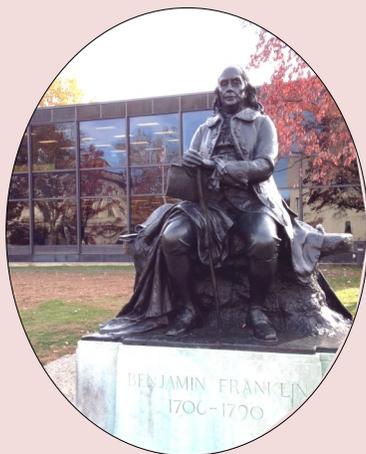




Books and Happenings

The Newsletter of the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- LIBRARY CLOSED on February 15 for Presidents' Day and February 16 for Lincoln's Birthday
- Brass City Toastmasters will meet February 8 and 22 in the Auditorium at 5 p.m.
- Friends of the Library members' meeting on February 9, 3 p.m.
- Board of Agents meeting February 23, 4 p.m.
- AARP Free Tax Prep every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for seniors and low income residents.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

The Silas Bronson Library is pleased to participate in this year's Black History Month city-wide celebration. In addition to programs being offered at the Library, the Waterbury Celebrates Black History Month flyer (which can be picked up at the Circulation Desk or downloaded from our website) includes events being held throughout the city.

You're in for a special treat this month with our featured artist, Enrique Ortiz, a Dominican immigrant, Waterbury resident, and culinary artist extraordinaire! Examples of his sculpture will be on view in our gallery and display cases, and Ortiz will present a demonstration of his craft on February 20. Ortiz has won numerous awards for his culinary creations and recognition from the White House and the Vatican.

Volunteers from AARP will be at the Library every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to assist seniors and low income residents with their tax preparation and filing. The program starts February 2 and continues through April 12.

We've introduced some improvements to patron services recently. If you wish to read a newspaper, you no longer need to hand over your library card or ID; simply pick up the paper from the table, and return it when you're finished reading. Additionally, if you have your library card on hand, you can now use one of our public computers for a full day, so long as no one else is waiting to use a computer. Check with the library staff at the Reference Desk for details on how this new system works.



NEWS FROM THE READERS GARDEN BOOKSTORE

Hi everyone,

Winter has arrived, and what a great time to catch up on our reading. We have a great selection of books from which to choose. This month's featured author is Robert Parker. Mr. Parker was well known for his "Spencer" series, and more recently the "Jesse Stone" series. These books will be priced at 50 cents for hard cover and 25 cents for paper back and may be found on our sale table. We are constantly adding books to our ongoing sale; we have also added a small cart which includes more paper backs priced at 25 cents and 10 cents. For our VHS fans we have a large selection of great movies. Please visit, and tell your friends about us. We appreciate your support. All proceeds support the Library's many services especially those for Children.

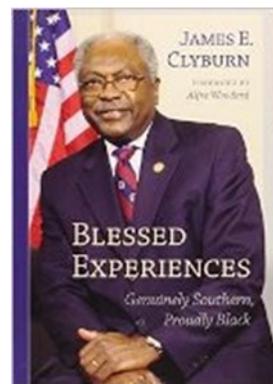
~ Barbara Ranando

SISTERS TO SISTERS BOOK CLUB

Monday, February 1, 6 p.m., Auditorium

Blessed Experiences: Genuinely Southern, Proudly Black is the autobiography of James E. Clyburn, who has served as a U. S. Congressman from South Carolina since 1993.

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



CALLING ALL POETS (...AND POETRY LOVERS)

Wednesday, February 3, 6:30 p.m., Auditorium

Nancy Clarke Otter will read from her Harriet Tubman series.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Admission and evening parking are free.



LOVE SONGS OF BLACK AMERICA

Saturday, February 13, 2 p.m., Main Reading Room

Celebrate love with soprano Dana Elizabeth Fripp. Accompanied by pianist Ron Pollard, the versatile New Haven singer, actress, writer, lyricist, coach, catalyst, performing arts minister, and self-described "consummate bag lady" will present show tunes, R&B, soul-stirring ballads and spirit-filled selections.



CULINARY ART DEMONSTRATION

Saturday, February 20, 2 p.m., Auditorium

Learn how to make artistic food displays with award-winning culinary artist Enrique Ortiz, whose free-standing and framed sculptures will be on view at the Silas Bronson Library during the month of February.



