

# Silas Bronson Library

## BOOKS AND HAPPENINGS

The Newsletter of Waterbury's Public Library

SUMMER 2025

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### SUMMER READING

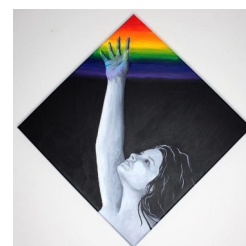
This year's Summer Reading theme is Level Up. We have a ton of great incentives to motivate young readers and great programs to keep you engaged all summer long—see the rest of this newsletter for details.

Wondering what to read this summer? The library's staff has put together a list of books we recommend. See page 8 to find out what we came up with.

### ART EXHIBITS

Each month we feature different local artists in our first floor exhibit spaces. Exhibits are open whenever the library is open.

**June:** Amanda Mendoza (she/they) is a queer, first-generation Latine American artist and survivor of childhood sexual and physical abuse. They use art as a pathway to healing and connection with others.



Amanda Mendoza

Franklin Silva is a Brazilian artist whose work explores the relationship of nature, humans, society, and issues that are present in everyday life.



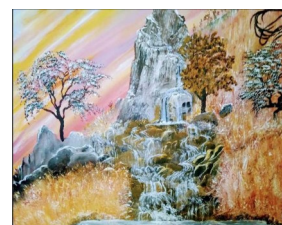
Franklin Silva

**July:** Enrique Ortiz is well known for his outstanding talent in the creative areas of sculpture and culinary art. He works as a chef and as a sculptor in plastics.



Enrique Ortiz

**August:** David Dooling is drawn to the natural world in life and in his art, painting wintry landscapes, woodland scenes, and other images inspired by the time he spends outdoors.



David Dooling



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# FRIENDS OF THE SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY

## Annual Meeting of the Friends

Join the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library for their  
50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Celebration on Friday,  
June 27, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm.  
at the Pa'lante Theater Black Box, 158 Grand Street

Tickets are \$30 per person. The event includes a cash bar,  
hors d'oeuvres, and music.

The Friends of the Library Annual Award for Distinguished  
Service to the Silas Bronson Library will be presented to:

Philip V. Benevento  
Nancy Cebik  
Audrey Harrell  
Christine Rinaldi

Friends of the Silas Bronson Library presents:

# 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Annual Meeting

**Friday June 27, 2025**  
**STARTING AT 6:00 PM**

**PA'LANTE THEATER BLACK BOX**  
158 Grand Street, Waterbury, CT 06702

**TICKETS \$30.00 PER PERSON**  
Cash Bar | Hors D'oeuvres | Music

**FEATURING THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY  
ANNUAL AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED  
SERVICE TO THE SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY.**

Friends of the Silas Bronson Library is a 501(c)3 Non Profit that exists to support the mission and work of the Silas Bronson Library



## Monthly Meeting of the Friends

Tuesday, June 10, 6 p.m.

Hybrid: Auditorium & Zoom, Silas Bronson Library

Come find out how you can volunteer with the Friends  
and help support the library.

To join our meetings via Zoom, please register  
at [bronsonlibrary.org/programs](https://bronsonlibrary.org/programs)

Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance  
online at [bronsonlibrary.org/friends](https://bronsonlibrary.org/friends)



## 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)



# ONLINE RESOURCES

Visit our online resources at [bronsonlibrary.org/digital](http://bronsonlibrary.org/digital)

## ACORN APP

Access your library account, use the app instead of your library card, and search our catalog, all on your phone. Download the Acorn Catalog, then log in with your library barcode number and password.



## AMERICA'S HISTORICAL NEWSPAPERS

Search or browse the *Waterbury American* from 1844 to 1865, one of more than 100 historical newspapers in this database.



## 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 service and repair information for thousands of domestic and imported vehicles.



## BLACK LIFE IN AMERICA

Search or browse the *Waterbury American* from 1866 to 1877, one of thousands of newspapers in this database.



## LIBBY

The Libby app connects you to our OverDrive collection of ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines on your smartphone or tablet.



## MANGO

Learn a new language with Mango, which has dozens of languages to choose from.



## MUSEUM PASS PROGRAM

Our museum passes give you free or reduced price admission to more than a dozen museums, zoos, and science centers.



