

Silas Bronson Library BOOKS AND HAPPENINGS

The Newsletter of Waterbury's Public Library

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ELEVATOR UPDATE

Our passenger elevator is as old as our building: it's been in operation since 1968 and it's ready for "retirement." Frequent breakdowns and long delays in finding replacement parts means it's time for a new elevator. Thanks to a Construction Grant from the Connecticut State Library and funding from the City of Waterbury, we will be getting a new elevator later this year. Updates on the project will be posted to our social media and shared in upcoming newsletters.



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Stop by the library during the week of April 23-29 to help us celebrate National Library Week! We'll have some fun activities, including a library scavenger hunt and raffle prizes. This year's theme is "There's More to the Story."

SPRING EXHIBITS

Each month we will feature different local artists in our first floor exhibit spaces. Exhibits are open whenever the library is open. Exhibits for children can be found on the second floor in the hallway display case and in the Children's Room.

March

High Rock and Beyond: Paintings by David Dooling

Dooling depicts both natural and whimsical subjects - many painted en plein air
on location at High Rock Park in the Naugatuck State Forest.



David Dooling

April

Images of Our Past: 150 Years of the Silas Bronson Library View scrapbooks, photographs, and other material from the library's founding in 1870 through the early 2000s.



Postcard view of the library in 1914

May

Paintings by Bryant Alan Winters

Winters is an African American illustrator, children's book author, and comic book writer. Born and raised in the Bronx, he has lived in Waterbury for the past 21 years.



Bryant Alan Winters







NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



Join the Friends

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. Founded in 1974, the Friends is run by a small board of volunteers who organize fundraising events to support the library's programs and services.

We are currently seeking new board members to join the Friends. If you are interested, please come to one of our meetings or contact the library's main office at 203-574-8222 for more information.

Monthly Meeting of the Friends

Second Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. March 14, April 11, May 9

Auditorium, Silas Bronson Library

Open to all members of the Friends. Please do not attend if you aren't feeling well or if you have been in contact with someone who has COVID-19.

Book Donations

Please note that due to space restrictions, we are not accepting any donations at this time.

Membership Fees

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.

Readers Garden Book Store

The Friends of the Library book store is located on the first floor of the library. Purchases can be made using cash, credit card, or check at the library's front desk.

Book Store Pricing

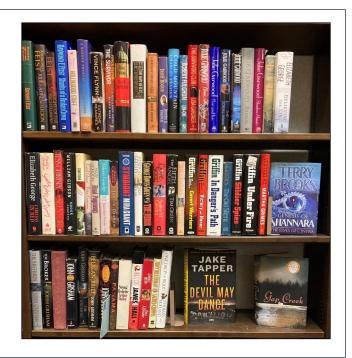
Hardcover: \$1.00 CD: 50¢

Paperback: 50¢ VHS: 25¢

Audiobooks: \$3.00 Children's books:

DVD: \$1.00 25¢ (paperback)

50¢ (hardcover)



COMPUTERS, WIFI, PRINTING, & COPYING

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. ID must be shown to use a guest pass.

CHARGING STATIONS

The library has small lockers for charging your phone while you go do something else. We also have a number of tables with power outlets and USB outlets for charging laptops, tablets, and phones. You must bring your own USB or power cord for charging your device.

WI-FI

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 East Wing 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.

ONE-ON-ONE COMPUTER HELP

By 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? What about resume or job search assistance? Our skilled and friendly staff are available to help you!

Schedule your appointment by calling 203-574-8225, visit the Reference Desk at the library or visit the Book a Librarian page on our website.

WI-FI HOTSPOTS AT HOME

Our Wi-Fi Hotspots let you borrow the internet for free! These small devices let you connect your phone, tablet, computer, or smart television to the internet. Hotspots can be borrowed for one week at a time.

CHROME BOOKS AND TABLETS

Please note that we are currently working on replacing our supply of chrome books and tablets. They will be made available as soon as possible.

B.R.A.S.S. COMPUTER CLASSES

Fridays, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Waterbury Senior Center

Call Debra at 203-574-6746

to reserve a space



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. For more information, call us at 203-574-8225.

ONLINE RESOURCES

ACORN APP

Access the library catalog from your smartphone or tablet, renew items, see how much money you owe, request an item to be placed on hold or update your account information, all that from the web or your phone. Log in to your account at silas.biblio.org or download the Acorn Catalog.







