



# SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY

*Something for Everyone*

## BOOKS AND HAPPENINGS

WINTER 2017-18

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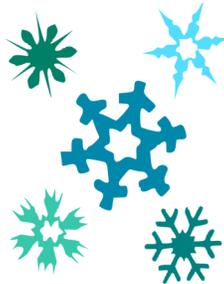
### THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

The library had several major programs and projects this fall, from the Waterbury Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony to Mardi Gross to moving the books out of the Children's Room. We are grateful to all of the volunteers who helped make them possible: the library's Board of Agents; Friends of the Silas Bronson Library; the library's Anime Club; realtors from the Greater Waterbury Board of Realtors; John Bale Book Company; Literacy Volunteers of Greater Waterbury; UnGroup Society; and Rivera & Hughes South End Cheerleaders.



### WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS

The library and the Bunker Hill Branch are normally still open when there is a school cancellation or delay. We are closed only when the Mayor closes City offices due to weather, or if there is extremely severe weather after 5 p.m. or on Saturday. Weather closings will be posted on our website and social media accounts. You can sign up for email alerts for weather-related closings at [www.bronsonlibrary.org/emailsignup](http://www.bronsonlibrary.org/emailsignup).



### RENOVATION UPDATES

The Children's Room project will be finished in early January. Funding for the project was provided by the Elisha Leavenworth Foundation, the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library, the Silas Bronson Fund, and the City of Waterbury Document Preservation Fund.



Work on renovating the front plaza continues and should be finished in January. Funding has been provided by a Community Development Block Grant, the CT Department of Economic & Community Development, and the Bronson Fund.



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## NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

### Readers' Garden Bookstore

Hi, Hope everyone had a safe and healthy autumn and enjoyed the very warm weather. Please browse our bookstore to view the many holiday items now available for sale - hard covers, paperbacks, holiday crafts books and cookbooks as well as CDs.

Winter has arrived and our thoughts turn to indoor projects; it's also a great time to catch up on our reading. During January, our sales tables will feature books on the Civil War, biographies, and some lovely large, coffee table books, as well as featured authors and books on woodworking. And what would February be without a celebration of Valentine's Day? So, romance novels will share the sales tables with books on travel, history, and general non-fiction. In addition, our sales tables always include books on various subject matters as a result of book donations made to the Friends.



### Bookstore Survey

We are very interested in your opinion of our bookstore, so look for our suggestion box which will be available in the near future. The box will contain cards where you can write your suggestions, views, requests, etc. We will respond on the back of the card; after you have viewed our response, simply remove the card. This process offers privacy as there is no need to sign the cards. Thanks to all who continue to support the Friends of the Library Readers Garden Book Store. Proceeds support the Library's many programs, services and projects.

### Book Donations

If you would like to donate books, please call the library at 203-574-8222 to schedule a delivery time.

### Gifts & Bequests

The Friends of the Silas Bronson Library is a 501 (c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the mission and programs of the Silas Bronson Library. Donations and bequests may be made to the Friends to support the library's programs or to assist with building improvements, such as the recent refurbishment of the library's second floor. Donations to the Friends may be sent to us at P.O. Box 2853, Waterbury, CT 06723.



## NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

### Friends of the Library Winter Book Sale

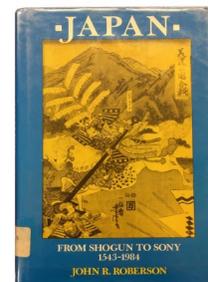
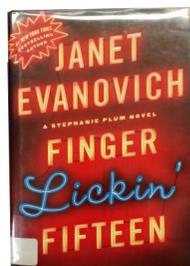
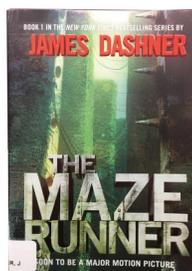
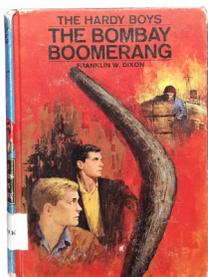
Thursday, December 14, 9 a.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Friday, December 15, 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Saturday, December 16, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

*Main Reading Room*

Stock up on books for the winter at this special three-day sale, and buy a vintage library chair to sit in while you read! The Friends of the Library will be selling hundreds of former library books to raise funds for the Silas Bronson Library. Included in the sale are Midcentury Modern armchairs by famed designer Jens Risom, originally acquired by the library in 1964. The sale will be held during regular library hours. Cash and check only.