## NEWSBANK

Use NewsBank to search for news articles from more than 10,000 sources, or browse more than 30 popular magazines.



## NORTHSTAR DIGITAL LITERACY

Build your computer skills and confidence in using new technology for work or daily life.



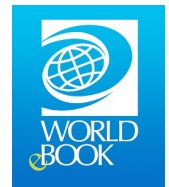
## REPUBLICAN-AMERICAN

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.



## UNIVERSAL CLASS

Brush up your skills with hundreds of free online courses to help you learn new skills or prepare for tests.



Learn Something NEW

Access Universal Class through the Libby app or on a browser using the link on our website.



# PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

## AFTERNOON COMPUTER CLASSES

Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.

Computer Classroom

Need help using computers? Come to one of our classes and learn something new!



- June 3: Mouse & Keyboard Skills
- June 10: Internet Browsers
- June 17: Staying Safe on the Internet
- June 24: Using the Internet for Everyday Tasks, part 1
- July 8: Using the Internet for Everyday Tasks, part 2
- July 15: Opening, Closing, Saving, Printing, and Downloading
- July 22: MS Word
- July 29: Android Phone Basics
- August 5: iPhone Phone Basics
- August 12: Working in Windows
- August 19: Email Basics
- August 26: File Explorer

## EVENING COMPUTER CLASSES

Wednesdays, June 25, July 23, August 27, 6:30 p.m.

Computer Classroom

Brush up on the computer skills you need for work or school.

- June 25: MS Word
- July 23: PowerPoint
- August 27: Excel

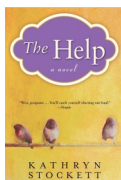


## BUNKER BOOKIES

Thursday, September 11, 1:30 p.m.

Bunker Hill Branch Library

Bunker Bookies will not be meeting in the summer, but will return in September to discuss *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. Copies of the book will be available in mid-August.

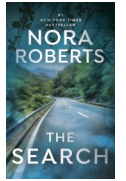


## SISTERS TO SISTERS BOOK CLUB

Thursday, June 5, 6 p.m.

Auditorium

New members welcome. In June, we'll be discussing *The Search* by Nora Roberts. Copies of the book will be available at the library. We'll take a break from meeting in July and August. In September, we'll share what we read this summer.

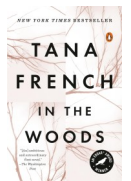


## MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Thursday, July 15, 1:00 p.m.

Bunker Hill Branch Library

Join us for a discussion every other month at the Bunker Hill Branch Library. Copies of the books are available at the main library and the branch library. In July, we'll be discussing *In the Woods* by Tana French.



## BRASS BOOK CLUB

Thursdays, June 26, July 24, August 28, 12:30 p.m.

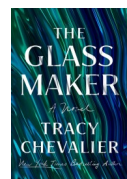
Zoom

Seniors 60+ are invited to join us for a monthly book discussion on Zoom. Copies of the books will be available at the main library and the Bunker Hill branch.

June 26: *Someone Else's Shoes* by Jojo Moyes

July 24: *Eleni* by Nicholas Gage

August 28: *The Glassmaker* by Tracy Chevalier



Advance registration is required for this Zoom program. Sign up at [bronsonlibrary.org/programs](http://bronsonlibrary.org/programs)

# PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR ADULTS

June 16 – August 18, 2025

Explore new books and authors with our Summer Reading Program. Pick up your summer reading bingo card at the Reference Desk and complete five activities in a row. Return your card with completed squares to the Reference Desk to be entered into the grand prize raffle.



## EXERCISE YOUR MIND

Mondays, June 16, July 14, August 18, 2:30 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Stimulate your brain with games, puzzles, and conversation! Bring a friend or meet new friends.



## BILINGUAL DOMINO

Wednesdays, June 25, July 23, August 20, 3:00 p.m.

Auditorium

Play domino in English and Spanish. Meet new friends and have fun! We will provide dominoes and snacks.



## WATERBURY WRITERS

Thursdays, June 26, July 17, August 14, 6:00 p.m.

Auditorium

Writers of all experience levels are invited to share their WIPs, brainstorm ideas, have fun with writing prompts, or simply connect with other writers.



## MY TOWN, MY STORY

Fridays, June 27, July 18, August 15, 11:00 a.m.

