



Books and Happenings

The Newsletter of the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library

DECEMBER 2014



Sisters to Sisters
Book Club discusses
Night Song by
Beverly Jenkins
Library Mezzanine



Monday, December 1st – 6:00 p.m.

Cara Lee Henson knows no soldier can be trusted to stay in one place — including **Sergeant Chase Jefferson** of the Tenth Cavalry. Dallying with the dashing man in blue could cost the pretty, independent Kansas schoolteacher her job — and her reputation.

Beverly Jenkins is the nation's premier writer of African-American historical romance fiction. She is the recipient of numerous awards and was named one of the Top Fifty Favorite African-American writers of the 20th Century by AABLC, the nation's largest on-line African-American book club.

Admission and evening parking are free.

Calendar of Events

December 1 6 p.m. Mezzanine Room

Sisters to Sisters Book Club

December 1 Children's Room

"Snowball Readers" Winter Reading Club Begins.

December 2 6:30 p.m. Auditorium

"Danny Magic" magic show

December 2, 9, 16 10 a.m.

Auditorium

Storytime Plus

December 6 1 p.m. Auditorium

"Around the World" with Lou Del Bianco

December 4, 11, 18 10 a.m.

Auditorium

Mother Goose

December 9 5 p.m. Auditorium

Brass City Toastmasters

December 9 4 p.m. Mezzanine Room

Board of Agents meeting

December 25 Library Closed Christmas

Day

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS BOOKSTORE

Hi, Everyone—Sorry you were unable to access most of our bookstore this past month due to replacement of the library's windows. We anticipate a little more inconvenience and thank you for your patience. In the meantime, please look for our Holiday Section which you should find just beyond the hard cover fiction shelves.

Lobby Display Case

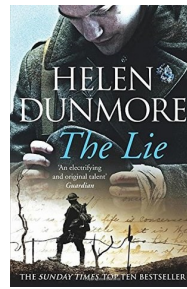
Jewelry of Ina Grove

Gallery Wall

Portraits and landscapes:
Photos of Robert Velez, Color
& Black & White

**2014 BRONSON
LIBRARY
HOLIDAY MAGIC
SHOW
FEATURING
DANNY MAGIC**

**DECEMBER 2ND
6:30 P.M.
AUDITORIUM
(ALL AGES WELCOME)**



Book Review

THE LIE

by

HELEN DUNMORE



Daniel Branwell returns to England at the end of World War I, suffering from what we would now identify as post-traumatic stress syndrome.

“If any question why we died, tell them, because our fathers lied,” a line by Rudyard Kipling relating to his son, who died in World War I, prefaces the story. Kipling pulled strings to get his son into the service because, otherwise, his son would have been disqualified due to poor vision.

Daniel tells the only obvious lies of any significance. In the first lie he hides the truth of the details of his friend Frederick’s death. The second lie results from an unusual request. The deaths and hasty burials of soldiers on the field was common; so when an old woman asks him to bury her in her yard after she dies, Daniel does. Knowing his actions are not acceptable to the rest of the community, Daniel is unable to tell anyone the woman is dead. More lies follow.

Taking a cue from Kipling the question the reader has throughout the story is - What lie caused the death of which child? The only obvious liar portrayed in the story is Daniel, and although his lies were related to deaths, the lies he told weren’t the cause of any deaths.

The story unfolds through Daniel’s thoughts and memories. He spends his days trying to survive. Many societal conventions, such as burying the old woman properly, have become meaningless to him. He never confides his thoughts to anyone. Each chapter begins with a rule or suggestion told to soldiers to help prepare them for the wartime obstacles that they might typically encounter. Back home Daniel continues to apply those rules as he battles alone to survive. Not only the ghost of Frederick, but other ghosts haunt him. Daniel doesn’t have the skills he needs to combat the ghosts. Before very long, unprepared for this war, he is lost in battle.



Story Time PLUS

AT THE LIBRARY

10 a.m., Tuesdays, Auditorium

Storytime Plus is a program for preschoolers from birth to five years every Tuesday from 10am to 11am. 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 in this community-building activity.

All are welcome

GROUPS MUST REGISTER 3 WEEKS IN ADVANCE

"Mother Goose"

Thursdays, 10 a.m., Auditorium

Nursery rhymes, visual and audio technology are used in this modern Mother Goose program for infants age's four and under.

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"Around the World"

With Lou Del Bianco

Saturday, December 6, 2014

1 p.m., Auditorium



"Around the World" is an exciting 45 minute multicultural program that combines storytelling, theater, and music. Lou invites children onstage to help him act out stories that reflect the African, South and North American, Asian and European cultures. Each story contains a valuable lesson that can teach us all something about ourselves. Children will discover that we all have a song to sing or a story to tell no matter where we come from.

Chill Out and Read Cozy Up with Us "Snowball Readers"

Winter Reading Program

Beginning December 1, 2014 and ending January 31, 2015



This winter participate in Silas Bronson Library Children's Services "Snowball Readers" 2014. Signup from Monday, December 1, 2014 through Saturday, January 24, 2015. "Snowball Readers" is a winter reading program, which is open to children (babies through 8th grade). Program begins Monday, December 1, 2014 and ends Saturday, January 31, 2015.

Children will be required to read, or be read to, for a total of 25 hours. Books will be given to every child that completes 25 hours of reading. At the end of "Snowball Readers," participants will be able to enter a raffle to win a prize. The prizes will be awarded after January 31, 2015. Bring your completed score card with your full name and phone number to enter the raffle

Stop by the second floor to sign up and receive your reading score card starting Monday, December 1st. Only one score card per child.

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Main Library Hours

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Mon. thru Thurs. 9am - 8pm

Friday 9am - 5:00pm

Saturday 9am - 4:45pm

Bunker Hill Branch

203 574-8240

Tues. 1pm – 8pm

Thurs. 10am - 5:30pm

Friday 1 pm – 5:00pm

Saturday 1pm - 4:45pm

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2015

January 1 Library Closed New Years Day

January 5 6 p.m. Mezzanine Room

Sisters to Sisters Book Club

January 13 4 p.m. Mezzanine Room

Friends of the Library Meeting

January 13, 20, 27 10 a.m. Auditorium

Children's "Storytime Plus"

January 15, 22, 29 10 a.m. Auditorium

Children's "Mother Goose"

January 19 Library Closed Martin Luther King's Birthday

January 29 6 p.m. Auditorium

"Heroes of the Underground Railroad" with Brightstar Touring Theater

SUPPORT YOUR LIBRARY - JOIN THE FRIENDS

The Friends are dedicated to promoting Library services by providing equipment and programs, especially those for children.

New members are most welcome. Friends meet at the Main Library on the second Tuesday of every month, at 4:00 p.m.

Individual membership: \$25.00 per year; patrons \$50.00; seniors \$15.00

Mail application plus check to :



The Friends of the Silas Bronson Library

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