



Books and Happenings

The Newsletter of the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library



APRIL 2015

NEWS FROM "THE READERS GARDEN" BOOKSTORE

Happy Spring! We hope you have had an opportunity to visit our newly organized Bookstore. If not, be sure to pay us a visit when you have time to browse. We are constantly adding books and items to our shelves. Our regular priced paperbacks are 50 cents and hardcovers are \$1.00. Our discount rack offers hardcovers for 25 cents and 10 cents, and paperbacks for 10 cents. There are also several tables of books on various subjects; prices range from 10 cents to \$2.00. We appreciate your support.



Calling All Poets

(. . . and poetry lovers)



National Poetry Month Invitational Slam Poetry Competition

Wednesday, April 1 – Auditorium
6:30 p.m.

Ernie Blue, Master of Ceremonies

Featured poets – Joshua Rogers of Crosby High School
Max Galassi & Callan Rafferty of Newtown High School

And other surprise guests!!! Please come one and all!!!

We need an audience and judges to make this evening complete.

Be ready to have fun!!!

Theme: No Foolin'!

Calendar of Events

April 1 6:30 p.m. Auditorium

Calling all Poets "Featuring Ernie Blue"

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

Babies and Books

April 2, 16, 23, 30 10 a.m. Auditorium

Mother Goose

April 3 Library Closed Good Friday

April 6 6 p.m. Mezzanine Room

Sisters to Sisters Book Club

April 7, 14 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Computer Classroom A & B

AARP Tax Group

April 14, 21, 28 10 a.m. Auditorium

Storytime Plus

April 7 5:30 p.m. Auditorium

*"How to Become a U.S. Citizen"
sponsored by Literacy Volunteers*

April 10 3:30 p.m. Children's Room

*"Folktales From Around the World" with
Tom Lee*

April 13, 27 5 p.m. Auditorium

Brass City Toastmasters

April 14 4 p.m. Mezzanine Room

Friends of the Library Meeting

April 18 1 p.m. Auditorium

*"The Dog Whisperer" with Dog Listener
Philip Klein*

April 21 5:30 p.m. Children's Room

"The WOW! Zone" with TD Bank

April 22 1:30 p.m. Computer
Classroom A & B

*"A Presentation on how to use the Census
Dept.'s online database Fact Finder"*

April 25 10 a.m. Library Patio

"Book signing with Local Authors"

April 28 4 p.m. Mezzanine Room

Board of Agents meeting

Sisters to Sisters



Book Club *discusses*



BREATHE FOR ME

by Terri Whitmire

Monday, April 6, 2015 6:00 p.m., Mezzanine Room

Tara Fowler struggles to create a life for herself away from the abusive and burdensome chains of her alcoholic mother. The heavy weight of unforgiveness and resentment hold her down and paralyze her future. *Breathe for Me* delivers believable flawed characters who struggle to attain love and acceptance, while not always hitting the mark in a suspenseful novel which takes the reader on a journey of discovery and revelation.

About the Author

Waterbury native Terri Whitmire is an inspirational author who currently resides in Marietta, Georgia. Terri earned her degree in Computer Science at North Carolina A&T State University and began her career as a Software Engineer for MCI Worldcom Inc. She later became certified in children's literature and founded the Writers' Tablet Foundation. She is a member of the Atlanta Writers Club and M-Pact Writers Club. She is a children's ministry teacher and substitute teacher for a charter school. She and her husband are both sponsors for World Vision.



Census Presentation



Join us on April 22nd from 1:30 to 3:30 pm in the Bronson Library computer lab for a presentation on how to use the Census Department's online database Fact Finder. Most anyone interested in accessing census statistics can benefit from the presentation. There is metered parking behind the library or in the Bank Street parking garage. The class is limited to 15. Call the Bronson Library Information Desk (203-574-8225) to sign up or sign up using the online form. A link to the form is available from the Library's home page at <http://www.bronsonlibrary.org>.

POPULATION



On Display – In the Cases

“It’s Spring !!!” And Zaidre Petruskevicius brings the season of flowers and romance indoors – to our exhibit cases!!!

In the Gallery

Award-winning photographer Ron DiLaurenzio of Bethlehem exhibits his work this month in the library Gallery.

Ron DiLaurenzio grew up in Naugatuck and spent a number of years in California, where he developed his photographic skills with a film camera and many hours in the darkroom. He also lived in Prospect before making Bethlehem his home. He is a graduate of the Connecticut School of Electronics.



Much of DiLaurenzio's work reflects his love of nature, but his diverse interests include machinery, architecture, and, recently, street photography. He continues to travel throughout the United States, seeking new images to capture.