Computer Classroom

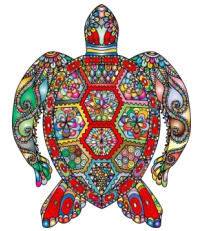
Find out how My Town, My Story can help you preserve and share your favorite memories, then learn how Shakesperience Productions can help you present them as a monologue or scene. Final products may include video recordings accessible through the library and scenes for students to perform in future years.

## COLORING & CONVERSATIONS

Fridays, June 27, July 25, August 29, 2:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Meet and chat during our Coloring and Conversation Club. Whether you are looking to relax and de-stress, practice your English conversation skills, or meet new people, you are welcome to join us! Coloring pages and supplies will be provided.



## SUMMER BEADED JEWELRY CLUB

Fridays, June 13, July 18, August 15, 3:00 p.m.

Auditorium

Come join our informal beading group. Make something new to wear this summer or give as a gift, or bring an item to repair and wear. Supplies provided.

## TINY ART PAINTING PROJECT

Fridays, July 11, August 8, 3:00 p.m.

Auditorium

Drop in and paint a 4"x4" painting, or pick up a kit to take home between July 14 and August 22 (or while supplies last). Bring your finished artwork to the library by August 29 for a special exhibit in September! Quantities are limited. One kit per patron.

# PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

## PRIDE MONTH ART CRAWL

Wednesday, June 11, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Front Lobby

Discover great art throughout downtown Waterbury! This year's Pride Month Art Crawl will start at the Palace Theater, then head over to the YMCA and the Silas Bronson Library. The Art Crawl ends with refreshments and more art at Cuppa Tea at Grand Street. Sponsored by Greater Waterbury LGBTQIA+ Pride.



## PRIDE FILM FEST

Thursday, June 12, 5:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Tuesday, June 24, 5:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Auditorium

Celebrate Pride Month with a two-part film fest focusing on the trans experience. Sponsored by Greater Waterbury LGBTQIA+ Pride and Stonewall Speakers.



June 12: *Will & Harper*, presented by Stonewall Speakers, a nonprofit dedicated to eliminating hate and promoting understanding.

June 24: *Unfightable*, presented by Karleigh Webb, a journalist and athlete who appears in this documentary about trans MMA athlete Alana McLaughlin

## HOW TO READ FOOD LABELS

Tuesday, June 17, 3:00 p.m.

Auditorium

Estevan Miranda, Onsite Health Coach for the City of Waterbury, will teach you how to understand the labels on your groceries. Snacks will be provided.

## FIELDWORK ARCHIVE

Tuesday, July 22, 6:30 p.m.

Main Reading Room

The Derek Piotr Fieldwork Archive was established in 2022 and contains over one thousand folklife audio recordings: ballads, hymns, tales, poems, songs, and interviews. Piotr will join us to talk about his journeys from the United Kingdom to Appalachia to collect recordings and develop the archive.



## PAINTING WITH MARITZA

Thursday, July 24, 2:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Maritza Chacón will help you learn to paint in this workshop. Maritza is an accomplished visual artist who uses oil, acrylic, chalk pastel, graphite, and experimental watercolor. Supplies and snacks will be provided.



## SECRETS OF THE PALACE THEATER

Tuesday, July 29, 6:00 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Learn about the rich history and beauty of Waterbury's Palace Theater from Meg Luddy, Tour Coordinator, and Sheree Marcucci, Director of Special Projects and Curated Programs. They'll take you on a virtual tour through the historic stages of the Palace from its inception, its heyday, its "seen better" days, and its 21st century renovation.



## MEET THE AUTHOR: J.L. POLANCO

Thursday, August 7, 6:30 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Local author and Nuyorican J.L. Polanco has self-published two romance novels, *Love Me Again* and *How to Survive Your Retail Job During the Holidays*. She will have copies of her books available for purchase and signing.

