



# Books and Happenings

The Newsletter of the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library

## July & August 2015

### Calendar of Events

- July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 10 a.m. Children's (JP Room)**  
*"Babies and Books"*
- July 2, 9, 16, 30 10 a.m. Auditorium**  
Children's *"Mother Goose"*
- July 3 Library closed in observance of Independence Day**
- July 7, 14, 21, 28 10 a.m. Children's Auditorium**  
Children's *"Storytime Plus"*
- July 8 6 p.m. Children's Room**  
*"Bugging Out"* with *Marvelous Marvin*
- July 13, 27 5 p.m. Auditorium**  
*Brass City Toastmasters*
- July 16 4 p.m. Children's Room**  
*"Zumba Super Hero"* with *Tracy Brody*
- July 23 10 a.m. Library Park**  
*Meet and Greet "Our Local Heroes; First Responders"*
- August 4, 11, 18, 25 10 a.m. Auditorium**  
Children's *"Storytime Plus"*
- August 5, 12, 19, 26 10 a.m. Children's (JP Room)**  
*"Babies and Books"*
- August 5 6 p.m. Children's room**  
*"Super Cowtoonist"* with *Debi Hamuka*
- August 6, 13, 20, 27 10 a.m. Auditorium**  
Children's *"Mother Goose"*
- August 10, 24 5 p.m. Auditorium**  
*Brass City Toastmasters*
- August 11 4 p.m. Mezzanine Room**  
*Friends of the Library meeting*
- August 14 3:30 p.m. Children's Room**  
*"Mr. Magic's Superheroes"* with *Richard Rothstein*

### NEWS FROM

### "THE READERS GARDEN" BOOKSTORE

Hi everyone—Hope you are enjoying a safe and happy summer. We are continuing our super summer sales; paperbacks on the cart (and table) are marked down to 10 cents and 25 cents.

Check out our other discount cart where hardcover fiction sells for 25 cents and 50 cents. All items on the tables cover various subject matter, and prices range from 10 cents to \$2.

This month we are continuing to feature great cookbooks at great prices. Our regular shelves also offer a great selection of paperbacks (any size) for 50 cents and hardcovers are \$1.00

The bookstore is available to you during regular library hours. Please visit, and tell your friends about us.

We appreciate your support

### Recently Purchased Books

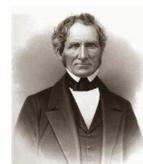
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- "Because You'll Never Meet Me".....**  
.....Leah Thomas
- "The Last Leaves Falling".....**  
.....Sarah Benwell
- "Kissing In America".....** Margo Rabb
- "Nowhere But Here".....** Katie McGarry
- "The Porcupine Of Truth".....**  
.....Bill Konigsberg
- "Finding Audrey".....**Sophie Kinsella
- "Zeroboxer".....**Fonda Lee
- "Hit".....**Delilah Dawson

# Silas Bronson Library's Waterbury Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

An actress, a women's rights advocate, a coach, a doctor, and two men who were part of the Underground Railroad have been named to the Silas Bronson Library's Waterbury Hall of Fame. Sheryl Lee Ralph, Donna Palomba, Nicholas P. Augelli, Dr. Frederick C. LaBrecque, Timothy Porter and Miles Stocking were selected by a board-appointed committee on June 10<sup>th</sup> and named by the library Board of Agents at their June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. An induction ceremony to which the public is invited will take place at the Mattatuck Museum on Saturday, November 14th at 2:00 p.m.. Admission is free.

**Timothy Porter**, a deacon in the Baptist church (and grandfather of Carrie Welton), decided - around 1840 that abolishing slavery was his mission in life and for two decades, hosted anti-slavery meetings in his home and helped escaped slaves on their journey to freedom in Canada, using his home as a stop on the Underground Railroad.



**John Miles Stocking**, a deacon in the Congregational church, was the other Waterbury abolitionist who was active in the Underground Railroad using his barn on Long Hill as a resting station for escaped slaves.

**Dr. Frederick LaBrecque**, who founded St. Mary's Hospital ob/gyn department in 1939, was President of the Staff, Chief of Surgery, and Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

He was also President of the New England Society for Obstetrics and Gynecology, President Waterbury Medical Association and an active member of numerous other professional organizations. He authored several original studies in medical journals, was regularly recognized as the winner of the *Republican-American's* annual "Baby Derby", and delivered over 12,000 Waterbury babies.



