



Books and Happenings

The Newsletter of the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library

April 2014

April is National Poetry Month

Calling All Poets (. . . and poetry lovers)

hosted by **Victoria Muñoz**

Wednesday, April 2 - 6:30 p.m.

Sign-up 10 minutes before program



National Poetry Month Poetry Slam*

hosted by **Ernie Blue**



Ernie Blue, who was just March's featured poet, a Waterbury favorite, and former Slam Champion will be returning to MC this exciting event!

*Poetry slam is a competition at which poets read or recite original work. These performances are then judged on a numeric scale by previously selected members of the audience.

Participants are invited to sign up ahead of time as time is limited. Audience members will be selected to help judge. Participants are urged to have at least 3 pieces to recite for no longer than 3 minutes each. There will be three rounds in this competition. Participants who go on to the next round will recite their next piece, and so on. Participants should be well prepared, keeping in mind that this event is all about the spoken word and having fun with it. Looking forward to a great night!

Lobby Display Case

Ina Grove will exhibit her hand-made beaded jewelry. Ina's jewelry is made from semiprecious stones and glass crystal.

Gallery Wall

J. Timothy Quirk exhibits his watercolor pictures of Connecticut. Mr. Quirk paints in a cartoon format.

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS BOOKSTORE

HAPPY SPRING EVERYONE!! We hope you had a safe winter. We still have some VHS tapes remaining at **25 cents each**. Also available are audio books on tape for **50 cents or \$1.00 as marked**. Newly donated books have been added to our regular collection, as well as additions to our sales sections. Harlequin paperbacks are available at **10 cents each**. Our half price section is ongoing and we are currently continuing to offer our special mini sale cart where paperbacks are **10 cents** and hard covers are **25 cents**. The Bookstore is available to you during regular library hours. Please visit us. Your support is greatly appreciated, and all proceeds benefit the library.



Calendar of Events

April 1, 8 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Classroom A & B

AARP Tax Counseling for the Elderly

April 1 through the 30 2 p.m. Classroom A & B

Computer Classes with Sandra Rampertab.

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 10 a.m. Children's Room (Picture Book Room).

Storytime Plus

April 2 6:30 p.m. Auditorium

"Calling all Poets ...and poetry lovers" featuring Poet Ernie Blue

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 12:30 p.m. Children's Room (Picture Book Room).

"Lunchtime Lapsit"

April 3, 10, 17, 24 10 a.m. Auditorium

Children's "Mother Goose"

April 4, 11, 25 4 p.m. Auditorium

Fairy Tale Fridays

April 5 - May 17 1 p.m. Mezzanine Room

Play Scrabble and boards will be provided

April 7 6 pm Mezzanine Room

Sisters to Sisters Book Club discussion of "Destiny's Surrender" by Beverly Jenkins

April 12 1 p.m. Auditorium

"Container Gardening with Master Gardener Sherri Leblanc"

April 14, 28 5 p.m. Auditorium

Brass City Toastmasters

April 17, 24 4 p.m. Auditorium

"After School Bunch" with Fun Activities. Every Thursday

April 17, 24 5 p.m. Auditorium

Brassbury Chess Club Association

April 18 Library Closed Good Friday

April 22 4 p.m. Mezzanine Room

Board of Agents Meeting

April 22 6 p.m. Children's Room

"Music of the Americas" by Sirius Coyote

April 23, 30 3:30 p.m. Classroom A & B

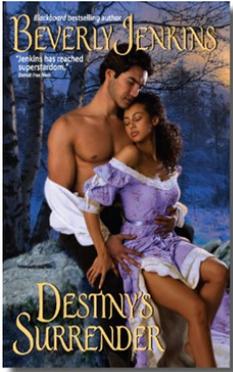
Homework Help at the Library grades K - 8 every Wednesday

April 23 6:30 p.m. Auditorium

"Women on the Page" readings by Joanna Clapps Herman, Mary Donnarumma Sharnick & Dr. Ruth Glasser

April 26 3 p.m. Main Reading Room

"Cruciani Plays Coltrane" and other great hits



Sisters to Sisters Book Club

discusses *Destiny's Surrender*
(2nd book in Beverly Jenkins' Destiny Series)

Monday, April 7, 2014 – 6:00 p.m. Mezzanine Room

Andrew Yates has decided it's time to start a family. Enter Wilhelmina "Billie" Wells with toddler in arms – claiming Andrew is the father! She's willing to leave the boy with his father so he can have a better life.

