking.

ADULT PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY JIGSAW PUZZLES

Daily

Main Reading Room
Help finish a puzzle--anyone can
join in. Add your skill to those of
others and help complete the puzzle.



COLORING FOR ADULTS

Daily

Main Reading Room

Coloring for adults is a way to relax and express creativity. We provide the pages and coloring pencils.

SISTERS TO SISTERS BOOK CLUB

First Monday of the month, 6 p.m. *Mezzanine*

New members welcome. Copies of the books will be available at the library.

December 3: They Come in All Colors

by Malcolm Hansen

January 7: Almost Sister

by Joshilyn Jackson

February 4: The Sun Does Shine

by Anthony Ray Hinton



FRIENDS OF THE SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY

Second Tuesday of the month, 4 p.m. December 11, January 8, February 12 Mezzanine

Open to all members of the Friends. Find out how you can get involved and help support the library.



BRASS BOOK CLUB @ THE BRANCH

Fourth Thursday of the month, 11:30 a.m. Bunker Hill Branch, 192 Bunker Hill Avenue Seniors 60+ are invited to join us for a monthly book discussion. Copies of the books will be available at the library.

January 24: The Color of Water

by James McBride

February 28: The Intuitionist

by Colson Whitehead



GREAT READS BOOK CLUB

Second Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. Auditorium

Join us for our new Saturday morning book club and movie screening. After we talk about the book, we'll watch the movie based on the book. Copies of the books will be available to borrow from the library. Light refreshments provided.

January 12: Outlander

by Diana Gabaldon

February 9: Their Eyes Were Watching God

by Zora Neale Hurston



BE A LITERACY VOLUNTEER

Saturday, January 5, 10 a.m.

Auditorium



Literacy Volunteers of Greater Waterbury is holding an orientation for adults interested in volunteer tutoring. LVGW tutors teach adults basic literacy, English as a Second Language, and U.S. citizenship test preparation skills. Find out if tutoring is for you. Please register with Vanessa at 203 754-1164 or Vvowe@waterburyct.org.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

ALL ABOARD!

Tuesday, January 29, 6:30 p.m. Main Reading Room Join us for a discussion of the



in Connecticut, and how bus service came to be the most common form of public transport in Waterbury. Ever wanted to start using the bus? We will talk about current routes, service maps, as well as how to buy tickets and read schedules. CTfastrak, The Hartford Line, and the Go CT Card will also be discussed.

CALLING ALL POETS (... and poetry lovers)

Wednesday, February 6, 6:30 p.m.

Auditorium

All are welcome to attend, whether you are a poet or just love poetry. Bring five copies of your work to share for a constructive criticism workshop. Black



history month topics welcome. Open mic for poetry and spoken word sign-up is 6:20 p.m. Hosted by Victoria Muñoz.

FREE TAX PREPARATION

January 29 - April 13, 2019 Tuesdays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. By Appointment Only

Call 211 to schedule an appointment at the library or at any other service location.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) will be available at the library for low-to-moderate-income individuals and families earning less than \$54,000 a year.

IRS-trained volunteers are certified to prepare simple tax returns and screen customers for special tax credits and savings plans. Visiting a VITA site instead of a paid tax preparer saves each filer an average of \$200. Taxes can be filed electronically, in which case refunds are received within 7-10 days.

VITA is made possible through a partnership with United Way, the Connecticut Association for Human Services, and the Internal Revenue Service.

PHILIP V. BENEVENTO CULTURAL PROGRAM FOR ADULTS

LET IT SHINE: THE AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

Monday, January 28, 6 p.m. Main Reading Room

Rosa Parks, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Freedom Riders, and more come to life in this powerful production that celebrates the American Civil Rights Movement. Bright Star Theater presents one of their most acclaimed productions, featuring inspiring performances and the songs of the Civil Rights Era.

The Philip V. Benevento Fund for Cultural Program for Adults at the Silas Bronson Library was established in 2016 in honor of Waterbury's City Historian and former Silas Bronson Library Board member Philip V. Benevento. The fund continues to grow through individual donations made to the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library.



BUSINESS & EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS

SCORE BUSINESS MENTORING

Mondays, 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m. Thursdays, 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 p.m. By appointment only, call 203-574-8225

Mezzanine

SCORE // Volunteer business counselors are available by appointment to mentor entrepreneurs and small business owners. To learn more, visit our website at bronsonlibrary.org/score.

