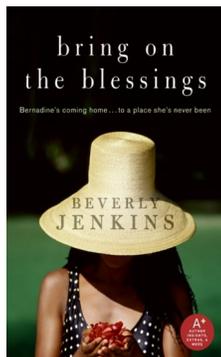


Books and Happenings

The Newsletter of the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library



NOVEMBER 2013



Sisters to Sisters Book Club

*Monday, November 4, 2013
6:00pm
Mezzanine Room*

Bring on the Blessings by Beverly Jenkins will be the subject of the Sisters to Sisters Book Club meeting Monday Nov. 4th at 6:00 p.m.

On Bernadine Brown's fifty-second birthday she received an unexpected gift—she caught her husband, Leo, cheating with his secretary. She was hurt—angry, too—but she didn't cry woe is me. Nope, she hired herself a top-notch lawyer and ended up with a cool \$275 million. Having been raised in the church, she knew that when much is given, much is expected, so she asked God to send her a purpose.

The public is invited. The program and evening parking are free.

Lobby Display Case

Anita Adams displays her hand crafted beaded jewelry. Anita is a self-taught artist who exhibits at craft fairs.

Gallery Wall

Catherine Wadsworth exhibits her pencil drawings. Catherine draws portraits, animals and landscapes.

Calendar of Events

**November 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29
2 p.m. Classroom A & B**

Computer Classes every Wednesday and Friday with Sandra Rampertab.

November 4, 25 5 p.m. Auditorium
Brass City Toastmasters

November 4 6 p.m. Mezzanine
Sisters to Sisters Book Club discussion of "Bring on the Blessings" by Beverly Jenkins

November 5, 12, 19, 26, 10 a.m. Children's room (Picture Book Room).

Storytime Plus

November 6 6:30 p.m. Auditorium
"Calling All Poets (. . .And Poetry Lovers)
Featured Poet Joan Kantor

November 6 6:30 p.m. Main Reading Room
Young Adult Program "A Night with Edgar Allen Poe"

November 7, 14, 21 10 a.m. Auditorium
Children's "Mother Goose"

November 7, 14, 21 5 p.m. Auditorium
Brassbury Chess Club Association

November 11 Library Closed Veterans Day

November 12 6:30 p.m. Auditorium
"Chinese Meditation Falun Dafa"

November 16 2 p.m. Holy Cross High School

"Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony" will be held at Holy Cross High School 587 Oronoke Road

November 19 6:30 p.m. Auditorium
Book Talk and Signings with Gerri Brousseau and Marian Lanouette

November 20 6:30 p.m. Auditorium
Young Adult Program "Holiday Magic Show with Elac"

November 26 4 p.m. Mezzanine
Board of Agents Meeting

November 28 Library Closed Thanksgiving

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS BOOKSTORE



This month, we are offering other well known authors' books at bargain prices: 10 CENTS for paperbacks and 25 CENTS for hardcovers. These bargain books, which are available for a limited time, can be found on a special, marked cart which is next to our ongoing mini book sale carts. We expect to offer other popular authors at this bargain price from time to time. Check out the "Special Priced Items" section. Our sale of very large books of various subjects continues with prices of \$2, \$3, and \$4. Our mini book sale carts have been replenished; paper backs are marked half price to 25 cents, and hard covers are marked half price to 50 cents. Newly donated books are regularly added to the bookstore's regular shelves where hard covers sell for \$1 and all paper backs, regardless of size, are 50 cents. Please tell your friends about us. There is plenty of time to browse as the Bookstore is available to you during all library opening hours. We appreciate your support.



Calling All Poets

(. . . and poetry lovers)

hosted by **Victoria Muñoz**

1st Wednesdays - 6:30 pm

Open mike sign-up - 6:20 pm



Nov. 6 Featured poet Joan Kantor

Joan Kantor is a poet and educator. Her work has appeared in numerous literary journals and her first collection of poems *Shadow Sounds* was a finalist for the Foreword Reviews Book of the Year award. She has been a poetry consultant for The Hill-Stead Museum's Sunken Garden Poetry Festival and has also been a judge and mentor in its Fresh Voices youth poetry competition. She is also on the board of The Riverwood Poetry Series. Joan currently works with learning disabled students at Manchester Community College and reads her work throughout Connecticut and New York.

The public is invited. The program and evening parking are free.



Chinese meditation Falun Dafa will be the topic of a film and live demonstration Tuesday Nov. 12 in the library auditorium at 6:30 p.m. The program will be presented by the Connecticut Chinese Culture Association.

The public is invited. Admission and evening parking are free.