Can the passion that brought them together lead to an everlasting love?

Beverly Jenkins is the nation's premier writer of African American historical romance fiction, specializing in 19th century African American life. She has 30 published novels to date and is the recipient of numerous awards.

Admission and evening parking are free.



CONTAINER GARDENING

WITH

MASTER GARDENER

SHERRI LEBLANC

SAT. APRIL 12 @ 1 P. M.

LIBRARY AUDITORIUM



Women on the Page: Readings by Joanna Clapps Herman, Mary Donnarumma Sharnick & Dr. Ruth Glasser

Wednesday, April 23 6:30 p.m. Auditorium

Three women with Waterbury connections will read from their recent works. Waterbury native turned NYC Upper West Sider Joanna Clapps Herman will read from her new book *No Longer and Not Yet*, a compilation of stories of small-town life on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. The stories in *No Longer and Not Yet* look at the ways our lives are lived in the split seconds between what is no longer but is still not yet. Herman draws her characters honestly yet tenderly, revealing them as much through how they move—the slope of a shoulder, a vocal inflection, the weight of a football—as by what they do, as though their bodies speak the truths they can't express.

When Joanna Clapps Herman met Mary Donnarumma Sharnick, they realized that their families were not only from the same town in Italy, but that Mary's grandfather, a butcher, bought his cuts of meat from Joanna's grandfather Bece, who owned one of the last farms in Waterbury. Sharnick, who has been writing ever since the day she got her first library card at the Bronson Library, teaches writing and chairs the English Department at Chase Collegiate School. The subject of her reading will be her aunt, Lee Donnarumma, who as a buyer of the women's clothing for two large department stores, inspired Sharnick to become a career woman.

The two Waterburians will be joined by Brooklyn-born Dr. Ruth Glasser, who, as a faculty member of Waterbury's UCONN campus, has become an enthusiastic Waterbury historian as she teaches Urban and Community Studies. She is currently working on a study of farming in Waterbury, which includes Herman's grandfather's farm – and will present a longer version of her work as part of the Connecticut at Work series this summer.



FREE COMPUTER CLASSES @ Silas Bronson Library

The Library offers free computer classes weekdays **from 2:00 - 3:15 p.m.** There is no registration required just walk in, but there will be a limit of fifteen students. Classes will be held in the classroom A/B in the East Wing. Please call 203-574-8225 for any questions.

April Classes

Computer Basics	April 2 (Wed)
Introduction to Internet	April 4 (Fri)
Introduction to Microsoft Excel	April 9 (Wed)
Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint	April 11 (Fri)
Introduction to Microsoft Publisher	April 16 (Wed)
NO CLASS (Holiday)	April 18 (Fri)
Computer Basics	April 23 (Wed)
Introduction to Microsoft Word	April 25 (Fri)
Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint	April 30 (Wed)

NEW CLASSES

Manage Photos from Camera	April 1 (Tues)
Advanced Microsoft Excel	April 3 (Thr)
Manage Photos from Camera	April 8 (Tues)
Advanced Microsoft Excel	April 10 (Thr)
Manage Photos from Camera	April 15 (Tues)
Advanced Microsoft Excel	April 17 (Thr)
Manage Photos from camera	April 22 (Tues)
Advanced Microsoft Excel	April 24 (Thr)
Manage Photos from camera	April 29 (Tues)

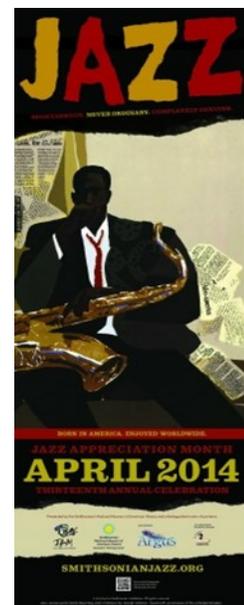
Cruciani plays Coltrane and other jazz greats



Pianist, performer and music educator Tom Cruciani returns to the **Silas Bronson Library** Saturday, April 26 - 3:00 p.m.

to celebrate the music of saxophonist/composer John Coltrane (1926–1967) on the 50th anniversary of Coltrane's masterpiece, *A Love Supreme*.

