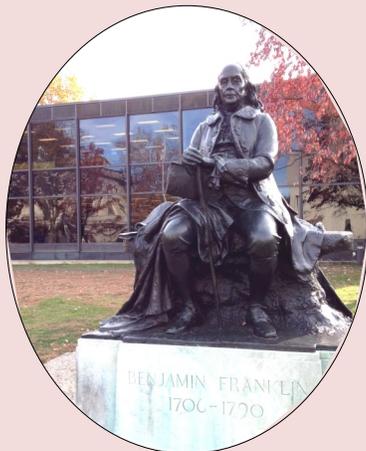




Books and Happenings

The Newsletter of the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Homeless Outreach Program Wednesdays at 3 p.m.
- Brass City Toastmasters will Meet December 14 in the Auditorium at 5 p.m.
- Library Closed for December 25 Christmas Day
- Board of Agents meeting December 8, 4 p.m.

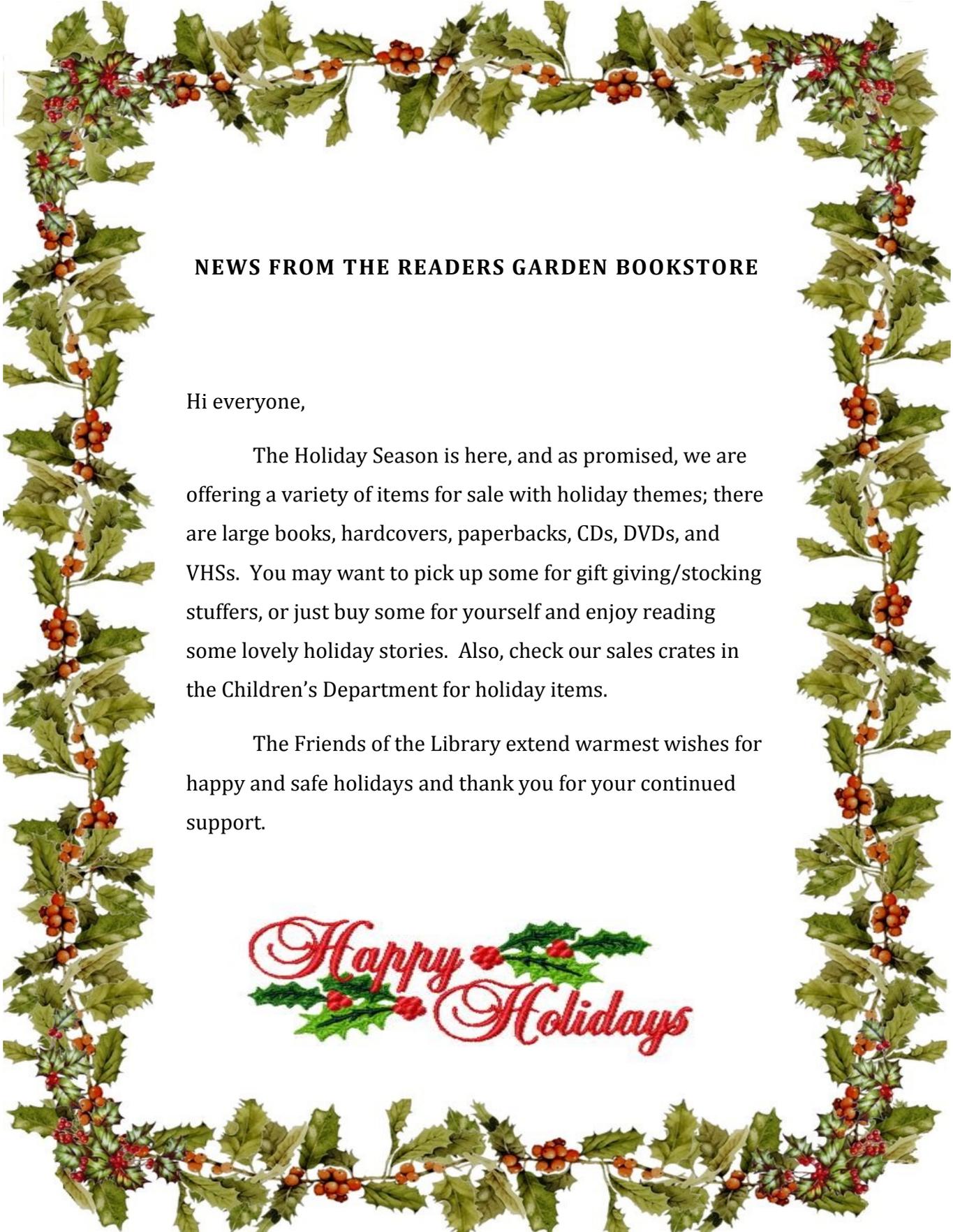
NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

The Silas Bronson Library welcomed a new Director on October 13. Raechel Guest is a familiar face to many, as she has been a member of the Library's Hall of Fame Committee for the past five years, taught at UConn-Waterbury for seven years, and was a Curator at the Mattatuck Museum for nearly a decade. Most recently, she was the Executive Director of the Cornwall Historical Society in Cornwall, CT.

The construction project inside the main building is finally complete, and the improvement is dazzling. Be sure to take a peek at our new windows, brighter lighting in the Main Reading Room, and new Circulation Desk. Plans are underway for the revitalization of the plaza in front of the building.

A new bicycle rack was installed by the City of Waterbury on the Grand Street sidewalk in front of our building. Whimsically shaped like a train engine, the rack is one of several fun designs that have been installed throughout downtown Waterbury. The bicycle racks were a project of Main Street Waterbury's Design Committee.