Book Talk and Signings with Authors Gerri Brousseau and Marian Lanouette

Tuesday, November 19, 2013 6:30 p.m. Auditorium

Gerri Brousseau and Marian Lanouette will give book talks and signings of their books Tuesday, November 19 in the library auditorium at 6:30 p.m.

Gerri was born and raised in Waterbury and attended Central Connecticut State University. One night after a strange dream about a dream catcher, she was inspired to write *According To Legend*, most of which was written while she was commuting on a train. Since then, she has also written *A Pirate's Ransom* and *To Kill a Monarch*.

In 2012 Gerri served as the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Chapter of Romance Writers of America and is also a member of Romance Writers of America as well as Connecticut Authors and Publishers Association.

Marian Lanouette is a mystery writer whose books take place in Waterbury, although she uses another name. She was born and raised in Brooklyn and moved to Waterbury in her teens. Unbeknown to her parents, at the age of five she started reading a *New York Daily News* story about murdered nurses in Chicago, which inspired her to become a mystery lover.

Marian will discuss her two books *If I Fail*, and *Burn in Hell*, both Jake Carrington Mysteries which include romantic elements, because she believes "Life is both mysterious and romantic."

The public is invited. The program and evening parking are free.



Five Notables to be inducted into the Silas Bronson Library's Waterbury Hall of Fame Dylan McDermott plans to attend Nov. 16th Induction Ceremony at Holy Cross High School 2:00 p.m.

An actor, an architect, a lawyer, a philanthropist and an artist/farmer/engineer have been named to the Silas Bronson Library's Waterbury Hall of Fame. Dylan McDermott, Joseph Stein, Susan Cecelia O'Neill, Edith Morton Chase and Hobart Victory Welton were selected by an 8-person board-appointed committee on April 17 and named by the library Board of Agents at their April 22nd meeting. An induction ceremony will take place on Saturday, Nov 16 in the auditorium of Holy Cross High School, 587 Oronoke Rd, at 2:00 p.m. The public is invited. Admission is free. A reception will follow.

Hobart Victory Welton (1811-1895) was a farmer, sculptor and engineer who served as Waterbury's superintendent of public highways (city roads) for 25 years. He founded the Waterbury Brass Company (1845), for which he constructed a system of reservoirs on the Mad River. He built Waterbury's first bridge with a stone arch (1848) and Connecticut's first iron bridge over the Naugatuck River at West Main St. His two stone arch sheds have withstood the test of time on Wolcott St. The Welton Gate, now at the Mattatuck Museum, has been recognized as a valuable example of American folk art.



The daughter of a distinguished Waterbury lawyer and legislator, **Attorney Susan Cecelia O'Neill (1871-1934)** graduated with distinction from NYU's School of Law in 1897, only seven years after the school granted entrance to women. She was admitted to the Connecticut Bar on June 19, 1898. Although she was the second woman admitted to the Connecticut Bar, she was the first to regularly argue cases in court. In 1901, she became the first woman to argue a case before the Supreme Court of Connecticut. On April 24, 1904, she was admitted to and practiced before the Supreme Court of the United States, nine years after the first woman to do so.



Edith Morton Chase (1891-1972), daughter of Henry S. Chase, the first president of the Chase Companies, Inc., carried on the philanthropic traditions of the Chase family by quietly supporting various Waterbury agencies. Along with a group of interested people, she rallied to save the Chase Brass and Copper Co. office building after the company left Waterbury and she participated in the final transaction in which the Cass Gilbert building located at 236 Grand St. was sold to the city. She bequeathed substantial sums to various organizations and donated of her beloved Litchfield home Topsmead to the state of Connecticut.



Joseph Stein (1916-1977) graduated from Dartmouth College as a member of Phi Beta Kappa and went on to Harvard Graduate School of Design where he received his master's degree in architecture at a time when Harvard was the only American university to embrace the Modernist movement. He began designing homes and later took on commissions for such notable buildings as the alumni building at UConn, Storrs; Waterbury's Bureau of Water, Gilmartin and Regan schools and MacDermid corporate headquarters. He was cited for his designs of the Mattatuck Animal Hospital and the Middlebury branch of the American Savings and Loan Association.

He received the American Institute of Architects and the American Library Association awards for the design of the Silas Bronson Library in 1964 and the Connecticut Building Congress Merit awards for the Silas Bronson Library and the Waterbury Club. *Institutions Magazine* honored him for interior designs of both buildings. Among his other creations are Temple Israel, St. John's Lutheran Church, and the Savings Towers Apartments. He also served as president of the Connecticut Society of Architects.



