

# Silas Bronson Library BOOKS AND HAPPENINGS

The Newsletter of Waterbury's Public Library

SPRING 2019

#### FREE TAX PREPARATION

The library has joined the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program to provide free tax preparation for individuals and families earning less than \$55,000 a year. VITA is offered at the library on Tuesdays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The service is available by appointment only; call 211 to schedule your appointment at the library or any other service location.



VITA is made possible through a partnership with United Way, the Connecticut Association for Human Services, and the Internal Revenue Service.





#### SPRING BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Library will be holding a special three-day book sale this spring in downtown Waterbury. Included in the sale are autographed books, best sellers, gently used books, and ex-library books. We'll be announcing more details as we get closer to April -- check our website and social media for online updates, or keep an eye out for flyers at the library.

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#### SPRING EXHIBITS

In March, our display cases in the front lobby will feature an exhibit from the Hispanic Coalition celebrating the diversity and accomplishments of the Hispanic population in the Waterbury area.



In April, we will feature silk flower arrangements from Fleurish by Michelle, a West Haven decorator specializing in floral arrangements, and a collection of teacups and related memorabilia courtesy of Librarian Dana Lucisano.

In May, our exhibit cases will showcase the Waterbury Garden Club, celebrating their 85th anniversary this year.

#### **NEW RELEASES**

Wondering what's new at the library? You can check our list of new arrivals for movies and music on our website at bronsonlibrary.org/newmovies and you can now follow us on Goodreads where we post highlights of the 800+ books that we add to our collection each month. You can also search our online catalog by publication date to browse new items.











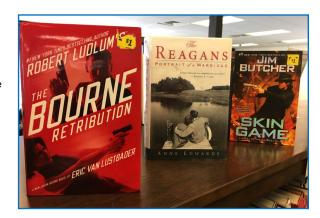
## News from the Friends of the Library

#### Readers' Garden Bookstore

Hi, Hope everyone had a safe and happy winter.

Coming up this spring, our new volunteers will be holding a special three-day book sale in downtown Waterbury. Once the date is set, we will promote the event at the library and online.

If you are interested in helping with the sale, please call (203) 574-8222 or email bronsonlibrary@waterburyct.org. You can also connect with us on Facebook (@SBLfriends).



We now have a display area in the front lobby for featured items, as well as new bookstore space in the East Wing. We will be working on settling into our new space in March and April. The bookstore, which is open whenever the library is open.

Thanks to all who continue to support the Friends of the Library Readers Garden Bookstore. All proceeds support the Library's many programs, services and projects. As always, your support is most appreciated.

#### **Book Donations**

If you would like to donate books, please call the library at 203-574-8222 to schedule a delivery time. Please note that we may not be able to accept all book donations at this time.



#### 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.

### 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. Donations to the Friends may be sent to us at P.O. Box 2853, Waterbury, CT 06723.

# COMPUTERS, WIFI, PRINTING, & COPYING

#### 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.

#### **PUBLIC COMPUTERS**

Our public computers are available for anyone to use. You can log on with a library card from any public library in the Bibliomation consortium. Not sure if your library is in the consortium? Ask at the Reference Desk for a list of Bibliomation libraries. If you don't have a library card, guest passes are available for one session per day.

#### WIFI

Access the internet with your own laptop, tablet, or phone using our free wifi. No password required, just select **SBL-WiFi-hotspot** on your device.



#### PRINTING & COPYING

Black-and-white printing and copying is available at 15 cents per page. Color printing is available at 50 cents per page; please ask for assistance at the Reference Desk if you wish to print in color.

In order to print, you will need to pre-load money onto your library card or guest pass at the Circulation Desk.

#### **COMPUTER CLASSES**

Wednesdays, 1 p.m. Computer Classroom



Drop in for these specific classes and bring any related questions to get help with. Classes will utilize Microsoft Office software, Google Apps, and general computer skills for beginners.