# PHILIP V. BENEVENTO CULTURAL PROGRAM FOR ADULTS



## REBELLIOUS RHYTHM: EXPLORING PUERTO RICAN HISTORY THROUGH REGGAETÓN

Mondays, July 7, 14, 21, 5:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Auditorium

Reggaetón music can be heard all over Connecticut, but what can it tell us about Puerto Rican culture and history? Discover the rich history of Reggaetón in Puerto Rico and the Puerto Rican diaspora in Connecticut with this three-part workshop, which will combine historical lectures, interactive activities, listening sessions, and community dialogues. Each session will be led by Nina Vazquez, a public historian and educator who was quoted in a 2023 *Rolling Stone* magazine article about Bad Bunny's 'X100PRE'.

### July 7: *El Grito de Lares* (1868) to the Ponce Massacre (1937)

An introduction to Puerto Rico's early independence struggles and the island's colonial transition from Spain to U.S. governance, highlighting the birth of resistance movements and political repression.

### July 14: The Criminalization of Puerto Ricans, 1940s-2000s

This session explores the systemic criminalization of Puerto Rican people on the island and in the diaspora, examining government surveillance, eugenics, cultural suppression, and the vilification of reggaetón.

### July 21: Reggaetón as a Political Tool, 2010-present

This final session examines how reggaetón has evolved into a powerful medium for social commentary and political protest, particularly in response to natural disasters, colonial austerity measures, and anti-government uprisings.

Space is limited. Please pre-register online at [bronsonlibrary.org/programs](https://bronsonlibrary.org/programs) or call 203-574-8225.

*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.*



# RECOMMENDED READING

Wondering what to read this summer?  
Here's our staff recommendations!

*Everyone Says It's Everything* by  
Xhenet Aliu

*From Blood and Ash* by  
Jennifer L. Armentrout

*Queens of Crime* by Marie Benedict

*Remarkable Creatures* by  
Tracy Chevalier

*Stolen* by Lucy Christopher

*Ready Player One* by Ernest Cline

*One of Us Knows* by Alyssa Cole

*House of Leaves* by  
Mark Z. Danielewski

*James* by Percival Everett

*Reincarnation* by Michael Head

*Beach Read* by Emily Henry

*The Story She Left Behind* by  
Patti Callahan Henry

*Say You'll Remember Me* by  
Abby Jimenez

*Don't Tell Me How to Die* by  
Marshall Karp

*The King's Messenger* by Susanna Kearsley

*The Institute* by Stephen King

*Demon Copperhead*  
by Barbara Kingsolver

*Ritualist* by Dakota Krout

*Pony Confidential* by Christina Lynch

*A Dagger of Lightning* by Meredith Lyons

*The Filling Station* by Vanessa Miller

*Where the Rivers Merge*  
by Mary Alice Monroe

*The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore

*Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano

*The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo*  
by Taylor Jenkins Reid

*Home is Where the Bodies Are* by Jeneva Rose

*Slow Dance* by Rainbow Rowell

*The Lager Queen of Minnesota*  
by J. Ryan Stradal

*That Summer* by Jennifer Weiner

*Ghost Girl, Banana* by Wiz Wharton

*The Author's Guide to Murder* by  
Lauren Willig, Beatrice Williams,  
and Karen White

*Remarkably Bright Creatures* by  
Shelby Van Pelt

## Children

*Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis

*Has Anyone Seen My Emily Greene?*

by Norma Fox Mazer and  
Christine Davenier

## Teen/Young Adult

*Blood Debts* by Terry J. Benton-Walker

## Graphic Novels

*Supergirl: Woman of Tomorrow* by

Tom King, Bilquis Evely, and Matheus Lopes

*Something Is Killing the Children* by  
James Tynion IV, Werther Dell'Edera,  
and Miquel Muerto

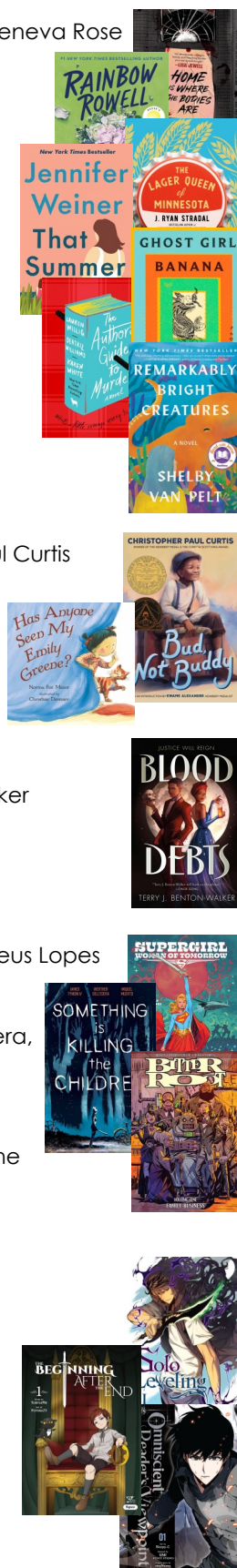
*Bitter Root* by David F. Walker,  
Chuck Brown, and Sanford Greene