MUSEUM PASS PROGRAM

Our museum pass system is now on TixKeeper. The new online platform lets you view museum pass availability, reserve physical passes, and print passes at



home or at the library. Museum passes give you free or reduced price admission to more than a dozen museums, zoos, and science centers.

Visit bronsonlibrary.org/museums to get started.



EBOOKS & AUDIOBOOKS

We have increased our collection of online books, both ebooks and downloadable audiobooks. You can access them for free with the barcode number on your library card.

You can adjust an ebook's font size, book layout, and lighting. As you read, you can also add bookmarks, create notes and highlights, and define words.

For audiobooks, you can skip backward or forward, increase playback speed up to 3x, and set a sleep timer until the end of the chapter or for 5, 10, 30 minutes, or more.

To find out more, go to bronsonlibrary.org/ebooks.

OVERDRIVE

Access ebooks and audiobooks using the web browser on your computer.



LIBBY

The Libby app connects you to our OverDrive collection of ebooks and audiobooks on your smartphone or tablet. You can also borrow magazines using the Libby app.



PALACE

The Palace Project is a new app for library ebooks and audiobooks, configured by the Connecticut State Library.



WORLD BOOK EBOOKS

Educational books for kids and teens.
Includes classics of fiction and literature,
as well as new books on science, social
studies, mythology, health, biography,
and more. Also includes Read Aloud books.



ONLINE RESOURCES

DATABASES

Use the barcode number on your library card to access our free databases at bronsonlibrary.org/research.

ANCESTRY LIBRARY EDITION

Gain free access to billions of historical documents, including



census records and immigration records, to help you find out more about your family history.

AUTO REPAIR SOURCE

Accurate, authoritative and up-to-date Auto Repair Source service and repair information for thousands of domestic and imported vehicles. All content comes from the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) and includes step-by-step repair information, diagrams, maintenance schedules, parts

SMALL ENGINE REPAIR REFERENCE SOURCE

and labor estimates, service bulletins and recalls.

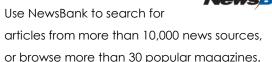
The Small Engine Repair Reference Center provides detailed yet user-friendly repair guides for all types of small engines, from lawn mowers to motorcycles.



MANGO

Learning a new language is a great new hobby that you can start right at home! Mango makes it easy to learn what you need, with dozens of languages to choose from.

NEWSBANK



REPUBLICAN-AMERICAN

Search for articles published in the Republican-American from 2004 to the present.



WORLD BOOK

The World Book is more than just an encyclopedia! Discover activities, ebooks, theater, science, social studies, and more. Research, discover and find answers to your questions.



UNIVERSAL CLASS

Brush up your skills with hundreds of free online courses to help you learn business skills, brush up on your education, or prepare for specific tests. CEUs and other certificates of completion are available.



Learn Something NEW

STATE LIBRARY DATABASES

ResearchIT provides you help to get started on history and legal research. The LearningExpress Job & Career Accelerator will help you find and apply for jobs. The LearningExpress Library includes academic skillbuilding, standardized test prep, career certification test prep and more.



PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

SISTERS-TO-SISTERS BOOK CLUB

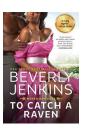
First Thursday of the month, 6 p.m. Auditorium

New members welcome. Books are available to borrow from the library.

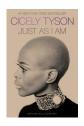
March 2: To Catch a Raven by Beverly Jenkins

April 6: Crossing the Line by Kareem Rosser

May 4: Just As I Am by Cicely Tyson







BRASS BOOK CLUB

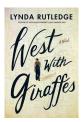
Fourth Thursday of the month, 12:30 p.m.

Zoom

Seniors 60+ are invited to join us for a monthly book discussion. Books are available to borrow from the library.

March 23: West With Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge April 27: Wait Till Next Year by Doris Kearns Goodwin May 25: The Watch That Ends the Night by Allan Wolf

Advance registration required. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/programs or call us at 203-574-8225.







CROCHET CLUB

Wednesdays, March 8 & 22, April 12 & 26, May 10 & 24, 3 p.m. Auditorium

Learn how to crochet, get help with a tricky project, or just come to socialize while crocheting. Bring your own project, or join in one of ours. Supplies provided.

CROCHET ONE-ON-ONE

By appointment

Can't attend the Crochet Club meeting? Call us at 203-574-8225 to schedule a one-on-one crochet lesson at a time that works for you!