Coltrane is this year's featured artist designated by the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History. The museum launched Jazz Appreciation Month (JAM) in 2001 as an annual event that pays tribute to jazz both as an historic and living American art form. Admission is free.





CHILDREN'S SERVICES PROGRAMS

"Mother Goose"

Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the
Auditorium



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

Groups must register 3 weeks in advance



Story Time

PLUS

AT THE LIBRARY

Every Tuesday
10 am in the
Children's Room

ALWAYS SOMETHING SPECIAL TO DO:
STORIES, TOYS, CRAFTS AND LOTS OF FUN.

Groups must register 3 weeks in advance

"Lunchtime Lapsit"

Every Wednesday in the (Picture Book
Room) Children's Dept.

12:30 - 1:00pm



Enjoy lullabies, finger plays, bounces, sign
language & so much more!

An early exposure is good for a baby's brain
development

For ages 24 months and younger
Works best with one child per adult
No preregistration required; drop in

"Fairy Tale Fridays"

Fridays 4-4:45 p.m.

Silas Bronson Library Auditorium

Grades K - 3



Fairy Tales, Audio Visual
Technology, Acting and Crafts



CHILDREN'S SERVICES PROGRAMS

"Music of the Americas" by Sirius Coyote

Tuesday, April 22, 2014

6 p.m. (Children's Room)



Sirius Coyote is a multitalented group of musicians, storytellers and instrument makers. They perform on over thirty different ancient and modern instruments of the Americas from their impressive display, some of them hand-crafted by the musicians themselves. Sirius Coyote will take you on a musical journey to the realms of magical sounds of the Americas from the oceans & tropical rainforests to the deserts & villages of the high Sierras.

"After School Bunch"

Thursdays 4 - 5 p.m.

Library Auditorium

Starting April 17, 2014



Stop in after school for some fun at the Library! Every week will bring on a different activity, from getting crafty to karaoke, Wii Bowling tournaments and board games! A light snack will be provided.

Silas Bronson Library 39th Annual Poetry Contest

Starts March 24th

Ends April 26th, 2014



"Homework Help"

Every Wednesday Classroom A & B

Starting April 23, 2014, 3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

K - 8th grade



Free drop-in homework help, academic support, and mentoring available during the school year; in all subject areas to students in grades K - 8.

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SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY

267 GRAND STREET

WATERBURY, CT 06702

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Hours

Main Library Hours

203 574-8225

203-574-8226 TTY/TDD

Mon. thru Thurs. 9am - 8pm

Friday 9am - 5:00pm

Saturday 9am - 5pm

Bunker Hill Branch

203 574-8240

Tues. 1pm - 8pm

Thurs. 10am - 5:30pm

Friday 1 pm - 5:00pm

Saturday 1pm - 5pm

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May 3 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Children's Room

"Free Comic Book Day"

May 5 6:00 p.m. Mezzanine Room

Sisters to Sisters Book Club "The Family Business" by Carl Weber & Eric Pete

May 6, 20 4 p.m. Children's (Picture Book Room)

"Tween Reading Group"

May 6, 13, 20, 27 10 a.m. Children's (Picture Book Room)

Children's "Storytime Plus"

May 7 6:30 p.m. Auditorium

Calling All Poets (. . . and Poetry Lovers).
Featuring poets: Lori Desrosiers & Oonagh Doherty

May 7, 14, 21, 28 12:30 p.m. Children's (Picture Book Room)

"Lunchtime Lapsit"

May 7, 14, 21, 28 3:30 p.m. Classroom A & B

"Homework Help"

May 10 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Auditorium

"Showing of Model Trains"

May 12, 19 5 p.m. Auditorium

Brass City Toastmasters

May 13 6:30 p.m. Auditorium

Book Talk and Signing "10 Million Steps: A fresh look at America and Americans from Cape Cod to California on Route 6" by Joe Hurley

May 15 6 p.m. Children's Room

"Storytelling Performance" with Eshu Bumpus

May 26 Library Closed Memorial Day

May 27 4 p.m. Board Room

Board of Agents meeting

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

P.O. Box 2853

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SILAS BRONSON HOMEPAGE

<http://www.bronsonlibrary.org>