Mar. 6, 1 p.m. Computer Basics for Beginners

Mar. 13, 1 p.m. Word for Beginners Mar. 20, 1 p.m. Excel for Beginners

Mar. 27, 1 p.m. Lynda.com

Apr. 3, 1 p.m. eBooks on Your Device

Apr. 10, 1 p.m. Word for Beginners

Apr. 17, 1 p.m. Excel for Beginners

Apr. 24, 1 p.m. Library Resources Online

May 1, 1 p.m. Gmail & Google Drive

May 8, 1 p.m. Word for Beginners

May 15, 1 p.m. Excel for Beginners

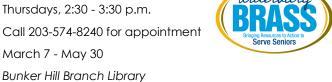
May 22, 1 p.m. PowerPoint for Beginners

May 29, 1 p.m. Lynda.com

For ages 16 and up. No registration required. Must be able to use a mouse and keyboard.

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



## PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

#### PHILIP V. BENEVENTO CULTURAL PROGRAM FOR ADULTS

#### KRIS JENSEN AND THE JAZZ ALL STARS

Saturday, April 13, 2 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Join us for a celebration of Jazz Appreciation Month with an afternoon performance by Kris Jensen and the Jazz All Stars. Jensen has performed with the Allman Brothers Band and continues to tour regularly with Jaimoe's Jasssz Band, performing monthly at the Iridium jazz club in New York City.

The Philip V. Benevento Fund for Cultural Program for Adults at the Silas Bronson Library was established in 2016 in honor of Waterbury's City Historian and former Silas Bronson Library Board member Philip V. Benevento. The fund continues to grow through individual donations made to the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library.

#### **CHESS MEETUP**

Daily

Main Reading Room Play a game of chess anytime, daily. A chess set is available at the circulation desk or bring your own.



#### FRIENDS OF THE SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY

Second Tuesday of the month March 12, April 9, May 14, 4 p.m. Mezzanine

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





#### **COLORING FOR ADULTS**

Daily

**COMMUNITY JIGSAW PUZZLES** 

Main Reading Room Coloring for adults is a way to relax and express creativity. We provide the pages and coloring pencils.

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

First Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m.

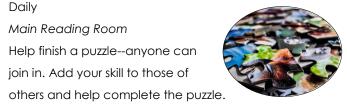
March 6, April 3, May 1

Auditorium

All are welcome to attend, whether you are a poet or just love poetry. Bring five copies of your work to share

for a constructive criticism workshop. Sign-up for open mic poetry and spoken word starts at 6:20 p.m. Hosted







ANNUAL POETRY SLAM: Hosted by Ernie Blue on Wednesday, April 3, at 6:30 p.m. Sign-up starts at 6:20 p.m.

## PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

#### SISTERS TO SISTERS BOOK CLUB

First Monday of the month, 6 p.m. Mezzanine

New members welcome. Copies of the books will be available at the library.

March 4: An American Marriage by Tayari Jones

April 1: See below

May 6: The Woman in the Window

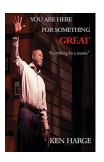
by A.J. Finn





#### SISTERS TO SISTERS AUTHOR VISIT

Monday, April 1, 6 p.m. Main Reading Room Author Ken Harge will join Sisters to Sisters for a discussion of his book, You Are Here for Something Great. Copies of the book will be available for purchase & signing.



#### **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. Copies of the books will be available at the library.

March 28: The Invention of Wings

by Sue Monk Kidd

Who Do You Love April 25:

by Jennifer Weiner

May 23: Surprise Me

by Sophie Kinsella



Third Saturday of the month, 11 a.m.

**Auditorium** 

Read the book and join us to watch the movie! We're pairing up classic books with their film adaptations. Copies of the books will be available to borrow from the library. Light refreshments will be served.

March 16: Wuthering Heights

by Emily Bronte

April 20: The Book Thief

by Markus Zusak

May 18: The Picture of Dorian

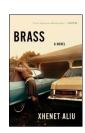
Gray by Oscar Wilde



#### **BRASS WITH XHENET ALIU**

Saturday, March 9, 3 p.m. Main Reading Room

Acclaimed author Xhenet Aliu returns to her childhood library to discuss her novel, Brass, which takes place in the Brass City.



#### RESILIENCE WITH CAROL GEE

Tuesday, March 19, 2 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Local author Carol Gee discusses her book about her journey through mental illness. Copies will be available for purchase and signing.