He has won first, second, and third place ribbons at the Bethlehem Fair and was most recently the runnerup in the Northeast section of the “Hunt for Americana” contest sponsored by Great American TV.

When not looking through the lens of his camera, DiLaurenzio devotes time to woodworking, bicycling, canoeing, kayaking and motorcycle touring while also managing to squeeze in time to for his full-time IT job."

Understanding Your Best Friend

Presented by

Dog Listener Pat Wright



**SATURDAY APRIL 18, 2015
1 P.M. – 3 P.M.**

Bring your dog to peace and stop unwanted behaviors. Pulling on the lead, jumping up, aggression, separation anxiety, and excessive barking will be discussed. Pat studied with the original Dog Listener Jan Fennell, and dog listeners worldwide.

Bring Your Questions But Not Your Dogs!



BOOK SIGNING – LOCAL AUTHORS



**Saturday April 25, 2015
10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Library Patio**

Talk with local authors, purchase their books, and have them signed.

Authors include

Jean Rowe Evans

Meka Flowers

Johnathan Gillman

Ray Kwiatkoski

Theresa Mieczkowski

Edith Reynolds

Albert Ruggiero

Andy Thibault

Peter Vermilyea

Things I Have Put Behind

My Episode with Breast Cancer

My Father, Humming

Rural Wealth

When I was Jane

Wicked Waterbury

Bestride the Narrow World

The Curious Boy and Other Short Stories

More Cool Justice (Andy is covering the Boston Bomber Trial for NBC.)

Hidden History of Litchfield County



U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services

How to Become a U.S. Citizen

FOR:

legal permanent residents (green card holders)
and interested naturalization applicants.

Topics covered at this *FREE* session will include:

- the Naturalization Process
- the Naturalization Test
- Rights and Responsibilities of U.S. Citizenship



PRESENTER:

Erika E. Taylor, Community Relations Officer

U.S. Department of Homeland Security * U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

WHEN:

Tuesday, April 7, 2015

5:30-7:30 p.m.

WHERE:

Silas Bronson Library * Auditorium

267 Grand Street, Waterbury

IMPORTANT: Registration is required. Call 203 754-1164.



Sponsored by **Literacy Volunteers of Greater Waterbury**

Teaching adults to read, write, speak and understand English since 1974.



PLUS

10 a.m., Tuesdays, Children's Room

Storytime Plus is a program for preschoolers from birth to five years every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Children and caregivers will enjoy story time, listening and singing to music; marching and playing in a band; doing finger games, and creating a craft in this community-building program.

All are welcome

GROUPS MUST REGISTER 3 WEEKS IN ADVANCE

"Folktales From Around the World"

With Tom Lee

Friday, April 10, 2015

3:30 p.m., Children's Room



Folktales were created long before reading and writing were commonplace, folktales were passed from teller to listener for centuries. Across a world of cultures listeners discover common themes such as heroic quests, strange enchantments and magical transformations.

"Babies & Books"

Wednesdays in the Picture Book Room

10–10:30 a.m.

Starting March 4, 2015



Enjoy Lullabies, nursery rhymes, finger plays, bounces and sign language.

Works best with one child per adult.

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

For children ages 24 months and younger.

No Registration required, just drop in.

Silas Bronson Library

40th Annual Poetry Contest

Starts Monday, March 2nd

Ends Saturday, April 18th, 2015

"Mother Goose"

Thursdays, 10 a.m., Auditorium

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

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Tuesday, April 21, 2015

5:30 p.m., Children's Room

An exciting way for kids and parents to learn about banking.

There will be prizes, games, stories and much more.

The program is appropriate for all ages.

Parents and kids will learn about money, savings, banking and investing. WOW! Zone is a fun and interactive program for everyone to create a strong financial future.

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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 - 4:45pm

Bunker Hill Branch

203 574-8240

Tues. 1pm - 8pm

Thurs. 10am - 5:30pm

Friday 1 pm - 5:00pm

Saturday 1pm - 4:45pm

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MAY 2015

May 4 6 p.m. Mezzanine Room

Sisters to Sisters Book Club

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

Children's "Storytime Plus"

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

"Babies and Books"

May 6 6:30 p.m. Auditorium

Calling all Poets with Victoria Munoz

May 7, 14, 21, 28 10 a.m. Auditorium

Children's "Mother Goose"

May 11, 28 5 p.m. Auditorium

Brass City Toastmasters

May 16 1 p.m. Children's Room

"Song, Dance, and the Possibilities" with Brian Gillie

May 25 Library Closed Memorial Day

May 26 4 p.m. Mezzanine 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

Waterbury, CT 06723

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Address _____

Town (+ Zip) _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

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<http://www.bronsonlibrary.org>