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APRIL 2011



Books and.....

RECENTLY PURCHASED BOOKS

ADULT

- “Clara and Mr. Tiffany: a Novel”.....Susan Vreeland (Fiction)
- “Donnie Baseball: the Definitive Biography of Don Mattingly”
.....Mike Shalin (B Mattingly, D)
- “The Fates Will Find Their Way”.....Hannah Pittard (Fiction)
- “India Calling: an Intimate Portrait of a Nation’s Remaking”
.....Anand Giridharadas (954.053 Gir)
- “The Next Decade: Where We’ve Been . . . and Where We’re
Going”.....George Friedman (909.831 Fri)
- “Rodin’s Debutante: a Novel”.....Ward Just (Fiction)

YOUNG ADULT

- “American Vampire”.....Scott Snyder(GN Fiction)
- “Birthmarked”.....Caragh O’Brien (YA Fiction)
- “Dark Rain: a New Orleans Story”.....Mat Johnson (GN Fiction)
- “Matched”.....Ally Condie (YA Fiction)
- “Richard Stark’s Parker”.....Darwyn Cooke (GN Fiction)
- “Vespers: a Deviant’s Novel”.....Jeff Sampson (YA Fiction)

JUVENILE

- “The Buddy Files: the Case of the Lost Boy”
.....Dori Hillestad Butler (J Fiction)
- “Built to Last”.....David Macaulay (J 720 MacBu)
- “Busing Brewster”.....Richard Michelson (JP Michelson)
- “Clementine, Friend of the Week”.....Sara Pennypacker (J Fiction)
- “Clot & Scab: Gross Body Science”.....Kristi Lew (J 617.1 Lew)
- “The Cow Loves Cookies”.....Karma Wilson (JP Wilson)

RECENTLY PURCHASED DVDS

ADULT

- “Client 9: the Rise and Fall of Eliot Spitzer”.....(974.7 Cli)
- “Hideaway”.....(FEA Hid)
- “Last Train Home”.....(331.12 Las)
- “Skin”.....(FEA Ski)
- “Still Bill: Bill Withers”.....(B Withers, B)
- “Summer Wars”.....(FEA Sum)

JUVENILE

- “The Backyardigans: Escape from the Tower”.....(FEA BacTo)
- “Bakugan Battle Brawlers”.....(FEA Bak)
- “The Dolphin: Story of a Dreamer”.....(FEA Dol)
- “Martha Speaks: Martha Goes to School”.....(FEA Mar)
- “Martha Speaks: Martha Says it with Flowers”.....(FEA Mar)
- “Strawberry Shortcake: Berrywood Here We Come”
.....(FEA StrBe)

Happenings

- April 2 “LVA Alphabet Explorers” 10am Auditorium.
- April 4, 11, 18, 25 “Movie Matinee” 3pm Auditorium.
- April 4 “Sisters to Sisters Book Club” 6pm Board Room
- April 5, 12, 26 “Storytime Plus” 10-11am Auditorium.
- April 5 “Book Talk and Signing” with Jerry Labriola 7:00pm Auditorium.
- April 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 27, 29 “Computer Classes” with Sandra Rampertab 3:00pm Classroom A & B.
- April 6 “Calling All Poets” with Victoria Munoz 6:30pm Auditorium.
- April 7 “Mark Twain Autobiography” with Steve Courtney 6:30pm Auditorium.
- April 9 “SAT Practice Test” 10:00am Auditorium.
- April 11, 25 Brass City Toastmasters, 6:30pm Auditorium.
- April 12 Friends of the Library meeting 4:00pm Board Room.
- April 12, 13 AARP Tax 9:30—1:00pm East Wing.
- April 16 “The Soul Jazz Project Concert” 2:00pm Main Reading Room Stage.
- April 19 “Money Money Money” with TD Bank 11am and 2:00pm Auditorium.
- April 20 “Learn about Financing at NVCC” with J. Yvette Tucker 7:00pm Auditorium.
- April 22 Library Closed Good Friday
- April 26 Board of Agents meeting 4pm Board Room.



LOBBY DISPLAY CASE

Ogham Art of Southington displays and exclusive line of gifts featuring Ogham, the first written form of the Irish Language.

GALLERY WALL

Mathew Laskarzowski exhibits his nature photographs of New England.