If you use Facebook or Twitter, be sure to follow us online — search for Silas Bronson Library on Facebook and @silasbronson on Twitter to keep up with the latest news and events at the Library.



NEWS FROM THE READERS GARDEN BOOKSTORE

Hi everyone,

The Holiday Season is here, and as promised, we are offering a variety of items for sale with holiday themes; there are large books, hardcovers, paperbacks, CDs, DVDs, and VHSs. You may want to pick up some for gift giving/stocking stuffers, or just buy some for yourself and enjoy reading some lovely holiday stories. Also, check our sales crates in the Children's Department for holiday items.

The Friends of the Library extend warmest wishes for happy and safe holidays and thank you for your continued support.

Happy Holidays

GOLD STAR FAMILIES: 50 YEARS LATER

Through December 11, 2015



The Gold Star Families traveling exhibit, which opened in our lobby on October 24, continues to December 11. The exhibit features Vietnam Gold Star families and a special display of memorabilia from Warrant Officer Michael A. Kight, who died in a helicopter crash in 1967.

8TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY MAGIC SHOW

Wednesday, December 2, 6:30 p.m.

Local magician Elac will delight and surprise the audience with his balloon tricks and more. Admission and evening parking are free. Elac Aviles began studying magic as a child, getting his start by reading every book on the subject at the Silas Bronson Library.



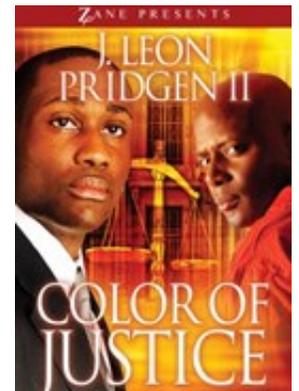
SISTERS TO SISTERS BOOK CLUB

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

Monday, December 7, 6 p.m.

"Color of Justice" is the story of two half-brothers who reunite in the legal justice system—one as a prosecuting attorney and the other on Death Row—and a race against time for the young prosecutor to save his older brother's life.

The Sisters to Sisters Book Club meets on the first Monday of every month. New members are welcome.



Upcoming Discussions:

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

February 1—*Blessed Experiences: Genuinely Southern, Proudly Black* by James Clyburn

March 7—*Sunday Morning Song (Days of Grace Series Book 2)* by Tia McCollors

April 4—*The Black Orchid Blues* by Persia Walker



Let's Go LEGO

Last Monday of every month, 6 p.m., Children's Room

If you love building with LEGOS, then you'll love "Let's Go LEGO". The program begins on November 30 and will be held on the last Monday of every month. For ages 6 to 12. Legos will be provided.

"Let's Go LEGO" is designed to encourage hands-on and mind-on creativity. Working with blocks and Legos helps with critical thinking. Each month the Lego club will have a theme to inspire building; participants, however, are free to build whatever they like.

The Club will meet from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Club members will have a chance to collaborate or work individually. At the end of each meeting, the Lego creations will be placed on exhibit in the Children's Room. The exhibit will be on display for one month, and then it will be replaced by the next month's creations.

Snowball Readers

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

Sign up in the Children's Room to join our new winter reading club.

Participants will be given a score card to log their reading. Children will be required to read, or be read to, for a total of 25 hours. Books will be given to every child that completes 25 hours of reading. At the end of "Snowball Readers," participants will be able to enter a raffle to win a prize. The prizes will be awarded after January 31, 2016. Bring your completed score card with your full name and phone number to enter the raffle.

All children from birth to 8th grade are welcome to join the winter reading fun! If they are not yet readers, they may participate if someone reads to them. Sign up open until January 23.



HOLIDAYS AND WINTER TALES & TUNES

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2015

6 P.M. CHILDREN'S ROOM

"Holidays & Winter Tales & Tunes," presented by Mary Jo Maichack, includes dancing and audience dress-up drama that celebrates the sun. The program is a celebration of various holidays in a sing-along style. Come and enjoy wonderful tales including the magnificent Russian tale of *King Frost, King of the Red Noses*.



Mary Jo Maichack is a national award-winning singer, storyteller and teaching artist whose work has reached an estimated total audience of half a million people. She has been a full time professional singer, storyteller and teaching artist since 1989.

CHILDREN'S DIVISION WEEKLY PROGRAMS



Storytime Plus

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

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. For preschoolers ages five and under.

GROUPS MUST REGISTER 3 WEEKS IN ADVANCE



Babies and Books

Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Picture Book Room

Enjoy Lullabies, nursery rhymes, finger plays, bounces and sign language. Best with one child per adult. For children ages 24 months and younger.

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED, JUST DROP IN.

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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Tues. 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Thurs. 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Friday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 1 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2016

Library Closed New Years Day

January 1, 2016

Sisters to Sisters Book Club, Mezzanine

January 4, 6 p.m.

Storytime Plus, Children's Room

January 5, 12, 19, 26 at 10 a.m.

Babies and Books, Children's Picture Book Room

January 6, 13, 20, 27 at 10 a.m.

Homeless Outreach

January 6, 13, 20, 27 at 3 p.m.

Mother Goose, Auditorium

January 7, 14, 21, 28 at 10 a.m.

Teen Game Hour, Auditorium

January 7, 3 p.m.

Brass City Toastmasters, Auditorium

January 11, 25 5 p.m.

Friends of the Library Meeting, Mezzanine

January 12, 4 p.m.

Struggle for Freedom: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 16, 3 p.m.

Library Closed Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Board of Agents Meeting, Mezzanine

January 26, 4 p.m.

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 January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, and December at the Main Library on the second Tuesday, at 4:00 p.m.

Select Annual Membership Level:

_____ Individual: \$25 _____ Patron: \$50 _____ Senior: \$15 _____ Student: \$15



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