### Join the Friends of the Library

Members of the Friends receive this newsletter in the mail. Membership rates start at \$15/year for students and seniors; \$25/year for individuals; \$50/year for patrons; and \$100/year for corporate memberships. To join, please send a check payable to the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library, P.O. Box 2853, Waterbury, CT 06723 and indicate that it is for a new membership. Membership brochures are available at the library with additional information.



### Volunteers Welcome!

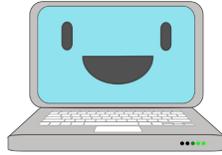
Volunteer activities include assisting with the bookstore, public outreach, advocacy, and serving on the Friends' Board. Call the library at 203-574-8222 to find out more.

# COMPUTER CLASSES

## ONE-ON-ONE COMPUTER HELP

By Appointment

Call 203-574-8225 or visit the Reference Desk at the main library to schedule your appointment.



Have a tablet, but don't know how to use it? Need to figure out how to set up an email account? Wondering how to use the library's Wi-Fi? Want to learn how to use our online resources? Schedule a half-hour appointment with one of our librarians to learn the basics of internet technology.

## INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT OFFICE 2010

Wednesdays, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

December 6 - February 28

Computer Classroom

Learn to enter data and format Microsoft Office documents. This weekly class will feature instruction on using Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint.



Learn to navigate MS Word tabs on the ribbon to create sophisticated documents with a few clicks.

Create and format extraordinary slide presentations using PowerPoint.

Learn to use Microsoft Excel, a powerful spreadsheet program and a plus in the business world. Learn the basics – including inputting, formatting, manipulating data and formulae, and spreadsheet design.

*Excellent mouse and keyboard skills are required for all Microsoft classes. No registration required.*

## WATERBURY B.R.A.S.S. CLASSES

The Silas Bronson Library offers computer classes for Waterbury seniors through the B.R.A.S.S. program at the Waterbury Senior Center on East Main Street and at the Mount Olive Senior Center. All Waterbury seniors ages 60 and over are welcome to participate.

For more information about the Senior Center, call (203) 574-6746.



The library also offers B.R.A.S.S. computer classes at the Bunker Hill Branch, thanks to a grant from the Connecticut Community Foundation.

Waterbury B.R.A.S.S. is a collaboration between the City of Waterbury, Connecticut Community Foundation, New Opportunities, Inc., and Western Connecticut Area on Aging, working together to engage residents ages 60 and over. B.R.A.S.S. offers a range of opportunities and programs to help Waterbury become a great place to grow older.



## B.R.A.S.S. AT THE BRANCH

Tuesdays, 2 p.m.

December 5 – February 27

Bunker Hill Branch

Learn how to use a tablet, smartphone, or computer. You will be assisted in using the internet, Wi-Fi, eBooks, and more! For seniors ages 60 and over. Free parking.

# ADULT PROGRAMS

## COMMUNITY JIGSAW PUZZLES

Daily

Main Reading Room

Help finish a puzzle--anyone can join in. Add your skill to those of others and help complete the puzzle.



## COLORING FOR ADULTS

Every Saturday, 10 a.m. -12 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Coloring for adults is a way to relax and express creativity. We provide the pages and coloring pencils. Participants take their work home to enjoy and show their friends!

## SISTERS TO SISTERS BOOK CLUB

First Monday of the month, 6 p.m.