#### PRESERVING FAMILY TREASURES

Thursday, May 2, 6 p.m. Main Reading Room Lizette Pelletier, State Archivist at the Connecticut State Library, will teach you how to preserve family photos, documents, and other

memorabilia for future generations.



# BUSINESS & EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS

#### SCORE BUSINESS MENTORING

Mondays, 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m. Thursdays, 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 p.m. By appointment only, call 203-574-8225

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.

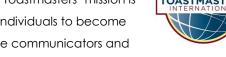
#### **BRASS CITY TOASTMASTERS**

Second and Fourth Monday of the month, 6 p.m.

March 11 & 25, April 8 & 22, May 13

**Auditorium** 

The Brass City Toastmasters' mission is to empower individuals to become more effective communicators and



leaders. Meetings are open to all interested parties.

#### HOW TO FIND A JOB

Thursday, March 14, 2 p.m. Main Reading Room



Cindy Peterson from the Goodwill Career Center will talk about ways to search for a new job, how to figure out what type of job you are searching for, and how to avoid job scams.

#### **ONLINE RESOURCES**

Use your Silas Bronson Library card to get free access to online resources that will help your business or career. Visit bronsonlibrary.org/research to get started.







#### AMERICAN JOB CENTER

Thursday, March 21, 2 p.m. Main Reading Room



Pamela LaRosa, Director of One-Stop Workforce Operations, will provide an overview of the American Job Center and discuss some of the services offered with the CT Department of Labor.

#### INTERVIEW SKILLS

Thursday, April 11, 2 p.m. Main Reading Room



Cindy Peterson from the Goodwill Career Center will help you prepare for a job interview. She will tell you how to prepare yourself before the interview, what to expect during the interview, how to answer difficult questions, and how to follow up afterwards.

#### JOB TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Thursday, April 18, 2 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Missing the skills you need for



the job you want? Find out about the free training opportunities and funding available at the American Job Center.

#### JOBSEEKER SERVICES

Thursday, May 16, 2 p.m. Main Reading Room Pamela LaRosa, Director of the One-Stop Workforce Operations, will talk about the American Job Center and the training available through the Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act.



## ALL-AGES PROGRAMS

#### **CHESS MEETUP**

First and third Saturday of the month, 2:30 p.m.

March 2 & 16, April 6 & 20, May 4 & 18 **Auditorium** 

Chess players are welcome to join us to share their love of the game, meet new chess players, or learn the game. All ages welcome.



#### **GAMING CLUB**

First and third Wednesday of the month, 4 p.m.

March 6 & 20, April 3 & 17, May 1 & 15

**Auditorium** 

Join us for video games, Magic, Yu-Gi-Oh! and board games in our Gaming Club. Anyone who loves games of any type is welcome. Games may contain mature content.





#### **GAMERS WHO CODE**

Wednesdays, 6 p.m.

Computer Classroom

Brass City Gamers hosts a coding class at the library. All ages and skill levels are welcome.



#### **MOVIES @ THE LIBRARY**

Last Wednesday of the month, 4 p.m.

**Auditorium** 

Join us for a free movie and snacks.

March 27: Venom

April 24: The Hate U Give

May 29: Split



All movies are rated PG-13 and may not be suitable for young children.

#### **WATERBURY ROUNDTABLE:**

#### **COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS**

Fourth Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m.

March 28, April 25, May 23

**Auditorium** 

All are welcome to join us

for our new monthly community

conversations about Waterbury's past, present, and future. Bring your ideas and any topics you'd like to discuss. Light refreshments will be served.

#### **HOLI FEST**

Saturday, March 23, 1 p.m.

Patio

Holi is a Hindu springtime celebration of love and color known for the play of colors in which participants douse one another with bright colors. Come learn about this joyful celebration.



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#### JIGSAW PUZZLE CONTEST

Saturday, April 6, 1 p.m.

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.



#### NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK CELEBRATION

Monday - Saturday, April 7 - 13,

Building-Wide

Help us celebrate the library during National Library Week! We'll have a variety of activities for all ages. This year's theme for is Libraries = Strong Communities.