BRASS CITY TOASTMASTERS

Second and Fourth Monday of the month, 6 p.m. December 10, January 14 & 28, February 11 & 25 **Auditorium**

The Brass City Toastmasters' mission is to empower individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders. Meetings are open to all interested parties.



AMERICAN JOB CENTER SERVICES

Thursday, December 20, 6 p.m.

Main Reading Room

a number of services to help



people get work. Pamela LaRosa, Director of One-Stop Workforce Operations, will provide an overview of the American Job Center and discuss some of the services offered with the CT Department of Labor.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Use your Silas Bronson Library card to get free access to online resources that will help your business or career. Visit bronsonlibrary.org/research to get started.







FIVE THINGS TO GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Monday, January 14, 6 p.m. Main Reading Room Business owners with fewer than 100 employees will gain ideas that they can implement to increase sales and profits. Nelson Merchan, Business Advisor at the Small Business Development Center, will

share ideas on how to invigorate sales.



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES INFORMATION

Thursday, January 17, 6 p.m. Main Reading Room Missing the skills you need for the job you want? Find out about the free



services and training funds available through the Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board at Waterbury's American Job Center.

WRITING BUSINESS PLANS Monday, February 11, 6 p.m.

Main Reading Room How do you write a business plan that will clearly communicate and



evaluate your plans, market position, and potential for growth when you share the plan with financial institutions or city planners? Learn the essential pieces of a business plan in this workshop offered by the Small Business Development Center of Connecticut.

WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT TRAINING & JOB SERVICES

Thursday, February 21, 6 p.m. Main Reading Room Learn about services and training available at Waterbury's American Job Center through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.



ALL-AGES PROGRAMS

CHESS MEETUP

First and third Saturday of the month, 2:30 p.m. December 1 & 15, January 5 & 19, February 2 & 16 **Auditorium**

Chess players are welcome to join us to share their love of the game, meet new chess players, or learn the game. All ages welcome.



GAMING CLUB

First and third Wednesday of the month, 4 p.m. December 5 & 19, January 2 & 16, February 6 & 20 **Auditorium**

Join us for video games, Magic, Yu-Gi-Oh! and board games in our new Gaming Club. Anyone who loves games of any type is welcome.





Games may contain mature content.

GAMERS WHO CODE

Starts December 26

Wednesdays, 6 p.m.

Computer Classroom

Brass City Gamers hosts a coding class at the library. All ages and skill levels are welcome.

MOVIES @ THE LIBRARY

Fourth Wednesday of the month, 3:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Join us for a free movie and snacks after Gaming Club.

December 26: The Greatest Showman

January 30: Skyscraper

February 27: Crazy Rich Asians

All movies rated PG-13.

WATERBURY ROUNDTABLE: COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

Second & Fourth Thursday, 6:30 p.m. January 10 & 24, February 14 & 28

Auditorium

All are welcome to join us twice a month for our new

community conversations about Waterbury's past, present, and future. In January, we'll be picking up where the conversation left off at our November community conversation, "Whose Voice Matters?" how do we address racism in Waterbury's past and present? What can we do to commemorate and learn from our history? Bring your ideas and any Waterbury topics you'd like to discuss. Light refreshments will be served.

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Wednesday, January 16, 6 p.m. Snow date: January 23, 6 p.m. **Auditorium**

Learn key info about financial aid

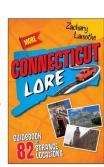
for college, including how to apply for some of the largest scholarship programs, important deadlines, and navigating financial aid & scholarship on the internet.

CONNECTICUT LORE

Saturday, January 19, 2 p.m. Snow date: January 26, 2 p.m. Main Reading Room Zach Lamothe, author of Connecticut

Lore, will talk about Connecticut's many unusual locations, including places with paranormal sightings,

haunted universities, lighthouses, and local hotels with unique histories and architecture. Waterbury's Holy Land is one of the places he will talk about. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.



COMMUNITY

CONVERSATIONS

WATERBURY **ROUNDTABLE**

TEEN/YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Second Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

December 12, January 9, February 13

Teen/YA Zone

Bring your ideas to a brainstorming session on what YOU want at the library. Snacks provided.