Mezzanine

Celebrating 20 years, the Sisters to Sisters Book Club welcomes new members.



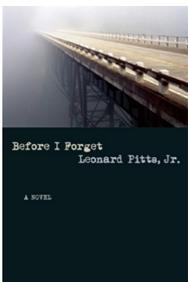
December 4: *Before I Forget* by Leonard Pitts

January 8: *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas

## February Movie Night: Belle

Thursday, February 1, 5:30 - 8 p.m.

Snow Date: Thursday, February 15



## BRASS CITY TOASTMASTERS

Monday, December 11, January 8 & 22,  
February 12 & 26, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Auditorium

The Brass City Toastmasters' mission is to empower individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders. Meetings are open to all interested parties.



## FRIENDS OF THE SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY

Second Tuesday of the month, 4 p.m.

December 12, January 9, February 13

Mezzanine

Open to all members of the Friends. Find out how you can get involved and help support the library.



## SCORE BUSINESS MENTORING

Thursdays, 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 p.m.

By appointment only

Mezzanine

Volunteer business counselors

are available by appointment to mentor entrepreneurs and small business owners. To learn more, visit our website at [bronsonlibrary.org/score](http://bronsonlibrary.org/score) or call 203-574-8225.



## CHESS MEETUP

Third Thursday of the month, 6 p.m.

December 21, January 18, February 15

Auditorium

Chess players are invited to come to the library to share their love of the game, meet new chess players, and play chess. All ages welcome.



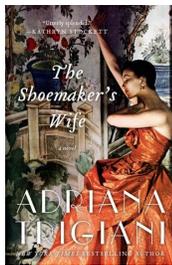
# ADULT PROGRAMS

## BRASS BOOK CLUB @ THE BRANCH

Fourth Thursday of the month, 11:30 a.m.  
Bunker Hill Branch, 192 Bunker Hill Avenue

Seniors 60+ are invited to join us for a monthly book discussion. Please call us at 203-574-8225 to R.S.V.P. by the Tuesday before we meet. Copies of the books will be available at the library.

December 28: *The Welcome Committee of Butternut Creek* by Jane Myers Perrine  
January 25: *The Shoemaker's Wife* by Adriana Trigiani  
February 22: *Big Little Lies* by Liane Moriarty



## WATERBURY IN WORDS AND PICTURES: POETRY, PROSE AND MUSIC

Wednesday, January 3, 6:30 p.m.  
Main Reading Room

Nicaraguan-born, New York transplant Gus "Ghost" Useda presents some of his thousands of poems in both English and Spanish, intermingled with Latin, Gaelic, Hindi and Greek. Useda will also be exhibiting his artwork at the library during the month of January.



## WINTER PUZZLE CONTEST

Saturday, January 20, 1- 3 p.m.  
Snow Date: January 27  
Main Reading Room

Teams of up to 6 people compete to see how much of a 550-piece puzzle they can finish in 2 hours. Pre-registration required. Call 203-574-8225 to R.S.V.P.



## IN THE TRADITION...

Tuesday, February 6, 7:00 pm  
Snow Date: February 13  
Main Reading Room

Silas Bronson Librarian Tanya Jackson-Smith tells the story of "The Woman in the Snow," a story of segregation in the 1950s from *The Dark-Thirty: Southern Tales of the Supernatural*, a Newbery Honor Book and Coretta Scott King Award Winning book by Patricia McKissack.



The daughter of a storyteller and musician, Jackson-Smith became interested in storytelling herself when she studied African Drum and Dance during her undergraduate years at SUNY-Purchase. A lifelong member of the National Association of Black Storytellers, Inc., she has performed with The Akosua African Drum and Dance Troupe of Mount Vernon, NY; Children of the African Diaspora of Las Vegas, NV; and Sounds of Africa Drum & Dance Troupe of the Tri-State area.

# ADULT PROGRAMS

## CALLING ALL POETS (...and poetry lovers)

Wednesday, February 7, 6:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Black History poetry and music experiential, hosted by Victoria Muñoz. Poets and musicians are welcome to perform their work on this theme during open mic.