COMPUTER CLASSES

Tuesdays, March 7 & 21,
April 4 & 18, May 2 & 16, 1:30 p.m.
Computer Classroom
Get the skills you need to start using computers today.



March 7: Intro to the Internet

March 21: Email

April 4: Intro to Computers
April 18: Ebooks & Audiobooks

May 2: MS Word for Beginners

May 16: Intro to Computers

COMPUTER ONE-ON-ONE

By appointment

Can't attend our Computer Classes? Need help with a different computer problem? Call us at 203-574-8225 to schedule a one-on-one computer lesson at a time that works for you!

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

MOVIE NIGHT

Thursdays, March 9, April 13, May 11, 6 p.m.

Auditorium

Come watch a good movie on our big screen.

March: Queen of Glory

April: Dog

May: Breaking





MEET THE AUTHOR: DR. MARIANNE BETTE

Thursday, March 30, 6:30 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Dr. Marianne Bette, who describes herself as a "grief warrior," shares her experiences in her book, Living with a Grieving Heart, that will





comfort and guide all those who have suffered terrific personal loss. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

JOB SEARCH SKILLS

Mondays, March 13, April 10, May 1, 11 a.m. Main Reading Room



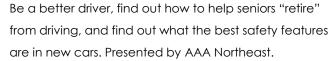
Looking for a job? Brian Duffany from the Goodwill Career Center will give you tips on how to apply for jobs.

March: Resume Writing April: Job Search 101 May: Interview Skills

AAA DRIVING TIPS

Fridays, March 31, April 28, May 5, 3:30 p.m.





March: 12+ Steps to Better Driving

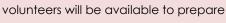
April: Key Timing for "Driving Retirement" May: Smart Features for Mature Drivers

VITA TAX PREP

January 28 - April 15 By appointment only Call 211 to schedule



The VITA Tax Prep program will be held at the library on Saturdays by appointment only. IRS-trained



tax returns for individuals who made \$60,000 or less, persons with disabilities, and limited English speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their tax returns.

Free tax prep assistance is also available for individuals who are self-employed and have business expenses less than \$35,000. IRS-trained volunteers are certified to prepare simple tax returns and screen customers for special tax credits and savings plans.

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



PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

POETRY WORKSHOP & OPEN MIC

Wednesday, April 5, 6:30 p.m. Auditorium

Share your poetry with the group and get help writing it.

LEARN TO MAKE WIRE & BEAD EARRINGS

Saturday, April 22, 1:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Make your own earrings with our craft supplies.



MAKING CENTS OF BANKING

Wednesday, April 19, 6 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Confused by banking? Learn about credit, monthly expenses, mortgage applications, and other banking basics. Presented by Webster Bank.

IMAGES OF OUR PAST

Saturday, April 29, 2 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Celebrate National Library Week

with a slideshow history of the

Silas Bronson Library, now in its 153rd year.

Presented by Raechel Guest, Director of the library.

DAR SENTIDO AL DINERO

Thursday, April 20, 6 p.m. Main Reading Room



Webster

Aprenda a tomar su decision de compra mas inteligente: como funciona el credito, presupuesto mensual, el proceso de solicitud de hipoteca, y otros conceptos bancarios básicos. Presentado por Webster Bank.

BOOKPAGE FLOWERS

Tuesday, May 9, 2:30 p.m. Auditorium Create your own flower bouquet using old books.



PHILIP V. BENEVENTO CULTURAL PROGRAM FOR ADULTS

PIERCE CAMPBELL TRIO

Saturday, May 6, 1:30 p.m.

Library Patio

Celebrate spring with a jazz concert by the Pierce Campbell Jazz Trio. They'll be performing classics from artists like Duke Ellington, Frank Sinatra, and Tony Bennett, along with more modern tunes from Stevie Wonder, Nora Jones, Bill Withers, and even some originals.

Note: concert will be held indoors if the weather is bad.

The Philip V. Benevento Fund for Cultural Programs 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.

GEEKDOM PROGRAMS

CHESS MEETUP

Tuesdays, March 7 & 21,
April 4 & 18, May 2 & 16, 6 p.m.
Auditorium
For all skill levels. Play against our
chess master, learn new techniques



Note: Chess will meet in the Main Reading Room on March 21, April 18, and May 16.

GEEKDOM MOVIE NIGHT

or just come to have fun.