## Manga

*Solo Leveling* adapted by DUBU  
(Redice Studio)

*The Beginning After the End* by  
TurtleMe and Fuyuki23

*Omniscient Reader's Viewpoint*  
adapted by UMI (Redice Studio)





# SILAS BRONSON GEEKDOM

## WICKED SING-ALONG

Monday, June 30, 5:00 p.m.

Auditorium

Dress up as your favorite character from the movie and join us in a sing-along viewing of *Wicked* (PG).

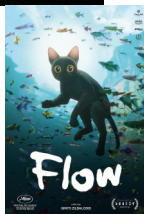


## GEEKDOM MOVIES

Mondays, July 28, August 11, 5:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Bring friends and family to watch fun geeky movies at the library. Suggested ages 13+.



July 28: *Beetlejuice Beetlejuice* (PG-13)

August 11: *Flow* (PG)

## TABLETOP GAMING

Mondays, June 9 & 23, July 7 & 21,

August 4 & 18, 6:00 p.m.

Auditorium

Unwind with board games and other tabletop games. Bring a friend or meet new people.



## CHESS MEETUP

Tuesdays, June 10 & 24, July 8 & 22,

August 5 & 19, 6:00 p.m.

Auditorium

For all skill levels. Play against our chess master, learn new techniques or just come to have fun.



## DND 101

Wednesdays, June 4 & 18,

July 2, 16 & 30, August 13 & 27, 6:00 p.m.

Auditorium

Come learn the basics of DND 5th Edition through a tutorial campaign.



## ANIME CLUB

Wednesdays, June 11 & 25,

July 9 & 23, August 6 & 20, 6:00 p.m.

Auditorium

Join us for anime, trivia, and snacks.



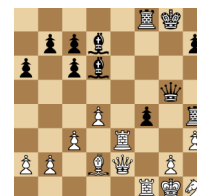
## CHESS ON ZOOM

Thursdays, June 12 & 26, July 10 & 24,

August 7 & 21, 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 for this Zoom program.*

*Sign up online at [bronsonlibrary.org/geekdom](https://bronsonlibrary.org/geekdom).*

## BORROW OUR GAMES

We have a growing collection of jigsaw puzzles, board games, and video games you can borrow from the library.



# TEEN/YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM

June 16 - August 18

Read 25+ hours this summer and qualify to win prizes! Teens in grades eight through twelve or ages 13 to 19 can participate.

Sign up at the library or on our website [bronsonlibrary.org/teenprograms](http://bronsonlibrary.org/teenprograms), then start reading.



## SUMMER READING PRIZES

Pick up a reading log from the library to keep track of how much you read. Every time you level up on the log sheet, bring it to the library and pick out a prize from our cart (choose from bookmarks, pens, notebooks, sunglasses, and more). Once you complete the entire log sheet, bring it back to be entered to win one of our grand prizes.

Grand Prize 1 — GameStop \$60 Gift Card

Grand Prize 2 — Crochet Gift Basket  
(yarn, needles, wobble kit, crochet book)

Grand Prize 3 — Adventure Gift Basket  
(gift certificates from SportsCenter of Connecticut, Ski Mount Southington, and more!)

Grand Prize 4 — Foodie Gift Basket  
(gift certificates from Brooklyn Bakery, Frank Pepe Pizza, McDonald's)

Grand Prize 5 — Board Game Gift Basket  
(Sushi Go, Exploding Kittens, Connect Four, Desk Darts, and Memory)

## LEVEL UP YOUR FINANCES

Thursdays, July 10 - August 7, 5:30 p.m.