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Sisters to Sisters Book Talk features

“From Cape Town with Love”

by *Blair Underwood*

April 4, 2011
6 p.m. Board Room, Main Library

APRIL BOOK DISPLAY

Alternative medicine—is it for you? During April, we feature many selections from the vast literature on this phenomenon in our book display. What’s the best way to approach the subject? If you start with a particular disease or ailment, chances are we can find you a book about natural or alternative treatments for it. Then, there are books that seek to educate the public on a more general level. For example, there’s a new book out in large print called “Supplement Your Prescription: what your doctor doesn’t know about nutrition,” by Hyla Cass. Here’s another intriguing title: “Pain-Free for Life: the 6-week cure for chronic pain without surgery or drugs” by Scott Brady. Who doesn’t want to be pain-free? The Mayo Clinic published its own guide to a whole range of natural therapies, including massage, acupuncture, and meditation. There are links between alternative medicine, religion, culture, and ethnicity. In “Earth Medicine - Earth Food” by Michael A. Weiner, you can read about the different plant remedies used by generations of North American Indians. Is it all hype, or is there really something valid here that you should know about? We’ll let you decide.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOKSTORE



To celebrate the arrival of spring, *The Friends of the Library* bookstore is having a sale. All books on sports and the outdoors are half-priced during the month of April. Sale prices for these items are \$.50 each for hardcovers and \$.25 each for paperbacks. Visit us soon - we look forward to sharing some spring time!

The Friends of the Library bookstore is located on the second floor of the library. Bookstore hours are: Tuesdays 1:30-3:30 p.m.; Wednesdays 3:00-6:00 p.m.; and Saturdays 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Hardcover books are \$1.00 each; paperbacks are \$.50. All children’s items are \$.25 each.

OVERDRIVE IS HERE

The Bronson Library is pleased to announce the arrival of downloadable eMedia from OverDrive. The Bronson is now one of many libraries in the Bibliomation Consortium to offer downloadable audiobooks and eBooks from OverDrive. Patrons with a valid library card and access to an internet-ready home computer can begin to download from a number of popular titles offered in OverDrive. Select audiobooks and eBooks can be downloaded to home laptops/computers and a variety of mobile devices and ebook readers, including certain cell phones. Patrons are able to download five (5) items at a time with automatic expiration at the end of the lending period, so late fees never apply. Patrons can view a quickstart guide on the OverDrive site to begin using OverDrive, or they can call the Adult Services Division with any questions: 203-574-8225.

SAT PRACTICE TEST

Saturday, April 9, 2011
10:00—2:00pm Auditorium

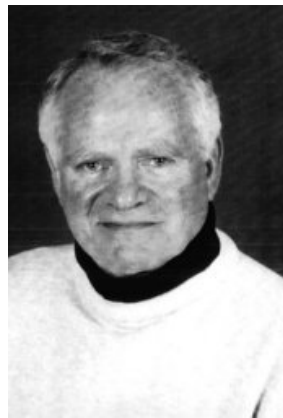
Kaplan is offering a free practice exam in preparation for the SAT in May. Please sign up at the Circulation Desk.

“Ignoring Forensic Evidence”

Talk by Dr. Jerry Labriola

Book signing - *Scent of Danger*

April 5th, 7:00p.m.



Critically acclaimed mystery writer Dr. Jerry Labriola, author of the Dr. David Brooks mystery series and co-author with renowned forensic scientist Dr. Henry Lee of *The Budapest Connection*, *Shocking Cases*, *Dr. Henry Lee’s Forensic Files*, and *Famous Crimes Revisited*, and has penned another thriller in which world-class action, violence and sinister cover-ups abound.

In *Scent of Danger*, American international treasure hunter Paul D’Arneau investigates the theft of a secret perfume formula - only to be swept up in a maelstrom of cryptic messages, personal assaults - and even murder! The formula dates back to the days of Napoleon, the discovery of the Rosetta Stone, the controversy over the Elgin Marbles, and, possibly - Cleopatra. Hastily planned journeys from Paris to Grasse, France - the perfume capital of the world - and to Cairo, Alexandria, London and the islands of Elba and St. Helena heighten the suspense. Also woven throughout the story is a romance between Paul and Sylvie Ranet, of the French Academy of Sciences.

In conjunction with the release of this latest mystery/suspense novel, Dr. Labriola presents a talk entitled “**Ignoring Forensic Evidence**” in the library auditorium **Tuesday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m.**, in which he will discuss two high-profile cases taken from books he coauthored with Dr. Lee. In both cases the victims died from a gunshot wound into the mouth. One case was ruled a murder and the other a suicide, Labriola offers forensic evidence refuting the decisions of both juries.

The talk will be followed by a question and answer period as well as the sale and signing of *Scent of Danger*. Those purchasing it will receive a complimentary copy of one of Labriola’s earlier books.

The program is free and open to the public.



Autobiography of Mark Twain, Volume I - the book Twain wanted published a century after his death - made headlines and became an instant bestseller when it was released late last year. In it, Twain said he had hit on the perfect idea for writing a biography: to “start it at no particular time of your life; talk only about the thing that interests you for the moment; drop it the moment its interest threatens to pale, and turn your talk upon the new and more interesting thing that has intruded itself into your mind meantime.”

