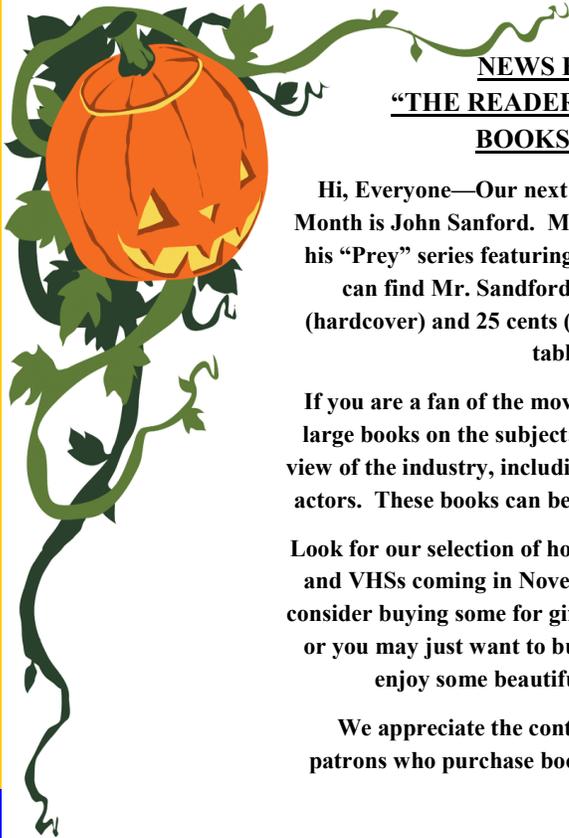




# Books and Happenings

The Newsletter of the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library

## OCTOBER 2015



### NEWS FROM "THE READERS GARDEN" BOOKSTORE

Hi, Everyone—Our next featured Author of the Month is John Sanford. Mr. Sanford is famous for his "Prey" series featuring Lucas Davenport. You can find Mr. Sanford's books for 50 cents (hardcover) and 25 cents (paperback) on our sales table.

If you are a fan of the movies, we have some great, large books on the subject; some are a pictorial review of the industry, including photos of your favorite actors. These books can be found on our sales table.

Look for our selection of holiday books, CD's, DVDs, and VHSs coming in November. You may want to consider buying some for gift giving/stocking stuffers; or you may just want to buy some for yourself and enjoy some beautiful holiday stories.

We appreciate the continued support of our patrons who purchase books from our bookstore.

## SISTERS TO SISTERS BOOK CLUB

*discusses*

### *My Next Breath* by Terri



### Neal Whitmire

Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 p.m.

#### Plot -

When Tara returns to North Carolina, she finds a world of sex trafficking and prostitution. She also realizes there's more to her mother's past than she had thought – as she becomes aware of the ramifications alcoholism can have on a family for generations.

Waterbury native Terri Neal Whitmire, a faith-based author of six books, keeps readers on the edge of their seats. A graduate of Sacred Heart High School, NC A & T State University and the Institute of Children's Literature, she lives in Marietta, Georgia.

The public is invited. Admission and evening parking are free

Upcoming titles:

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

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



### Calendar of Events

**October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 10 am Auditorium**

*Mother Goose*

**October 1 6 p.m. Children's Room**

*"Inwelligent Kids Yoga" with Jocelyn Rivera*

**October 3 3 p.m. Children's room**

*"Matu the Manatee and Other Animal Tales from Latin America" with Bobby Gonzalez*

**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**

*Storytime Plus*

**October 7, 14, 21, 28 10 a.m. Children's JP Room**

*Babies and Books*

**October 7, 14, 21, 28 3 p.m. Auditorium**

*"Homeless Outreach"*

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

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

**October 12 Library closed Columbus Day**

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

*Friends of the Library Meeting*

**October 17 10:30 a.m. Auditorium**

*"Waterbury Irish" Book Talk and Signing with author Janet Maher and her collaborator John Wiehn.*

**October 17 1 p.m. Auditorium**

*"Handwriting Analysis: Discover Your Own Vocational/Career Potential" with Author David DeWitt, GA.*

**October 24 2:00 p.m. Auditorium**

*"Gold Star Families: 50 Years Later" traveling exhibit organized by Mary Collins*

**October 27 4 p.m. Mezzanine Room**

*Board of Agents meeting*

**October 31 2 p.m. Main Reading Room**

*"A Tribute to Pavarotti Concert"*

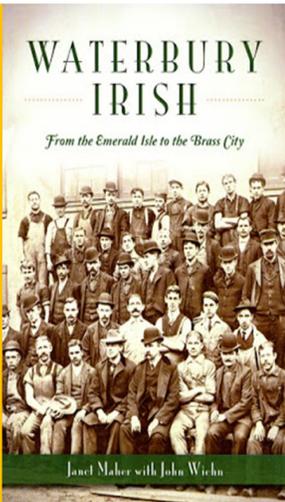


# Waterbury Irish

Power Point Presentation

Book Sale & Signing

Saturday, October 17 at 10:30 a.m.