Born Mark Anthony McDermott, on October 26, 1961, in Waterbury, **Dylan McDermott's** world opened up to theater when his stepmother playwright Eve Ensler wrote a part for him into her play *Believe It, See It, Survival*. He graduated from Fordham University with a B.A. in Theater/ Drama and continued studying with Sanford Meisner at the Neighborhood Playhouse. He made his Broadway debut in Neil Simon's *Biloxi Blues*, which led to casting in *Hamburger Hill*. His most notable film credits include *The Messengers*, *Wonderland*, *Home for the Holidays*, *Steel Magnolias*, *Miracle on 34th Street*, *In The Line of Fire* and *Burning Palms*.



McDermott's television credits include *Dark Blue*, *The Grid* and the award-winning series *The Practice*, which earned him an Emmy nomination in 1999, a Golden Globe award in 1999 and nominations in 2000 and 2001.

More recently, he appeared in the television productions *Dark Blue* and *American Horror Story* as well as the films *The Campaign* and *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*. He is currently starring in the television program *Hostages*.

Recently Purchased Books

Juvenile

- "The Boy on the Porch" Sharon Creech (J Fiction)
"Fearless" Cornelia Funke (J Fiction)
"Keeping Safe The Stars" Sheila O'Connor (J Fiction)
"The Mouse with the Question Mark Tail: A Novel" Richard Peck (J Fiction)
"Navigating Early" Clare Vanderpool (J Fiction)
"True Colors" Natalie Kinsey-Warnock (J Fiction)

Young Adult

- "Asylum" Madeline Roux (YA Fiction)
"Cherry Money Baby" John M. Cusik (YA Fiction)
"Dead Ends" Erin Jade Lange (YA Fiction)
"Dead Girls Don't Lie" Jennifer Shaw Wolf (YA Fiction)
"The Fallout" S. A. Bodeen (YA Fiction)
"Find Me" Romily Bernard (YA Fiction)

Recently Purchased Games

Young Adult

- "Animal Crossing: New Leaf" Nintendo 3DS
"Donkey Kong Country Returns" Nintendo 3DS
"Lego City Undercover: The Chase Begins" Nintendo 3DS
"Luigi's Mansion: Dark Moon" Nintendo 3DS
"Mario & Luigi: Dream Team" Nintendo 3DS
"Monster Hunter 3: Ultimate" Nintendo 3DS



Free Computer Classes

Silas Bronson Library

The Library offers free computer classes every **Wednesday and Friday, 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.

November Schedule

Computer Basics	1
Introduction to PowerPoint	6
Introduction to Microsoft Excel	8
Introduction to Microsoft Publisher	13
Introduction to MicroSoft Word	15
Introduction to the Internet	20
Computer Basics	22
Introduction to Microsoft Excel	27
Introduction to Microsoft Word	29



YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY

***A Night with
Edgar Allan Poe***



Wed Nov 6, 2013

6:30pm

267 Grand Street

Waterbury, CT

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Main Reading

Room

Dramatic readings, historical biography and audience interaction
Featuring Campbell Harmon

2013 SILAS BRONSON HOLIDAY MAGIC SHOW FEATURING

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NOVEMBER

20TH

6:30 P.M.

AUDITORIUM



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



Chill Out And Read!



Cozy up with us for "Snowball Reading."

Beginning December 2, 2013 and ending January 31, 2014

This winter participate in Silas Bronson Library Children's Services Division "Snowball Readers." Registration runs from December 2, 2013 through January 24, 2014. "Snowball Readers" is a winter reading program, which is open to children (who can read and those read to; up to the 8th grade). Program begins December 2, and ends January 31, 2014.

Contact us at 203-574-8212; visit us at www.bronsonlibrary.org or <https://twitter.com/silasbronson>

"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

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Saturday 9am - 5pm

Bunker Hill Branch

203 574-8240

Tues. 1pm - 8pm

Thurs. 10am - 5:30pm

Friday 1 pm - 5:00pm

Saturday 1pm - 5pm

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2013

December 2 6:00 p.m. Mezzanine Room

"Sisters to Sisters Book Club" Life is Short But Wide" by California Cooper

December 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 10 a.m. Children's (Picture Book Room)

Children's "Storytime Plus"

December 4 6:30 p.m. Auditorium

"Calling All Poets (. . . And Poetry Lovers)"

December 5, 12, 19, 26 10 a.m. Auditorium

Children's "Mother Goose"

December 5, 12, 19, 26 5 p.m. Auditorium

"Brassbury Chess Club"

December 9 5 p.m. Auditorium

"Brass City Toastmasters"

December 10 4 p.m. Board Room

Board of Agents meeting

December 25 Library Closed Christmas Day

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

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