Steve Courtney, award-winning biographer and Publicist and Publications Editor at The Mark Twain House & Museum, will speak in the library auditorium Thursday, April 7, at 6:30 p.m. on the story of this extraordinary work and the many funny, touching and sometimes angry tales contained therein. Courtney will also speak of the connection between the *Autobiography* and the life of the Mark Twain’s closest friend believe it or not, a minister from Southington. Courtney is the author of “*Joseph Hopkins Twichell: The Life and Times of Mark Twain’s Closest Friend*” (University of Georgia Press, 2008), which won the Connecticut Book Award for Biography/Memoir in 2009.

Copies of both the Twain *Autobiography* and the Twichell biography will be available for purchase and signing after the talk.

The program is open to the public. Admission is free.

**NATIONAL
LIBRARY WEEK
APRIL 10 - 16**



**National Library Week/jAM Concert
Featuring
THE SOUL JAZZ PROJECT
Saturday, April 16 – 2:00 p.m. Main Reading
Room**

This year's **National Library Week/Jazz Appreciation Month** concert features The Soul Jazz Project, a new group created by drummer John Cutrone and bassist Stu Woods in an effort to present great music from the Hard Bop and Soul Jazz period (1955-1965) to new audiences.

The SJP features music by Hank Mobley, Horace Silver, Jackie McLean, Wayne Shorter, Freddie Hubbard, Lee Morgan, Stanley Turrentine, Sonny Clark, Cannonball Adderly, Oliver Nelson, Clifford Brown and other great composers from the era.

Other members of the group are:

- Bill Bickford, guitar
- Paul Mariconda, piano and organ
- Tim Ouimet, trumpet
- Ken Gioffre, tenor sax

Individually, the members have played with such notable artists and musicians as Ray Charles, Dizzy Gillespie, John Patitucci, Nancy Wilson, Buddy Guy, Smokey Robinson, Clark Terry, Bucky Pizzarelli, Billy Cobham, Brother Jack McDuff, Mose Allison, Lionel Hampton, the Manhattan Transfer, Bob Dylan, Jim Croce, Barry Manilow and Todd Rundgren.

Inaugurated in 2002 by the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of American History in collaboration with the recording industry and other organizations, Jazz Appreciation Month (JAM) is designed to pay tribute to jazz as an historic and living American art form.

Since 1958, National Library Week is an observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the nation every April. It's a time for schools, campuses and communities to remind the public about the contribution libraries, librarians and library workers make to their communities.

APRIL IS NATIONAL POETRY MONTH



**Calling All Poets
(. . . and poetry lovers)
hosted by Victoria Muñoz**

**Wednesday, April 6th - 6:30 pm
Open mike sign-up - 6:20 pm
Auditorium**

**Featuring
Ginny Lowe Connors**

Ginny Lowe Connors is an English teacher in West Hartford, whose poetry has appeared in numerous literary magazines and anthologies. She has authored a collection of poetry, *Barbarians in the Kitchen* and a chapbook, *Under the Porch* and is the editor of three poetry collections, including *Proposing on the Brooklyn Bridge*.

She has won numerous awards, including the *Atlanta Review's* International Poetry Competition Prize (2001). She was named "Poet of the Year" (2003) by the New England Association of Teachers of English and won the 2010 Sunken Garden Poetry Prize.

National Poetry Month is a celebration of poetry first introduced in 1996 by the Academy of American Poets as a way to increase awareness and appreciation of Poetry in the United States. It is celebrated every April in the United States and in Canada since 1999.

For several years, the Silas Bronson Library has been privileged to present **Calling All Poets (. . . and poetry lovers)** hosted by poet, musician, music therapist and educator Victoria Muñoz. An inquiry by Ms. Muñoz about poetry programs in the library led to an invitation to create and host a series here at the Bronson. Since then, Ms. Muñoz has presented award-winning published poets and invited new poets and poetry lovers to share their favorite works. The Bronson Library is indebted to Ms. Muñoz and invites everyone to participate in and enjoy her great programs!

RECENTLY PURCHASED GAMES

- “**Ace Combat: Joint Assault**” (PSP).....(a-gmvd Ace)
- “**Final Fantasy: the 4 Heroes of Light**” (Nintendo DS)
.....(a-gmvd Fin 4)
- “**God of War: Ghost of Sparta**” (PSP).....(a-gmvd Godgh)

Need money to get an education?

A better education can lead to higher income levels!

Finding a job in tough times can be tougher without a higher level of education—and no money to pursue it.