The hard work of nineteenth-century Irish immigrants in Waterbury helped place the city on the map as the Brass Capital of the World. In the early years of immigration, Irish Catholics held

Mass in secret, but eventually beautiful churches were built, attracting the most revered clergy in Connecticut.

Soon Irish and Irish Americans established themselves as city leaders and professionals in the community. Dr. Charles A. Monagan was a founding member of St. Mary's Hospital, while his son John later became mayor. Some achieved fame through their excellence in sports, such as Roger Connor, who held a long-standing record for career home runs until it was broken by Babe Ruth.

Detailed research and oral histories from living descendants bring to light the remarkable Waterbury Irish legacy.

Author Janet Maher will present a power point talk on Waterbury Irish in the library auditorium Saturday, October 17 at 10:30 a.m. Books will be available for sale and signing by both her and collaborator John Wiehn.



Janet Maher is a professional artist who directs the studio arts program at Loyola University, Maryland. She was the first full-time art teacher at Holy Cross High School where she created the curriculum for the

school's art department. Her book *From the Old Sod to the Naugatuck Valley: Early Irish Catholics in New Haven County, Connecticut* was published in 2012 by Apprentice House, Baltimore, MD.

Collaborator John Wiehn is the director of the Prospect Public Library. A lifelong resident of the Hopeville section of Waterbury, he is past president of the Connecticut Ancient Order of Hibernians, having served in all elected state AOH offices over the past fourteen years. He is an excellent researcher who has also served on the Silas Bronson Library's Waterbury Hall of Fame Committee for six years. In 2003, he and Mark Heiss published the Post-card Series book *Waterbury 1890-1930* with Arcadia Press.



# Gold Star Families: 50 Years Later



"Gold Star Families: 50 Years Later," a traveling educational exhibit organized by Mary Collins, associate professor of Creative Nonfiction at Central Connecticut State University, will open with a short ceremony Saturday,

October 24, in the library at 2:00 p.m. The exhibit is being presented in remembrance of the fiftieth anniversary of the Vietnam War and will remain on display through December 11. It was previously shown in Windsor and Hartford.

The exhibit grew out of Professor Collins' oral history project in association with Gold Star Families. Her students interviewed relatives of the families of those who died during the war.

The library was invited to host the exhibit because one of the Gold Star Mothers who participated in the project, Mary Kight, is from Waterbury. Her son, Warrant Officer Michael A. Kight, a graduate of Merriman Elementary School and Kaynor Technical High School died in a helicopter crash May 19, 1967. His memorabilia will be exhibited in the library's display case.

Members of the Waterbury Veterans Memorial Committee will be in attendance at the program, including Sam Beamon, chairman; John Sarlo, vice chairman; and Robert Dorr, treasurer.

The public is invited. Admission is free.

# 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribute to Pavarotti Concert set for October 31

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribute to Luciano Pavarotti Concert will take place Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> in the library's Main Reading Room at 2:00 p.m. Offered in conjunction with National Italian Heritage Month and in remembrance of the late tenor's October birthday, the program is sponsored by the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library which funds it along with the city's Arts and Tourism Commission. The public is invited. Admission is free.

The memorial concert will be staged in accordance with Pavarotti's formal large venue concerts with tenor Christopher Macchio singing such operatic pieces as "Vesti la giubba" from the opera *Pagliacci*, "Un di all'azzurro spazio" from *Andre Chenier*, "La donna è mobile" from *Rigoletto* and "Brindisi" from *La traviata*, sung with soprano Marissa Famiglietti. Neapolitan favorites from Pavarotti's repertoire such as "O paese do sole," "Funiculi, funiculà," "O surdato 'nnammurato" and "Core n'grato" will also be presented. Ms. Famiglietti will also sing two solos.