*TeenZone*

Get smart about money and find strategies for building wealth with this free financial literacy program for ages 13-18. This five-week program is presented by Natalie Klemm, a high school student who serves on the national leadership team for Girls Who Start, a nonprofit working to combat gender inequalities in the business world, and as a board member of Females for Finance, a nonprofit founded by Yale students.



## CREATIVE TALE TUESDAY

Tuesdays, June 24, July 22, August 12, 1:00 p.m.

*TeenZone*

Express yourself in writing with a different workshop each month.

In June, we'll focus on poetry;

in July, short stories; and in August,

playwriting. We'll supply notebooks, pens, and snacks.



## PFLAG SOCIAL NIGHT

Tuesdays, June 10, July 8, August 12, 6:00 p.m.

*TeenZone*

Queer youth, their friends, and family are invited to join us for a social evening with activities like board games, crafts, and more! Bring your ideas for what you'd like to see at the library. Hosted by PFLAG Waterbury Chapter.



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM

### SUMMER LEARNING FOR KIDS

June 16 - August 18

All children from birth through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join our

"Level Up" Summer Learning

Program. Children who are not yet readers can participate if someone reads to them.

Learn more at [bronsonlibrary.org/kids](http://bronsonlibrary.org/kids) or visit the Children's Room.



### SUMMER READING PRIZES

Pick up a reading log from the library to keep track of how much you read. Every time you level up, bring in the log to pick out a prize from our treasure chest. Once you complete the log, bring it in and be entered to win one of our grand prizes.

Grand prizes include: bicycles & helmets for ages 5-8, LEGO Creative Suitcase, and a Dogman gift basket. Bicycles are funded by a grant from the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments.

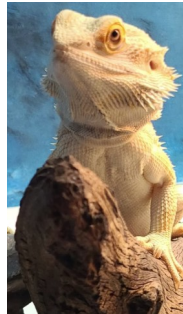
### LEVEL UP YOUR SUMMER READING

Monday, June 16, 5:00 p.m.

Main Reading Room

We're kicking off our Summer Reading Program with a special visit from The Reptile Nook! We'll meet lizards from all over the world and learn what makes each one unique, then pick up your summer reading kit with your reading log and a few small gifts to get your summer started.

Sponsored by Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey.



### SUMMER READING FINALE

Monday, August 18, 4:00 p.m.

Rain Date: Tuesday, August 19, 4:00 p.m.

Patio

Celebrate your summer reading with an ice cream social!

Children who participated in our "Level Up" Summer Learning program will be treated to a free ice cream from an ice cream truck. We'll also have a bicycle safety demonstration and will be doing the grand prize raffle drawings.



## SUMMER LEARNING WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS

### LEVEL UP YOUR MONEY

Mondays, June 30 - August 18, 5:30 p.m.

Children's Room

Find out how to become a rich kid with Melissa Raposo of Youth Financial Literacy Foundation. Does money grow on trees? Plant your money seed and grow money like a tree. For ages 10-12.



### LEVEL UP TO CREATE A PLAY

Tuesdays, July 1-29, 5 p.m.

Children's Room

Don't just read a play — learn how to create one! Shakesperience Productions will help you create a play from start to finish using creative writing, improvisation, and social engagement. For ages 11-14.

Sponsored by Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey.





# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## LITTLE MOVERS STORYTIME

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Picture Book Room

Join us for interactive stories, rhymes, fables and songs. For ages 2-4.



## WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY STORIES

Wednesdays, June 4 & 11,

July 2, 9 & 30, August 20 & 27,

10:00 a.m.

Picture Book Room

Come listen to wonderful stories that will transport you to far away places. For ages 2-5.



## TANTALIZING TUESDAYS AT TWO

Tuesdays, June 17 - August 12, 2:00 p.m.

Children's Room

We'll have a fun craft every week.

For ages 4-12.

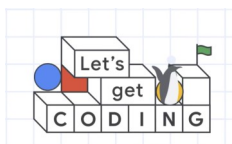


## CODING CLUB

Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m.

Computer Classroom

Have fun learning how to code with one of our librarians. For ages 6-11. Younger children may need adult assistance.



## MUSICAL READERS

Wednesdays, June 18 & 25, July 16 & 23,

August 6 & 13, 10:00 a.m.

Children's Room

Musicians from the Waterbury Symphony Orchestra will read a beloved story and play a musical instrument that connects to the story. For ages 2-10.