Sign-up for spoken word and open mic at 6:20 p.m.



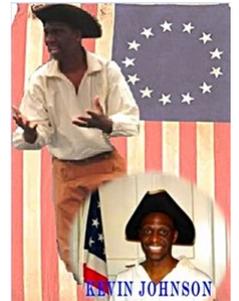
## A BLACK AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR EXPERIENCE

Saturday, February 17, 2:00 p.m.

Snow Date: February 24, 10 a.m.

Main Reading Room

In this all-ages performance, Kevin Johnson of the Connecticut State Library reenacts the life and times of Jordan Freeman, an African American born in 1732 in Old Lyme, who served during the Revolutionary War.



## AFRICAN AMERICAN THEATER

Thursday, February 8, 6:30 p.m.

Snow Date: February 22

Main Reading Room



Waterbury native Robert B. Laney presents various noteworthy monologues representative of the experiences which have affected the lives of African Americans.

## BLACK BRASS: "THESE HILLS RAISED ME"

Wednesday, February 21, 6:30 p.m.

Snow Date: February 28

Main Reading Room

Waterbury native and recently-published illustrator Earl Womack discusses his technique and his evolution as an artist as well as the history of print in Waterbury. Womack's art will be on view during the month of February.



## PHILIP V. BENEVENTO CULTURAL PROGRAM FOR ADULTS

### GOING FORTH - BLACK HISTORY MONTH CONCERT

Saturday, February 24, 2:00 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Jazz pianist Fred Simmons & Friends hook up with Waterbury's Fran McIntyre, who returns to the Silas Bronson stage for another great performance! Simmons, a jazz piano teacher at Wesleyan University for many years, will present some of his original works along with African American jazz standards.

Fran McIntyre "was singing before she was talking," according to her dad, Rev. Dewey McIntyre. Having grown up in a musical family, the multitalented singer of Gospel, Jazz, Blues and Pop, educator and humanitarian took voice lessons from an early age and sang in five church choirs, the Waterbury Glee Club and Connecticut Choral Society.



# WINTER EXHIBITS

## DECEMBER EXHIBITS

### CAPTURING THE MOMENT: ART BY ANITA GREGORSKI

*Gallery and Display Cases*



Award-winning artist Anita Gregorski has presented numerous solo exhibits, working in watercolors, oils and acrylic. Her paintings have been accepted in prestigious juried art shows.

Her subjects include local barns and fences, quaint neighborhood homes, flowers from her gardens, New England landscapes, store fronts, and street scenes.



A lifelong Connecticut resident, Gregorski paints works that successfully reflect the colors and atmosphere that are so much a part of this landscape. She has also captured both city and rural scenes that have since changed or disappeared.

## JANUARY EXHIBITS

### POETIC WATERBURY

*Gallery*

Mixed media sketches of Waterbury locations as well as surrealistic works by Gus Useda.

### THEOREM ART

*Display Cases*

Theorem artist Jean Hansen's trading cards and other works on canvas, velvet and various other fabrics.



## FEBRUARY EXHIBITS

### ILLUSTRATIONS AND SEQUENTIAL ART

*Gallery*



Waterbury native and recently published illustrator Earl Womack exhibits his illustrations of prominent African Americans such as Boston Celtic basketball great Bill Russell, jazz singer Nina Simone, and award-winning actor Denzel Washington.

### SIGHTS OF SENEGAL

*Display Cases*

Woodwork, sculpture, sand paintings, butterfly photos, musical instruments and traditional clothing from the collection of Laverne Campbell, from her five visits to Senegal.



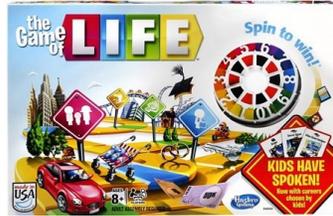
# TEEN/YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

## TEEN GAME TIME

First Thursdays, December 7, January 4, February 1  
4 - 5 p.m.