Meet

J. Yvette Tucker

Assistant Director of Admissions,
Naugatuck Valley Community College
(NVCC)

Wednesday, April 20, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Auditorium

Learn about financing education for the following NVCC credit and noncredit programs:

CNA
Automotive Tech
Foodservice Management
Liberal Arts
Business Management
CADD Modeling 3D
Family Child Care Provider
Manufacturing
Dietary Supervision
Drug & Alcohol Recovery Counselor
Electronic Music & Audio Production
Hotel Management
Environmental Science
Criminal Justice
Accounting
Bartending SMART Certification
Central Sterile Processing Technician
Certified Wedding Planner
Medical Coding & Billing Specialist
Patient Care Technician
Welding Certificates
Human Resources
Interior Design
Human Services
Computer Aided Manufacturing (CNC)
and much more!



All ages welcome!

HAPPY



EASTER



BRONSON LIBRARY

Free Computer Classes

There is no registration for classes - first come first served. There is a limit of fifteen students per session.

Time: 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Place: Classroom A/B

Apr 1 Introduction to PowerPoint

Apr 6 Mouse & Keyboard Skills

April 8 Computer Basics

Apr 13 Introduction to Microsoft Word

Apr 15 Introduction to Internet

Apr 20 **NO CLASS**

Apr 22 NO CLASS (holiday)

Apr 27 Mouse & Keyboard Skills

Apr 29 Computer Basics



SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY
36TH ANNUAL POETRY CONTEST
2011
THEMES BY GRADE

- 1 KITTENS OR PUPPIES
- 2 SOUNDS I LIKE
- 3 IT'S SPRING!
- 4 MAGIC
- 5 MY FAVORITE ATHLETE
- 6 VEHICLES OF THE FUTURE
- 7 AVATARS
- 8 CULTURAL IDENTITY

PLEASE NOTE:
ENTRIES NOT FOLLOWING ALL RULES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

1. Open to all children in grades 1-8 who live in Waterbury or attend school in Waterbury.
2. To qualify, all entries must be submitted to the Children's Services Division of the Main Library or the Bunker Hill Branch no later than Saturday the 30th of April at 2:00 pm.
3. Themes have been designated for each grade. See above for the complete listing.
4. All entries MUST be the original work of the individual entrant. Only one entry per individual is permitted.
5. THE ONLY INFORMATION PERMITTED ON THE FRONT OF THE ENTRY IS THE TITLE AND TEXT OF THE POEM. (IF POSSIBLE, EACH POEM SHOULD BE ON ONE SIDE OF ONE PAGE.)
6. All entrants must attach an official registration form to the BACK OF THE ENTRY. These forms are available at the Silas Bronson Library (Main and Bunker Hill Branch) and through all the schools in Waterbury as well as the Silas Bronson Library Website-www.bronsonlibrary.org.
7. Entries cannot be returned. Please keep a copy for your records.
8. Any entry submitted in a foreign language must be accompanied by the English translation. Judging will be based on the translated version of the poem.

Note: Winners will be notified by phone in mid May 2011.

For additional information, please call the Children's Services Division at 203-574-8213.

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Tuesday, April 19, 2011

(see times below - school holiday)

(National Financial Literacy Month)

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY
with TD Bank

This two-part school holiday day-time program is focused on 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades. Participants may attend one or both interactive sessions, but they must register in advance.

11:00 a.m. An Introduction to Money: its origin, history, and functions

2:00 p.m. The History of Banking and Saving



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**All programs are free but registration is required.
Stop by or Call Children's Services, (203) 574-8212.**

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203-574-8226 TTY/TDD
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Friday 9am - 5:30pm
Saturday 10am - 2pm

Bunker Hill Branch
203 574-8240
Tues. 1pm - 8pm
Thurs. 10am - 5:30pm
Saturday 10am - 2:00pm



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Upcoming Attractions at the SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY

May 2 Sisters to Sisters 6pm Board Room.
May 2, 9, 16, 23 "Movie Matinee" 3pm Auditorium.
May 3, 10, 17, 24 "Storytime Plus" 10-11am Auditorium
May 4 "Calling All Poets" with Victoria Munoz 6:30pm Auditorium.
May 9, 23 Brass City Toastmasters 6:30pm Auditorium.
May 10 "CT CHIP (Connecticut Child Identification Program)" Board and Children's Rooms.

May 14 "LVA Alphabet Explorers" 10am Auditorium.
May 16 "The Anarchist Bastard: Growing up Italian in America" with Joanna Clapp Herman Book Talk 6:30pm Auditorium
May 24 Board of Agents meeting 4:00pm Board Room.
May 30 Memorial Day Library - Closed.

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 February, April, June, August, October, and December at the Main Library on the second Tuesday, 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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Waterbury, CT 06723

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