SATURDAY MATINEE AT THE LIBRARY

Saturday, February 27, 2 p.m., Auditorium

This month, we'll be showing *Stormy Weather*, the classic 1943 musical starring Lena Horne, Bill Robinson, and Cab Calloway.





COMMUNITY SCRABBLE GAMES

Saturdays, 1 p.m., Main Reading Room

Anyone can join in: Learn to play, teach others, or improve your skills!



TEEN GAME TIME

Thursday, February 4, 3 - 5 p.m., Auditorium

Bring a friend, or come alone and make new friends. A variety of popular board games and card games will be provided, along with snacks. Teens only!



TEEN CHOC-OLYMPICS

Thursday, February 11, 3 p.m., Auditorium

Events Include: Guess the Chocolate, Chocolate Puzzle, and Chocolate Hockey Shootout. For Teens in Grades 8-12. Register at Circulation Desk.

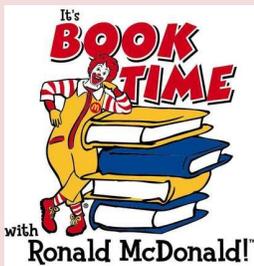
CHILDREN'S DIVISION



TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY

Saturday, February 6, Children's Room

Join us for a contest, crafts, and giveaways. Take Your Child to the Library Day is an international initiative that started in Connecticut.



IT'S BOOK TIME WITH RONALD MCDONALD

Thursday, February 11, 6 p.m., Children's Room

An entertaining and inspirational show making reading fun and relevant for elementary school students (K-3). Register by calling 203-574-8212.

LIVE BIRDS OF PREY - UP CLOSE

Thursday, February 25, 6 p.m., Children's Room

Join us as for an unforgettable experience with raptors and their handlers from Blue Moon Raptors. Meet raptors Aviana, Cedar and Silas and learn about their environments, habitats and favorite meals.



CHILDREN'S DIVISION
WEEKLY & MONTHLY 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.

GROUPS MUST REGISTER 3 WEEKS IN ADVANCE



Let's Go LEGO

Monday, February 29, 6-7 p.m., Children's Room

If you love building with LEGOs, then you'll love "Let's Go LEGO". The program is held on the last Monday of the month. LEGOs are provided. For ages 6 to 12.

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



Saturday Morning Kids' Movie

Saturday, February 27, 10 a.m., Auditorium

This month's movie is *Rio* (2011). Snacks, and coffee for parents, will be provided. Movies are shown on the last Saturday of the month.

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

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Thurs. 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Friday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday 1 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

203 574-8240

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MARCH 2016

Community Jigsaw Puzzles, Main Reading Room

Daily

Storytime Plus, Children's Room

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 10 a.m.

Free Tax Prep for Seniors, East Wing

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Dr. Seuss Day Storytelling, Children's Room

March 2, 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 6 p.m.

Calling All Poets... (and poetry lovers), Auditorium

March 2, 6:30 p.m.

Babies and Books, Children's Picture Book Room

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 10 a.m.

Mother Goose, Auditorium

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at 10 a.m.

Teen Game Time

March 3, 3 p.m.

More Than Snowmen: Snow/Ice Sculpture Demonstration

March 5, 12 p.m.

UConn Master Gardeners: Planting & Pruning, Auditorium

March 5, 1 p.m.

Community Scrabble Game, Main Reading Room

March 5, 12, 19, 26 at 1 p.m.

Sisters to Sisters Book Club, Mezzanine

March 7, 6 p.m.

Brass City Toastmasters, Auditorium

March 7, 14 at 5 p.m.

Women of Shakespeare, Auditorium

March 8, 6:30 p.m.

Brass Valley: The Fall of An American Industry, Auditorium

March 10, 6 p.m.

Decorating Lithuanian and Ukrainian Easter Eggs, Auditorium

March 12, 1 p.m.

Board of Agents Meeting, Mezzanine

March 22, 4 p.m.

Music and Dance of the Scottish Highlands, Children's Room

March 23 6 p.m.

LIBRARY CLOSED for Good Friday

March 25, 2016

Saturday Morning Kids' Movie

March 26, 10 a.m.

Movie Matinee

March 26, 2 p.m.

Let's Go LEGO!

March 28, 6 p.m.