Sponsored by Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey.



## LEVEL UP YOUR LEGO SKILLS

Thursdays, 1:00 p.m.

Children's Room

Get ready to build, create and compete! Join us for an exciting LEGO craft session where your imagination levels up the competition! For ages 3 -12.



## HISTORY MYSTERY CLUB

Mondays, June 23, July 21, August 11, 2:00 p.m.

Children's Room

Solve a "mystery" about Waterbury history using old maps and photos. We'll have different puzzles to solve every month. For ages 8-12.



## JAMMING WITH MS. JENNY

Thursdays, 5:00 p.m.

Picture Book Room

Wear your PJs and your dancing shoes if you choose. We'll have stories, music, and jamming for kids ages 3-5.



## WHERE IN THE LIBRARY IS SILAS THE CAT?

Wednesdays, June 18, July 16, August 13, all day

KidZone

Use clues provided by our librarians to find where Silas the Cat, our stuffed animal, is hiding. When you find him, take a photo to show the librarian and win a prize! For ages 2+



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## PAGES WITH POPS

Thursdays, June 12, July 10, 6:00 p.m.

Children's Room

Celebrate fathers and father-figures with great stories, crafts, and games. Local authors will read from their books. Sponsored by United Way.



## MAKE A FATHER'S DAY CARD

Friday, June 13, all day

Children's Room

Celebrate Father's Day with a DIY card craft. We'll also have a special Father's Day story time at 10:00 a.m. For ages 3-10.



## FIND-IT FRIDAY

Fridays, June 20, July 11, August 15, 1:00 p.m.

Children's Room

Join us for a story time and scavenger hunt. Listen to a story, then look for things from the story hidden throughout the Children's Room. Complete the hunt to win a prize! For ages 5-11.



## JUNETEENTH STORY TIME

Friday, June 20, 10:30 a.m.

Children's Room

Join us for a Juneteenth celebration with a special story time and craft. For ages 4-8.



## PHYSICAL FRIDAYS

Fridays, June 27, August 22, 3:00 p.m.

Library Park

Level up your agility and physical ability. Come enjoy the great outdoors for one hour. Get physical with egg and spoon race, potato sack race, soccer and more. Outdoors activities are weather dependent. For ages 2-14.



## MEET MADELINE

Monday, July 14, 1:30 p.m.

Children's Room

Join us for a Madeline story time and keep your very own copy of the book. For ages 2-5.

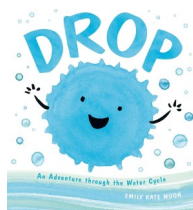


## WATER WONDERS STORY TIME

Wednesday, June 11, 2:00 p.m.

Children's Room

Join us for a fun story time all about the water that fuels your life. Find out where water comes from, where the water goes, and how you can help keep water clean. Hosted by the Housatonic Valley Association. For ages 3-6.

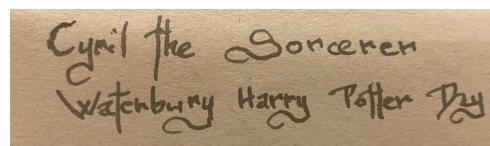


## WATERBURY'S HARRY POTTER DAY

Friday, July 25, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Front Plaza

Waterbury's Harry Potter Day returns for its 7th year! On Friday, pick up a magic map from Minuteman Press, then use the map to visit downtown business for clues, eats, treats, and mysteries. Finish at the library for our wand-making and slime station, magic vendors, and magic shows.



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## 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.

*\*The library is closed on Saturdays  
from Memorial Day weekend through  
Labor Day weekend.*

### Bunker Hill Branch

Tuesday 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Thursday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Friday 9 a.m. - 5 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: 203-574-8200  
Bunker Hill Branch: 203-574-8240  
Circulation Desk: 203-574-8206  
Children's Division: 203-574-8213  
Director's Office: 203-574-8222  
Reference Desk: 203-574-8225

## LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Juneteenth, Thursday, June 19  
Independence Day, Friday, July 4  
Saturdays, May 24 through  
September 6.

## 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: \$2 per hour; free after 6:30 p.m.*

### Bunker Hill Branch

Free parking is available in our lot on Aurora Street.



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