Wednesdays, March 15, April 12, May 10, 6 p.m. Auditorium

Come watch a good movie on our big screen.

March: Thor Love & Thunder
April: The Princess Bride
May: The Lost City







WEBTOON GUILD

Wednesdays, March 22, April 19, May 24, 6 p.m.

Hybrid: Auditorium and Zoom

Our new Webtoon Book Club will

discuss favorite characters, art
styles and the wonderful world of
webcomics. Join us in person in the
auditorium or from home on Zoom.



Advance registration required for Zoom participation. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/geekdom

D&D 101

Wednesdays, March 29, April 26, May 31, 6 p.m.



Join us to learn the basics of DND 5th Edition from making a character, standard combat, and even participate in brief one-shot scenarios.

CHESS ON ZOOM

Thursdays, March 9 & 23, April 6 & 20, May 4 & 18, 4:30 p.m.

Zoom

Learn to play chess with our instructor, play in groups or paired up, discuss strategy and tactics.



Advance registration is required.

Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/geekdom

ANIME CLUB

Saturdays, March 4 & 18,
April 1 & 15, May 13, 2:30 p.m.
Auditorium

Join us for anime, trivia, and snacks.



ANIME MOVIE

Kaisen 0.

Saturday, April 29, 2:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Join us for a screening of the 2021

Japanese animated dark fantasy
based on the manga series, Jujutsu



GEEKDOM PROGRAMS

NOT YOUR PARENTS' BOARD GAMES

Saturdays, March 25, May 20, 2:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Discover a whole new world of board games beyond traditional choices and see what all the fun is about!

Presented by Anthony Ferello.



JIGSAW PUZZLE CONTEST

Saturday, April 1, 1 p.m. Main Reading Room

Teams of up to six people will

compete to see who can finish a jigsaw puzzle first! Stop by the Reference Desk to register in advance or call us at 203-574-8225.



TEEN/YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS



2ND ANNUAL TEEN POETRY CONTEST

Submissions Open: March 1, 2023 Submissions Close: May 5, 2023

The Teen Poetry Contest is open to all Waterbury students in grades 9 through 12. All poems must be original pieces.

Complete rules and entry forms are online at bronsonlibrary.org/teenprograms.

TEENZONE STUDY AREA

The library's TeenZone is a great place for teens to study or meet up to work on projects. Use of the room and computers is restricted to teens only.



FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Wednesday, March 8, 6 p.m. Auditorium

Find out how to apply for some of the largest scholarship programs and get

key info about financial aid. Presented by American Savings Foundation.



Fridays, March 17, April 21, May 19, 3:30 p.m.

TeenZone

Meet up with other teens to play board games and talk

about what you would like to see at the library.



WRAP YOUR OWN LETTER

Tuesday, April 4, 4:30 p.m.

TeenZone

We'll use letter stencils, yarn, and other craft supplies to decorate letters.

For ages 13+



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

BABIES AND BOOKS

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Children's Room Enjoy stories, Iullabies, nursery rhymes, and finger plays. Works best with one child per caregiver. For ages 24 months and younger.



WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY STORIES

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

Children's Room

Come listen to wonderful stories that will transport you to far away places.





MOTHER GOOSE STORY TIME

Thursdays, 10 a.m.

Children's Room

Ready for interactive stories? Our Mother Goose Story Time includes books, rhymes, songs, movement, and listening skills. For ages 2-4.



MONTHLY PROGRAMS

TWEEN BOOK CLUB

Tuesdays, March 28, April 25, May 30, 6 p.m.

Children's Room

Read the book, then come talk about it with other kids. For ages 10-14.

March: Amulet: Supernova by Kazu Kibuishi

April: Guts by Raina Telgemeier May: School Trip by Jerry Craft



MONTHLY PROGRAMS

WHERE IN THE LIBRARY IS SILAS THE CAT?

Wednesdays, March 15, April 12, May 17, all day

KidZone

Use clues provided by our librarians to find where Silas the Cat, our stuffed animal, is hiding. Snap a photo to win a prize. Ages 2+



BILINGUAL STORY TIME

Fridays, March 3, April 14, May 5, 11 a.m. Picture Book Room Join us each month for stories in English and Spanish. For ages 2-7.



SATURDAY MORNING MOVIES

Saturdays, March 11, April 8, May 6, 11:30 a.m.

Children's Room

Bring the kids to the library to watch a fun children's movie. In May, we'll have fun singing along with the movie.