## TEEN/YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

#### TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Second Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

March 13, April 10, May 8

Teen/YA Zone

Bring your ideas to a brainstorming session on what YOU want at the

library. Snacks provided.



#### TEEN BOOK TO SCREEN CLUB

Last Thursday of the month, 5 p.m.

Teen/YA Zone

Read the book, then let us know what you think! Copies available at the Circulation Desk. For ages 13-19 only.

Snacks provided.

March 28: Five Feet Apart

by Rachael Lippincott

April 25: The Sun is Also a Star

by Nicola Yoon

May 30: Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli



#### ANIME CLUB

Second & Fourth Saturday of the month,
March 9 & 23, April 13 & 27, May 11, 2:30 p.m.
Summer Schedule Starts Wednesday, May 22, 4 p.m.

**Auditorium** 

Share your love of anime and manga with this club. Win a prize!
Snacks provided. For ages 14+.



#### ANIME MOVIE MATINEE

Saturday, March 30, 2:30 p.m. Auditorium

Join us for some popcorn and a viewing of the Academy Award winning Studio Ghibli movie, Howl's Moving Castle. Rated PG.



#### **TEEN POETRY SLAM**

Wednesday, April 10, 5 p.m. Auditorium

Join us for our first ever Teen Poetry Slam. Submit poems in advance to

one of our Teen Librarians.



#### **FORENSIC PIZZA**

Wednesday, April 17, 6:30 p.m. Auditorium

Join the Waterbury Police Lab for pizza and a discussion and demonstration of how they



secure crime scenes, collect evidence, and more. Learn what really goes on at CSI Waterbury.

#### **HENNA TATTOOS**

Wednesday, May 15, 6 p.m.

Auditorium

Learn about henna tattoos with

Jamilah Henna Creations. The first
ten participants will receive a free
henna tattoo as part of the program.



#### **NEW TEEN ZONE & COMPUTER LAB**

You asked, we listened! Join us this spring for the grand opening of our new Teen Zone, featuring a teens-only lounge and study area, and an upgraded Computer Lab with Creative Suite software for graphic design, animation, and music creation. Follow us on Instagram (@bronsonteens) for updates.



## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



#### 44TH ANNUAL POETRY CONTEST

Deadline for Submission: Monday, April 12, 5 p.m.

Open to all children in Grades 1 to 8 who live in Waterbury or attend school in Waterbury. All poems must be the original work of the individual child. Only one poem per child is permitted. Registration forms and the poem themes for each grade level are available at the library, on our website, and at the Waterbury schools.

#### **WEEKLY PROGRAMS**

#### STORYTIME PLUS

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Children's Room

Children and caregivers will enjoy story time, listening and singing to music, marching and playing in a



For preschoolers age 5 and under. Groups must register three weeks in advance.

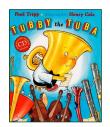
#### CREATING MUSICAL READERS

Tuesdays in April and May, 10:30 a.m.

Children's Room

Creating Musical Readers is an early literacy program for preschoolers age 5 and under, presented by the Waterbury Symphony Orchestra.

A different musical instrument will be featured each week.



## BABIES AND BOOKS

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Picture Book Room

Enjoy Iullabies, nursery rhymes, finger plays, bounces, and sign language.
Works best with one child per adult.
For children age 24 months and under.
No registration required, just drop in.



#### 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, 10:30 a.m.

Children's Room

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!



#### ROBLOX CLUB

Fridays, 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.



## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

#### MONTHLY PROGRAMS

#### LET'S GO LEGO!

Last Monday of the month, 5:30 p.m.

March 25, April 29, May 20

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.



#### **BRONSON BOOKWORMS**

Last Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m.

Mezzanine

A fun book club for ages 9 to 12. Snacks provided.

March 26: Amal Unbound by Aisha Saeed

April 30: The Incorrigible Children of Ashton Place

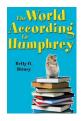
by Maryrose Wood

May 28: The World According to Humphrey

by Betty Birney







#### **ALPHABET EXPLORERS**

First Saturday of the month, 10 a.m.