Mezzanine

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



## TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

First Saturdays, December 2, January 6, February 3,  
10 - 11 a.m.

Teen/YA Zone

Snacks will be served. All teens are welcome to join!



## ANIME CLUB

Second & Fourth Saturdays,  
December 9 & 23, January 13 & 27,  
February 10 & 24, 2:30 - 4 p.m.

Auditorium

Teens! Share your love of anime and manga with this new club. Win a prize! Ages 14+ are welcome to join. Snacks will be provided.



## TEEN MOVIE MATINEE: THE MARTIAN

Wednesday, December 13, 4 p.m.

Auditorium

In this 2015 film, an astronaut becomes stranded on Mars and must rely on his ingenuity to survive until he can be rescued. Rated PG-13.



## TEEN MOVIE MATINEE: WONDER WOMAN

Wednesday, January 17, 4 p.m.

Auditorium

In this 2017 superhero movie, an Amazonian warrior in training leaves her home to fight in World War I. Rated PG-13.



## FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Wednesday, January 24, 6 p.m.

Snow Date: January 31

Auditorium



Find out how to apply for some of the largest scholarship programs; learn important deadlines; and gain key info about financial aid. Presented by America Savings Foundation and Connecticut Community Foundation.

## VALENTINE'S CANDY HUNT

Tuesday, February 13, 4 p.m.

Teen/YA Zone

Got Candy? Sign up at the circulation desk to participate in our Teen Valentine's Candy Hunt. Players will have one-minute intervals to find as much hidden candy as they can.

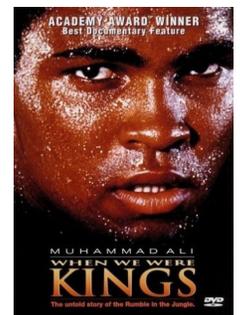


## TEEN MOVIE MATINEE: WHEN WE WERE KINGS

Wednesday, February 21, 4 p.m.

Auditorium

Documentary about the 1974 heavyweight championship boxing match dubbed the "Rumble in the Jungle" between George Foreman and Muhammad Ali. Rated PG.



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## WEEKLY PROGRAMS

### STORYTIME PLUS

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

*Children's Room or Auditorium*

Children and caregivers will enjoy storytime, listening and singing to music, marching and playing in a band, doing finger games, and creating a craft. For preschoolers age 5 and under. Groups must register three weeks in advance.



### ROBLOX CLUB

Begins January 2

Tuesdays, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

*Computer Classroom*

Roblox players can access games created by other users or create games themselves. Ages 5 to 14.



### BABIES AND BOOKS

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

*Picture Books Room*

Enjoy lullabies, nursery rhymes, finger plays, bounces, and sign language.

Best with one child per adult. For children age 24 months and under. No registration required.



### CODING CLUB FOR KIDS

Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m.

*Computer Classroom*

Children of all ages are welcome to join in this club activity. Come learn coding, including HTML and how to program robots.



### MOTHER GOOSE

Thursdays, 10 a.m.

*Auditorium*

Nursery rhymes, visual and audio technology are used in this modern Mother Goose program. For children age 4 and under. Groups must register three weeks in advance.



### JAMMIE JAMS

Thursdays, 6 p.m.

*Picture Book Room*

"Pajama" story time for ages 3 - 7; bring your favorite teddy bear, wear your PJs, and jam with music, songs, & stories!



### TYPING 4 KIDS

Begins February 2

Fridays, 3:30 p.m.

*Computer Classroom*

Kids of all ages: Learn a valuable skill - and have fun doing it!



## MONTHLY PROGRAMS

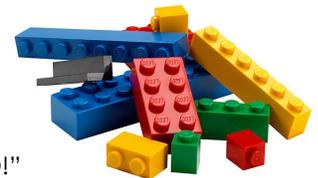
### LET'S GO LEGO!

