



# Books and Happenings

The Newsletter of the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library

## SEPTEMBER 2015

### Calendar of Events

**September 2 6:30 p.m. Auditorium**

*"Calling All Poets" featured Poet Mark McGuire-Shwartz*

**September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 3 p.m. Auditorium**

*"Homeless Outreach"*

**September 7 Library closed Labor Day**

**September 14 6 p.m. Mezzanine Room**

*"Sisters to Sisters Book Club"*

**September 14, 28 5 p.m. Auditorium**

*Brass City Toastmasters*

**September 24 6p.m. Main Reading Room**

*"Hispanic Heritage Concert" with The Brass City Rumberos*

**September 24 4 p.m. Mezzanine Room**

*Board of Agents meeting*

### NEWS FROM "THE READERS GARDEN" BOOKSTORE

Hi —Hope everyone had a safe and happy summer. We've been featuring cookbooks, garden books, and discounted paperbacks on our sales table. We are moving them to make room for other great offers. The special prices will remain; the remaining paperbacks will be placed on the cart, the garden books may be found on the lower shelf of the Crafts and How To sections, and, of course, the cooking books will be on lowers shelves of the cooking books section.

The first of our featured Author of the Month on the sales table is Stuart Woods. For all fans of Mr. Woods, it is an opportunity to purchase his books at half our regular prices, 50 cents for hardcover, 25 cents for paperback. And as always, there are many more books offered of varying subjects. Please check us out. And thank you for your support.

### Hispanic Heritage Concert September 24<sup>th</sup>



The Brass City Rumberos will present a free Hispanic Heritage Concert for all ages in the Main Reading Room Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited and evening parking is free.

Brass City Rumberos, consisting of seven very talented Waterbury musicians under the direction of Carlo Santiago will play Latino selections on congas, bongos, bass guitar, timbales, horn, flute and organ. Those who attended "The Gathering" in Library Park last May will remember the group as an audience favorite.

National Hispanic Heritage Month is a time for recognition of the contributions of Hispanic Americans to the United States as well as an opportunity to celebrate Hispanic heritage and culture. The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week and was expanded in 1988 from September 15 to October 15.

September 15 is the anniversary of the independence of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. They all declared independence in 1821. In addition, Mexico, Chile and Belize celebrate their independence days on September 16, September 18 and September 21, respectively.

### Calling All Poets

( . . . and poetry lovers)

hosted by **Victoria Muñoz**  
**Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 p.m.**

**Open mike sign-up 6:20 p.m.**  
**In the Auditorium**



**Featured poet - Mark McGuire-Schwartz**

Senior Editor, Hanover Press

Director, Poetry Institute, New Haven

Originator of a new poetic form, called the "17"

Poetry books: *Loss and Laughs, Love and Fauna* and *289*, a book of 17s.

Upcoming: *Attic chest: Finding my parents' lives in a dusty box*



Educator: Southern Connecticut State University

Three Rivers Community College

**The public is invited. Program and evening parking are free.**

## BW9-14&2 SISTERS TO SISTERS BOOK CLUB *discusses*

*The Wedding Gift* by Marlen Suyapa Bodden

Monday, September 14 - 6:00 p.m.



Clarissa receives an unusual wedding gift from her plantation-owner father – Sarah, her slave and half-sister.

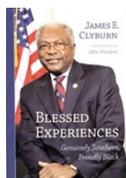
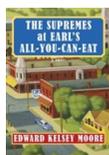
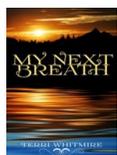
Marlen Suyapa Bodden is a lawyer at New York City's Legal Aid Society where she has represented poor, low-income workers and immigrant workers for over twenty years.

She drew on her knowledge of modern and historical slavery, human trafficking and human rights abuses to write *The Wedding Gift*, her first novel.

A graduate of Tufts University and New York University School of Law, she received an honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Rhode Island in 2012.



## Join the SISTERS TO SISTERS BOOK CLUB



First Mondays of the Month - 6:00 p.m.

October 5 *My Next Breath* by Terri Neal Whitmire

November 2 *Walking in the Shadow* by Terri Neal Whitmire

December 7 *The Color of Justice* by J. Leon Pridgen, II

January 4 *The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat* by Edward Kelsey Moore

February 1 *Blessed Experiences* by James Clyburn

March 7 *Sunday Morning Song* by Tia McCollors

April 4 *The Black Orchid Blues* by Persia Walker

***Silas Bronson Library would like to thank the following sponsors for donating prizes to our 2015 Teen Summer Reading Program:***

***Arby's***

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***Eastern States Exposition (The Big E)***

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***Flight Trampoline Park***

***Florence Griswold Museum***

***Frankie's of Reidville***

***Friends of The Library***

***Golf Quest***

***Hair By Jennifer Marie***

***Hartford Wolf Pack***

***Hidden Valley Mini Golf***

***Hill-Stead Museum***

***Lake Compounce***

***Lakewood Lanes***

***Laser Planet***

***Lime Rock Park***

***Long Wharf Theatre***

***Louie's Pizza House***

***New Britain Museum of American Art***

***New England Carousel Museum***

***New York Giants***

***New York Jets***

***Palace Theater***

***Pies & Pints***

***Roller Magic***

***Safari Golf***

***Sonny's Place***

***Southern Connecticut State University***

***Sports Center of Connecticut***

***Target***

***Warner Theater***

***Mr. Stanford Warshasky***

***Yale Peabody Museum***

# Children's Programs



PLUS

Starting October 6, 2015, 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"

Starting October 1, 2015, 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"

Starting October 7, 2015, 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.

# HOMELESS OUTREACH

at the

**SILAS BRONSON  
LIBRARY**

Wednesdays  
at 3PM

LIBRARY  
AUDITORIUM  
(downstairs)

- Reach out for help
- Ask questions
- Participate in discussions
- Learn about community resources

Questions?

Contact Anita at the reference  
desk  
or call Katy at 203-573-7695

SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY

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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
Saturday 9am - 4:45pm	Saturday 1pm - 4:45pm

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 2015

**October 1 6 p.m. Children’s Room**

*“Inwelligent Kids Yoga” with Jocelyn Rivera*

**October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 10 a.m. Auditorium**

*Children’s “Mother Goose”*

**October 5, 26 5 p.m. Auditorium**

*Brass City Toastmasters*

**October 5 6 p.m. Mezzanine Room**

*Sisters to Sisters book club*

**October 6, 13, 20, 27 10 a.m. Children’s Room**

*Children’s “Storytime Plus”*

**October 7 6:30 p.m. Auditorium**

*“Calling All Poets (....and poetry lovers)”*

**October 7, 14, 21, 28 10 a.m. Children’s (Picture Book Room)**

*“Babies and Books”*

**October 10, 17 12 p.m. Auditorium**

*“Handwriting Analysis”*

**October 10 2 p.m. Main Reading Room**

*“Annual Tribute to Luciano Pavarotti”*

**October 12 Library closed Columbus Day**

**October 13 4 p.m. Mezzanine Room**

*Friends of the Library meeting*

**October 27 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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