TEEN BOOK TO SCREEN CLUB

Last Thursday of the month, 5 p.m.

Teen/YA 7one

Read the book, then let us know what you think! Copies available at the Circulation Desk. For ages 13-19 only. Snacks provided.

December 27: Eleanor & Park

by Rainbow Rowell

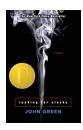
January 31: The Knife of Never Letting Go

by Patrick Ness

February 21: Looking for Alaska by John Green







ANIME CLUB

Second & Fourth Saturday of the month, 2:30 p.m.

December 8 & 22, January 12 & 26,

February 9 & 23

Auditorium

Share your love of anime and manga with this club. Win a prize! Snacks provided. Recommended for ages 14+.



TEEN '80s NIGHT PARTY

Thursday, December 27, 5 p.m.

Auditorium

Teen '80s night starts with book club at 5 (Eleanor & Park by Rainbow Rowell) then a party from 5:30 until 7. Pizza, trivia, games, and music. Come dressed up in '80s fashion.



ANIME MOVIE MATINEE



Saturday, December 29, 2:30 p.m. Auditorium

Join us for some popcorn and a viewing of the 2016 anime fantasy romance, Your Name.

TEEN THERAPY DOG

Thursday, January 10, 1 p.m.

Auditorium

Come relax during mid-term week with Sydney, the therapy dog!



TEEN SELF DEFENSE CLASS



Friday, February 8, 3 p.m. Snow date: February 12 Auditorium

Presented by Vianna Brothers Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Academy. For ages 13-18.

TEEN ANTI-VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

Thursday, February 14, 5 p.m.

Auditorium

Hate Valentine's Day? Join us for our first ever Anti-Valentine's Day party with themed crafts and snacks. Teens only.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

SNOWBALL READERS

November 30, 2018 - February 1, 2019

Children's Room

Chill out and read this winter with "Snowball Readers," the Children's Winter Reading Program for all children from birth through 8th grade. All children who return their completed scorecards by Wednesday, January 31, will be entered into a raffle and receive a free book. Sign up starting Friday, November 30, through Wednesday, January 23, in the Children's Room.



WEEKLY PROGRAMS

YOGA AT THE LIBRARY

First two Mondays of the month, 5 p.m.

December 3 & 10, January 7 & 14, February 4 & 11

Children's Room

Become more focused, grounded and connected. For ages 4-14 (the entire family is welcome to join).



STORYTIME PLUS!

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Children's Room

Children and caregivers will enjoy story time, listening and singing to music, marching and playing in a



band, doing finger games, and creating a craft.

For preschoolers age 5 and under. Groups must register three weeks in advance.

BABIES AND BOOKS

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Picture Book Room

Enjoy Iullabies, nursery rhymes, finger plays, bounces, and sign language. Works best with one child per adult.

For children age 24 months and under.

No registration required, just drop in.

CODING CLUB FOR KIDS

Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m.

Computer Classroom

Children of all ages are welcome to join in this club activity. Come learn coding, including HTML and how to program robots.

MOTHER GOOSE

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

Children's Room

Nursery rhymes, visual and audio

technology are used in this modern Mother Goose program. For children age 4 and under. Groups must register three weeks in advance.

JAMMIE JAMS

Thursdays, 6 p.m.

Picture Book Room

"Pajama" story time for ages 3 - 7; bring your favorite teddy bear, wear your PJs,

and jam with music, songs, & stories!

ROBLOX CLUB

Fridays, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Computer Classroom

Roblox players can access games created by other users or create games

themselves. Ages 5 to 14.





CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

LET'S GO LEGO!

Last Monday of the month, 5:30 p.m.

January 28, February 25

Children's Room

If you like building with LEGOs,

then you'll love "Let's Go LEGO!"

LEGOs are provided. For ages 6 to 12.

BRONSON BOOKWORMS

Last Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m.

Mezzanine

A fun book club for ages 9 to 12. Snacks provided.

January 29: Hour of the Bees by Lindsay Eagar

February 26: Ms. Bixby's Last Day

by John Anderson





ALPHABET EXPLORERS

First Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. December 1, January 5, February 2

Children's Room

A fun and interactive program for children ages 3-5 with a parent/grandparent or guardian. Each month features a new letter and theme. Families will receive a free book at each session. Space is limited. To register, call 203-574-8213.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

GRAPHIC NOVEL DRAWING WORKSHOP

Monday, December 3, 6 p.m.