Monday, January 29, 6 p.m.

Monday, February 26, 6 p.m.

*Children's Room*

If you like building with LEGOs, then you'll love "Let's Go LEGO!" LEGOs are provided. For ages 6 to 12.



### SATURDAY MATINEE MOVIES

Second Saturday of the month, 1 p.m.

*Children's Room*

December 9: *Santa Clause*

January 13: *The Emoji Movie*

February 10: *White Water*



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## BRONSON BOOKWORMS

Last Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

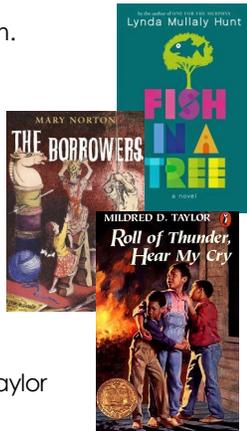
Mezzanine

Book club for tweens.

December 27: *Fish in a Tree*  
by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

January 31: *The Borrowers*  
by Mary Norton

February 28: *Roll of Thunder,  
Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor



## THREE KINGS DAY

Saturday, January 6, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Children's Room

Get creative and design a Three Kings Day craft. Come in anytime and be crafty. Design a crown, or make a Three Kings Day card.



## ALPHABET EXPLORERS

Saturday, February 3, 10 - 11 a.m.

Auditorium

This program is for children ages 3-5 with a parent/grandparent or guardian. Families will receive a free book at each session. Space is limited. Call to register: 203-574-8213.



## WINTER READING CLUB

December 1 - January 31

Children's Room

Chill out and **read** this winter with

**"Snowball Readers"** the Children's Winter Reading Program for all children from birth through 8th grade. All children who return their completed scorecards by Wednesday, January 31st will be entered into a raffle and receive a free book. Sign up starting Friday, December 1 through Wednesday, January 24 in the children's room.



## TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY

Saturday, February 3, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Children's Room

Join us for a celebration of the library! We'll have special activities in the Children's Room all day. It will be a fun day for the whole family!



## SANTA CLAUS VISITS SILAS BRONSON

Saturday, December 9, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Children's Room

Santa Claus will be visiting the Children's Room! For ages 1 to 12.



## LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD 2

Saturday, February 10, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Children's Room

A day for youths to have their voices heard. We will watch a movie and share our thoughts and discover new perspectives. Spoken word, songs are encouraged.

## WINTER RECESS AT THE LIBRARY

Tuesday, December 26 - Friday, December 29

Children's Room

No need to stay home all week: stop by the library any time we're open during the Waterbury Public School's Winter Recess and enjoy crafts, coloring, LEGOs, and more!



## VALENTINE'S DAY CRAFTS

Wednesday, February 14, 10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Children's Room

Stop in and create a special Valentine's Day card for someone you love!



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### LIBRARY HOURS

#### Main Library

Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

#### Bunker Hill Branch

Tuesday 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Friday 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

*Weather Closings will be announced on our website, social media, eblasts, and local news networks.*

### LOCATIONS

#### Main Library

267 Grand Street  
Waterbury, CT 06702

#### Bunker Hill Branch

192 Bunker Hill Avenue  
Waterbury, CT 06708

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Main Number: 203-574-8200

Bunker Hill Branch: 203-574-8240

Circulation Desk: 203-574-8206

Children's Division: 203-574-8213

Director's Office: 203-574-8222

Reference Desk: 203-574-8225

TTY/TDD: 203-574-8226

### LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Monday, December 25

Monday, January 1

Monday, January 15

Monday & Tuesday, February 19 & 20

### PARKING INFORMATION

#### Main Library

Kiosk parking is available on Grand Street and in the parking lot between the Library and City Hall.

Handicapped spaces are available in the parking lot. Parking rates apply.

*Parking rates: \$1 per hour; free after 6:30 p.m.*

#### Bunker Hill Branch

Free parking is available in our lot on Aurora Street.



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