Macchio is only the second of the seven tenors who have participated in this annual event who has the range to sing Pavarotti's signature piece "Nessun dorma" from *Turandot* and is likely to sing it as an encore.

Waterbury native Joseph J. Jacovina, Jr. will serve as accompanist and will play a solo piece as well.

The library program itself has its own special traditions – always beginning with "a prayer for Pavarotti" – this year the "Our Father" in Italian – and closing with "Non ti scordar di me" (Don't forget me), sung in loving remembrance of Pavarotti, with the audience participating in the second verse.

Tenor Christopher Macchio never intended to sing solo. When he auditioned for his high school chorus, the Brooklyn native was too shy to sing alone in front of his classmates. But when his music teacher auditioned him privately, he realized he had discovered an outstanding voice and told the 15-year-old aspiring lawyer he had a gift which should be developed and shared with the world. The now classically-trained tenor from the Manhattan School of Music has since performed at notable venues in the U.S., Europe and Asia and made numerous network television appearances, including ABC's Red Carpet Stage at the NYC Columbus Day Parade. In 2010 Macchio was featured in a national PBS television concert recorded live at the Venetian Showroom in Las Vegas. In 2011, he released his critically-acclaimed debut album, *Dolci Moment*.



When Mr. Macchio sang at Donald Trump's New Year's Eve party, Rod Stewart called him "Freakin' Awesome" and invited him to sing at his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday party. This December he will perform at Carnegie Hall as one of the New York Tenors.

Waterbury native Marissa Famiglietti has recently been heard as the Soprano I soloist in Mozart's *Great Mass in C Minor* with the Waterbury Chorale, as guest artist with The Concert Pops of Long Island, and as duet partner to renowned tenor Michael Amante on his concert tour. Recent operatic engagements include The Sandman and Dew Fairy in *Hansel and Gretel* and Annina in *La Traviata* with the Opera Theater of Connecticut, and Marguerite in *Faust* and Fiordiligi in *Così fan tutte* with The Hillhouse Opera Company.



Ms. Famiglietti is also a graduate of the esteemed Manhattan School of Music, where she was featured as Cathleen in *Riders to the Sea*, Susan in *A Dinner Engagement*, Donna Elvira in *Don Giovanni*, Lisbe in *Zemire und Azor*, and Mathilde in scenes from *Guillaume Tell*. Other performances of note include Suor Genovieffa in *Suor Angelica* with Opera Theater of Connecticut, Lauretta in Puccini's *Gianni Schicchi* with the American Singers' Opera Project, and Zerlina in *Don Giovanni* with the International Symphonic Orchestra in Rome and Verona, Italy.

Born in Waterbury, Joseph J. Jacovina, Jr. holds a bachelor's degree in piano performance from the prestigious Hartt College of Music and a master's degree in Music Education from the Manhattan School of Music. For thirty-five years he was the director of music at Holy Cross High School, where he taught music theory and piano keyboard, directed the concert and jazz bands, guitar and string ensembles, and hand bell choir, and conducted the orchestra for musical productions.



Since 2000, he has been the organist, cantor and choir director at St. Rose of Lima Church in Newtown. In 2005 he led its fifty-voice choir on a musical pilgrimage to Italy which included performing a Mass in St. Peter's Basilica. Jacovina is an adjunct faculty member at Naugatuck Valley Community College, the musical director of the Waterbury Chorale, and a member of the Waterbury Symphony Orchestra. He has written several masses and choral pieces, including "Christmas at the Palace", "Enshrined in the Grace of God", dedicated to Waterbury's Shrine of St. Anne, and "Something Beautiful for God", based on a prayer by St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta.



**Date:** Sat. Oct. 17  
**Time:** 1 p.m.  
**Location:**  
Silas Bronson Library  
267 Grand Street  
Waterbury, CT  
203-574-8225



## Silas Bronson Library Children's Services' Summer of Success

Silas Bronson Library Children's Services Division had a phenomenal year. It had 19,502 books circulated for the summer of 2015, as opposed to 17,980 books the prior summer. That is almost 2,000 more books than the prior summer. The Children's division succeeded in reaching their goal of signing up over 1,000 participants; 1,122 children participated in the summer reading, that's almost twice the number of participants than in 2014.

Despite the need for another children's librarian, the department was still able to produce weekly programs and accommodate in-library visits by the community schools and daycare centers. An additional librarian will aid in outreach to schools.