March: Turning Red April: The Bad Guys May: Tangled (sing-along)





P-A-N

Saturdays, March 11 & 25, April 8 & 22, May 6 & 20, 11 a.m.

Children's Room

Join us for a story time learning about letters, numbers and the sounds they make. We'll also have a craft sponsored by the letter of the day. For ages 2-7.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

"I DISSENT"

Thursday, March 2, 4 p.m.

Children's Room

Sheryl Faye re-enacts the life of Ruth
Bader Ginsburg, who served on the

U.S. Supreme Court from 1993 to

2020. For ages 8-14.



SLIME!

Wednesday, April 12, 4 p.m.

Children's Room

Have fun making slime, and learn
about the science behind the slime.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY CRAFT

Friday, March 17, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Children's Room

Stop by the Children's Room for a fun shamrock craft. For ages 3-11.



MEET THE AUTHOR: CHASE TAYLOR

Thursday, April 13, 6 p.m.

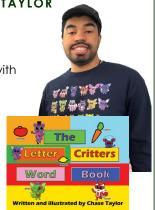
Children's Room

Join us for a special story time with

Chase Taylor, who will read his

latest book, The Letter Critters

Word Book, For ages 3-7.



BEADED BRACELET NIGHT

Tuesday, March 21, 5 p.m.

Children's Room

Following directions, kids can use yarn or embroidery thread to create a bracelet to take home or give to a friend. For ages 8+



MONEY SMART WEEK

April 15 - April 21

Children's Room

In honor of Money Smart Week, we will have special financial literacy guests, craft activities, and tips to make us money smart. For ages 4-14



EASTER EGG RELAY RACE

Thursday, April 6, 6 p.m. *KidZone*

Compete as teams in an Easter egg hunt on the library's second floor. One team member at a time hunts for an egg, then brings it back to the starting line and tags the next team member in.



PROBLEMA RESUELTO

Saturday, April 15, 1 p.m.

Children's Room

Author Lourdes Bermudez will host a bilingual story time discussing financial literacy through her children's book, Problema Re\$uelto = Problem \$olved. For ages 4-10.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

BE MONEY SMART

Children's Room

Wednesday, April 19, 5 p.m.



Learn how to be a smart money saver. Mr. Joshua Torres of Webster Bank will teach you how to make smart money decisions in a very fun and interactive way. For ages 4-14.

MR. PIG BOUGHT ME ICE CREAM

Friday, April 21, 4 p.m.

Children's Room

Author Brandon Garcia will share his children's book on financial education, Mr. Pig Bought Me Ice Cream, followed by a book



and ice cream giveaway. For ages 4-10

BIRD FEEDER CRAFT

Saturday, April 22, 1 p.m.

Children's Room

Come make a bird feeder with supplies
we provide. For ages 6+



VIVE EL CUENTO, LIVE THE STORY WITH LEENY

Thursday, May 4, 5:30 p.m.

Children's Room

Tales of kindness, inspiration and the bravery to overcome adversity and make a difference! Students Learn about the universal elements of storytelling along with the unique flavors of different cultures.



Leeny Del Seamonds is a multi award-winning international performer of animated, uplifting Latino, original and World tales and tunes demonstrating the passion, resiliency and triumphs of the human spirit and inviting audiences to share in her Cuban-American sense of humor and joy of performing.

Sponsored by Connecticut Humanities and the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library.

48TH ANNUAL POETRY CONTEST

Topics for 2023

Submissions Open: January 3, 2023

Submissions Close: March 16, 2023

The Silas Bronson Library Children's Poetry Contest is open to all Waterbury students in Kindergarten through Eighth Grade.

Complete rules and entry forms are online at bronsonlibrary.org/kids.

Grades K-3

- 1. Animals
- 2. My Favorite Thing
- 3. Make a Haiku

Grades 4-6

- 1. Spooky, Scary Things
- 2. Make a Haiku
- 3. What's Your Ideal World?

Grades 7-8

- 1. Make a Haiku
- 2. Social Media Hero or Zero?
- 3. What Empowers You to be Fierce?







Something for Everyone

LIBRARY HOURS

Main Library

Monday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.***

Tues- 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 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

SPECIAL NOTES:

For weather closings, please check our social media or website.

***Temporary Monday Hours:

9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

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

Good Friday, April 7 Memorial Day, May 29 Closed Saturdays from May 27 through September 2

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.