**Nicholas P. Augelli**, who began teaching and coaching basketball at Crosby High School in 1970 and whose teams have won 3 state championships as well as various city and Naugatuck Valley records has the most wins in the city, and is third in the NVL. The Crosby basketball court was recently named after him.

He has been President of the Board of Aldermen, on boards of Finance, Fire, Police Commission, Naugatuck Valley Development Corporation and was a trustee of St. Michael Church, but he cherishes most is the title "coach". His positive influence on and dedication to young people is legendary.

When **Donna Palomba** was raped in 1993 in her own home in the Overlook section of Waterbury on the only night her husband was away at an out-of-state wedding, the Waterbury Police Dept. charged her with filing a false complaint to cover up an affair - and threatened to have her children taken away. She fought back, sued the city, and formed "Jane Doe No More" a non-profit agency which trains police officers in appropriate policies and procedures, and aids rape victims.



**Sheryl Lee Ralph** was one of the original Broadway "Dream Girls" She is known for "[Moesha](#)" (1996), "[It's a Living](#)" (1980) and "[Oliver & Company](#)" (1988). She was nominated (1982) for a Tony Award for Best Actress in a Musical. She was 1973 Miss Black Teen-Age New York and was named Best College Actress in 1974. She is a dedicated AIDS advocate and a dynamic self-proclaimed diva.

## "Bugging Out"

With Marvelous Marvin  
Wednesday, July 8, 2015  
6 p.m. Children's Room



Bugging Out is all about bugs. In rhyme, Marvin teaches about fascinating bug habits, bug archaeology and the importance of bugs to humans. Write and recite your own bug poem on stage in front of everyone! With circus arts, magic and music, Marvelous Marvin opens his giant bug book to reveal illustrations by Paul Olson and photos by Brian Jones.



## Story Time PLUS

AT THE LIBRARY

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*

## "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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## "Babies & Books"

Wednesdays in the Picture Book Room  
10–10:30 a.m.



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.

## "Zumba Super Hero"

With Tracy Brody  
Thursday, July 16, 2015  
4 p.m. Children's Room



Tracy will teach Zumba that blends dance-fitness routines with fun games and high-energy music. Come and join the fun

## Meet & Greet Our "Local Heroes; First Responders"

Thursday, July 23, 2015  
10 a.m.—12 p.m. Library Park



You're invited to drop-in at Library Park and meet your local Super Heroes.

"Let's Get To Know Our Heroes who Keep Us Safe"

Meet Your:

Super Hero Firefighter

Super Hero Police Officer

Super Hero National Guard

Super Hero State Trooper

Super Hero Canine (K-9)

Discover and familiarize yourself with the people and resources that help and protect us every day!

## "Super Cowtoonist"

With Debi Hamuka  
Wednesday, August 5, 2015  
6 p.m. Children's Room



If you read the stories behind Batman, Superman, the Hulk, Iron Man, etc. etc. you can see why they became a superhero and how they used it to help mankind. Yes the kids will have fun learning how to draw superhero cartoons but thru the session an added benefit is that it will also teach them to be more empathetic to the feelings of others. The program will include a Superhero Cartoon Presentation followed by a "Hands On" Workshop where they will complete a Superhero Poster to take home with them.

## "Mr. Magic's Superheroes"

With Richard Rothstein  
Friday, August 14, 2015  
3:30 p.m. Children's Room



Richard Rothstein, but you can call him "Mr. Magic." Rothstein is an attorney by day but has been performing magic shows, too, for more than 35 years. I know what you're thinking: he should combine the two talents so he can say, "Let me make this lawsuit ... disappear!"

Hours

<b>Main Library Hours</b>	<b>Bunker Hill Branch</b>
203 574-8225	203 574-8240
203-574-8226 TTY/TDD	Tues. 1pm – 8pm
Mon. thru Thurs. 9am - 8pm	Thurs. 10am - 5:30pm
Friday 9am - 5:00pm	Friday 1 pm – 5:00pm

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2015

September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 10 a.m. Auditorium

Children's "Storytime Plus"

September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 10 a.m. Children's (Picture Book Room)

"Babies and Books"

September 2 6:30 p.m. Auditorium

Calling All Poets ( . . . and poetry lovers) Mark McGuire-Schwartz will be our first feature presenter.

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

Children's "Mother Goose"

September 7 Library closed Labor Day

September 14, 28 5 p.m. Auditorium

Brass City Toastmasters

September 14 6 p.m. Mezzanine Room

Sisters to Sisters book club

September 22 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 :



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