March 2, April 6, May 4

Children's Room

A fun and interactive program for children ages 3-5 with a parent/ grandparent or guardian. Each month features a new letter and



theme. Families will receive a free book at each session. Space is limited. Call 203-574-8213 to register.

#### SPECIAL PROGRAMS

#### **IRISH DANCE**

Saturday, March 2, 1 p.m. Auditorium

A fun program of Irish Dance education for children taught



by Dr. Irene Horgan, Ph.D., artistic director of the Horgan Academy of Irish Dance. All present will be invited to learn and dance the ancient steps of Ireland, just in time for St. Patrick's Day.



MOVIE TIME: DIARY OF A
WIMPY KID: THE LONG HAUL

Wednesday, March 6, 5 p.m.
Saturday, March 9, 1 p.m.
Children's Media Room
Stop in for a free screening of Diary
of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul,
inspired by the book by Jeff Kinney.
Rated PG.

#### **SOUND-SPERIMENTS**

Thursday, March 14, 6 p.m. Children's Room

Local music teacher William Parker

brings the Science of Sound to the library! Children age 6 and up will explore how sound is made through various "sound-speriments" and receive a free, professional, Hohner brass and stainless steel harmonica, sponsored by the Connecticut State Library and a gift from an anonymous donor.



#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY CRAFTS

Saturday, March 16, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. *Children's Room* 

Drop in any time for fun craft activities.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

#### SPECIAL PROGRAMS

#### **WORLD WATER DAY**

Friday, March 22, 4 p.m. Children's Room Join in for a celebration of water with Waterbury's Cyril the Sorcerer. For ages 3-17.



#### MOVIE TIME: SGT. STUBBY

Wednesday, April 10, 5 p.m. Saturday, April 13, 1 p.m. Children's Media Room Stop in for a free screening of Sqt. Stubby inspired by a true story. Rated PG.



#### DROP EVERYTHING AND READ

Friday, April 12, 2 - 4 p.m. Children's Room

Waterbury Schools Superintendent

Dr. Verna Ruffin and other notables will read their favorite stories as we celebrate Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.) Day, inspired by the classic children's book Ramona Quimby, Age 8.



#### SPRING BREAK: NO SCHOOL, LIBRARY RULES!

Monday - Saturday, April 15 -20 Children's Room Bored at home? Come in we've got activities for you to do. Crafts, board games, and movies!



#### **PUPPET SHOW**

Thursday, April 18, 2 p.m. Children's Room Rose and Lindsey present a Puss in Boots puppet show during Spring Break.



Monday, April 22, 5:30 p.m. Patio

Celebrate Earth Day with the magic of Cyril the Sorcerer and find out how you can help save the planet. Program will be held indoors if it rains.



### MOVIE TIME: HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON: THE HIDDEN WORLD

Wednesday, May 8, 5 p.m. Saturday, May 11, 1 p.m. Children's Media Room Stop in for a free screening of How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World, inspired by the children's books written by Cressida Cowell. Rated PG.



#### MOTHER'S DAY CRAFTS

Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Children's Room Stop by to make a card or other craft for Mother's Day.



#### PETER AND THE WOLF

Thursday, May 30, 6 p.m. Children's Room The Waterbury Symphony Orchestra presents a special



performance of the musical fairy tale, Peter and the Wolf. All children in the audience will receive a free,



professional, Hohner brass and stainless steel harmonica from the Connecticut State Library and a gift from an anonymous donor.





## 🥶 SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY

Something for Everyone

#### 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 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

For weather closings, please check our social media or website.

The library will be closed on Saturdays for the summer from May 25 through August 31.

#### LOCATIONS

#### Main Library

267 Grand Street Waterbury, CT 06702

#### **Bunker Hill Branch**

192 Bunker Hill Avenue Waterbury, CT 06708

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

Main Number:203-574-8200Bunker Hill Branch:203-574-8240Circulation Desk:203-574-8206Children's Division:203-574-8213Director's Office:203-574-8222Reference Desk:203-574-8225TTY/TDD:203-574-8226

#### LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Good Friday, Friday, April 19 Saturday, May 25 Memorial Day, Monday, May 27

#### 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.