Children's Room

Chris Brown shares his passion for graphic novels and shows you how to improve your drawing skills. If you like graphic novels and drawing— do not miss this fun and inspiring workshop!

For students in grades 4 - 8.



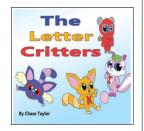
Sponsored by CT Humanities: A special Book Voyager program

CHASING STORIES

Saturday, December 8, 1 p.m.

Children's Room

Come meet Chase Taylor, a local author and illustrator who lives with autism. He has written and illustrated two children's books:



The Letter Critters and The Letter Critters Biographies. Chase will read pages from his books and answer questions. We will also have exclusive preview of Chase's next book, The Letter Critters Talent Show! There will be a chance at the end of the program to win a raffle prize of an autographed book. For kids ages 2-10.

7 ANGELS AT THE LIBRARY: "I WANT TO ACT!"

Thursday, December 13, 6 p.m.

Children's Room

Scott Kealey, Acting Teacher at Seven

Angels Theatre, will teach us how to act by playing theater games. Find out how much fun it is to get up in front of people and tell stories or make them laugh. Registration is not required - just drop in

and have some fun!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

WINTER RECESS AT THE LIBRARY

Wednesday, December 26 - Friday, December 28 *Children's Room*

No need to stay home: stop by the library any time we're open during the Waterbury Public School's Winter Recess. Holiday



movies at 4 p.m., plus crafts, games, LEGOs and more!

MOVIE TIME: PADDINGTON 2

Wednesday, February 6, 5 p.m.
Saturday, February 9, 1 p.m.
Children's Media Room
Stop in for a free screening of
Paddington 2, inspired by the
classic children's books written by
Michael Bond. Rated PG.



THREE KINGS DAY

Saturday, January 5, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Children's Room

Get creative and design a Three

Kings Day craft. Come in anytime

and be crafty. Design a crown, or



VALENTINE'S DAY CRAFTS

Thursday, February 14, 10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Children's Room
Stop in and create a special
Valentine's Day card for someone
you love!



MOVIE TIME: PETER RABBIT

make a Three Kings Day card.

Wednesday, January 9, 5 p.m.
Saturday, January 12, 1 p.m.
Children's Media Room
Stop in for a free screening of Peter
Rabbit, inspired by the classic children's
books written by Beatrix Potter. Rated
PG.



"I CAN'T DIE BUT ONCE" HARRIET TUBMAN'S CIVIL WAR

Saturday, February 23, 1 p.m.

Children's Room

Actress Gwendolyn QuezairePresutti's compelling performance
will take you to the time of Harriet
Tubman and let you be a witness
to some of her heroic adventures.
You will learn of her escape from
enslavement and how she enlisted
as a scout and spy for the U.S.
government and battled
courageously behind enemy lines



Sponsored by CT Humanities: A special Book Voyager program

during the Civil War.



Saturday, February 2, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Children's Room

Join us for a celebration of the

library! We'll have special activities in
the Children's Room all day. It will be

a fun day for the whole family.









Something for Everyone

LIBRARY HOURS

Main Library

Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Bunker Hill Branch

Tuesday 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Friday 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday 12 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

SPECIAL NOTE

The library will close at 5 p.m. on Monday, December 24 and on Monday, December 31. For weather closings, please check our social media or website for the latest news.

LOCATIONS

Main Library

267 Grand Street Waterbury, CT 06702

Bunker Hill Branch

192 Bunker Hill Avenue Waterbury, CT 06708

CONTACT INFORMATION

Main Number:203-574-8200Bunker Hill Branch:203-574-8240Circulation Desk:203-574-8206Children's Division:203-574-8213Director's Office:203-574-8222Reference Desk:203-574-8225TTY/TDD:203-574-8226

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Christmas Day, December 25 New Year's Day, January 1 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 21 Presidents' Day, February 15 & 18

PARKING INFORMATION

Main Library

Kiosk parking is available on Grand Street and in the parking lot between the Library and City Hall.

Handicapped spaces are available in the parking lot. Parking rates apply.

Parking rates: \$1 per hour; free after 6:30 p.m.

Bunker Hill Branch

Free parking is available in our lot on Aurora Street.