This summer the Children's Services produced almost an average of two programs per month. The highlight was the special event on July 23<sup>rd</sup> honoring Waterbury's first responders which included a state trooper and his K-9 assistant, fire, emergency medical, army reserve and public works, even Literacy Volunteers and Chuck-E-Cheese were at said event. More than a thousand participants took part in Children Services activities from September 2014 -summer 2015.

Special thanks to The Friends of the Library for providing the funds for entertainers and thanks to our collaborators, Bridge to Success, Literacy Volunteers, Mattatuck Museum, Waterbury School Readiness Council and the Waterbury Board of Education. Without our corporate sponsors the Summer Reading Program would not be a success. Corporate sponsors included: Coco Keys, McDonalds, Lake Quassy Amusement Park, Arby's, TD Bank, Roller Magic, Burger King, Bridgeport Sound Tigers, Barnes & Noble, Texas Roadhouse, CHET, New Britain Rock Cats, and Chuck E Cheese's.

The Elisha Leavenworth Foundation gave a generous grant of \$6,500 in June, 2014; the grant funded two Early Literacy Workstation computers. The workstation computers aided in introducing underserved Waterbury children to early literacy.

Head of Children's Services, Clivel Charlton said "The media should cover the positive things that are occurring in the Library, and not only the negative." He also said "He believes with a new Library Director on board, we should see a paradigm shift in people's perception of the library."

The Children's Services Division worked extremely hard to make this summer and the past year an exceptional one for families in Waterbury.

## Find out with David DeWitt, GA

author of Handwriting Analysis: Discover  
Your Own Vocational/Career Potential



### Calling All Poets (. . . and poetry lovers)

**First Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.**

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

**Featured poet – October 7<sup>th</sup>**

**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 17's.

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

Published poetry and prose in numerous journals, including: *Carte Blanche, Fairfield Review, Connecticut RiverReview, Caduceus, Bent Pin Quarterly, and Connecticut Law Journal*

Education: MFA, Southern Connecticut State University

Educator: Southern Connecticut State University  
Three Rivers Community College

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

# Children's Programs



## Story Time PLUS

AT THE LIBRARY

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*

## "INWELLIGENT KIDS YOGA"

By Jocelyn Rivera

6 p.m.

Thursday, October 1, 2015



"Children's yoga is a great place for kids ages 5-11 to discover the body and mind in a fun filled way by exploring yoga through animated poses, stretches, and breathing. Classes incorporate lessons in creativity, positive thinking, and personal and environmental awareness, while exploring healthy living through hands-on activities, and much more!"

## "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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## "Matu the Manatee and Other Animal Tales from Latin America"

With Bobby Gonzalez

3:00 p.m., October 3, 2015



Bobby Gonzalez is a multicultural and bilingual storyteller. His repertoire of programs includes tales from Latin America and Native American folklore.

Among the institutions where Bobby has performed are Carnegie Hall, the Detroit Institute of Arts and the National Museum of the American Indian and Central Park.

Bobby draws on his Native American (Taino) & Latino (Puerto Rican) roots to offer a unique style of performances that celebrates his indigenous heritage.

## "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.



Coming Soon!

Silas Bronson Library

Children's Division

"Snowball Readers"

Winter Reading Club

Dec.1st, 2015-Jan.30th, 2016

Prizes!

## Books & Happenings

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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 NOVEMBER 2015

**November 2 6 p.m. Mezzanine Room**

*Sisters to Sisters book club*

**November 3, 10, 17, 24 10 a.m. Children's Room**

*Children's "Storytime Plus"*

**November 4, 18, 25 10 a.m. Children's (Picture Book Room)**

*"Babies and Books"*

**November 4, 18, 25 3 p.m. Auditorium**

*"Homeless Outreach"*

**November 4 6:30 p.m. Auditorium**

*"Calling All Poets (...and poetry lovers)"*

**November 5, 12, 19 10 a.m. Auditorium**

*Children's "Mother Goose"*

**November 7 9 a.m. Auditorium**

*"Jigsaw Puzzle Contest"*

**November 9, 23 5 p.m. Auditorium**

*Brass City Toastmasters*

**November 10 4 p.m. Mezzanine Room**

*Friends of the Library meeting*

**November 11 Library closed Veterans Day**

**November 14 2 p.m. Mattatuck Museum**

*Hall of Fame Inductee Program*

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

*Board of Agents Meeting*

**November 26 Library Closed Thanksgiving**

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## 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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