

Silas Bronson Library BOOKS AND HAPPENINGS

The Newsletter of Waterbury's Public Library

SUMMER 2019

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EAST WING UPDATES

We've made some changes to the first floor of the East Wing! New carpeting, a new Teen Zone (for teens only!), a new computer classroom with a glass wall to keep classroom noise from disrupting patrons working nearby, and a centralized location for public computers, printing, and copying. We are still working on the finishing touches. Over the summer, we will be adding a 3D printer for our teen patrons (donated by the Waterbury Rotary Club), a new overhead projector in the computer classroom, a fax machine, and more!



The new Teen Zone

The renovation was funded by the Elisha Leavenworth Foundation, the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library, the Anna M. Paul Fund of the Silas Bronson Library, the City of Waterbury, and USAC E-rate.

BLAST OFF YOUR SUMMER READING

The 2019 Summer Reading theme is "A Universe of Stories" and our summer programs are out of this world, including a Downtown Waterbury Spacewalk, which you can do at any time after picking up a copy of the map from the library (available starting June 6). More fun summer programs can be found throughout this newsletter.



SUMMER EXHIBITS

Stop by each month for new exhibits in our front lobby display cases and the East Wing gallery wall.

- June: Objects from the collection of the Naugatuck Historical Society;
Drawings of life in Waterbury by Ada Corchado
- July: Van Vleck Nature Sanctuary at Flanders Nature Center, Woodbury;
Nature photography by Sophie Zyla
- August: Hand-made fabric arts by Algenia Mouzon;
Abstract paintings by Costa Rican artist Maritza Chacón Bermúdez



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NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

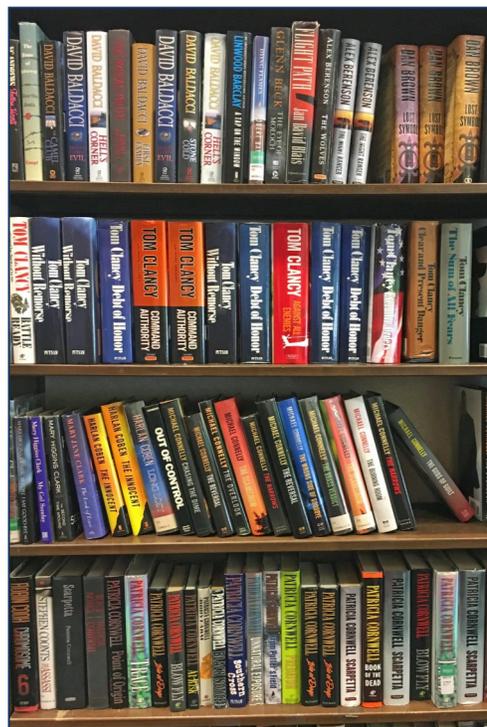
Readers' Garden Bookstore

Hi, Hope everyone had a safe and happy Spring.

The bookstore continues with books and other items in the front lobby and in a new location in the East Wing.

A special *Thank you* to all our volunteers who helped make the big book sale in May a success and 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.

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



Book Donations

If you would like to donate books, movies, or music, please call the library at 203-574-8222 to schedule a delivery time. Books being donated should be in good or gently used condition, without any mildew, water damage, or missing pages. Movies and music should be playable.

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.

June 5, 1 p.m. Computer Basics
June 12, 1 p.m. Microsoft Word for Beginners
June 19, 1 p.m. Microsoft Excel for Beginners
June 26, 1 p.m. Email & Internet Basics

July 3, 1 p.m. Computer Basics
July 10, 1 p.m. Microsoft Word for Beginners
July 17, 1 p.m. Microsoft Excel for Beginners
July 24, 1 p.m. Google Apps
July 31, 1 p.m. Library Resources Online

Aug. 7, 1 p.m. Computer Basics
Aug. 14, 1 p.m. Microsoft Word for Beginners
Aug. 21, 1 p.m. Lynda.com
Aug. 28, 1 p.m. Bring your tech questions for help

*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

Thursdays, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Call 203-574-8240 for appointment

June 6 - August 29

Bunker Hill Branch Library

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

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.



COLORING FOR ADULTS

Daily

Main Reading Room

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



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.



BRASS CITY TOASTMASTERS

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

June 10 & 24, July 8 & 22, August 12 & 26

Auditorium

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



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.

FRIENDS OF THE SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY

Second Tuesday of the month

June 11, July 9, August 13, 6 p.m.

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, 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.



CALLING ALL POETS (...and poetry lovers)

Wednesday, June 5, 6:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Accomplished poets Rhett Watts and Steven Ostrowski will read from their recent works. Bring five copies of your own work to share for a constructive criticism workshop. Sign-up for open mic poetry and spoken word at 6:20 p.m. Hosted by Victoria Muñoz.



CAPTEL PHONES

Tuesday, June 18, 6:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Trouble hearing on the telephone? You may qualify for a free telephone that displays what is being said on a screen. Learn how to qualify for these phones and see the range of devices available. Kim Schmidt from CapTel will demonstrate the devices, explain the program, and answer your questions.



PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

SISTERS TO SISTERS BOOK CLUB

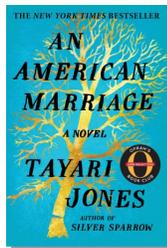
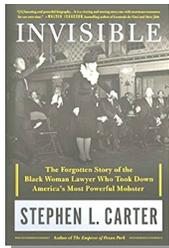
First Monday of the month, 6 p.m.

Mezzanine

New members welcome. No meeting will be held in July or August. Two books will be discussed in September.



June 3: *Invisible* by Stephen L. Carter
Sept. 9: *Becoming* by Michele Obama
and *An American Marriage* by Tayari Jones



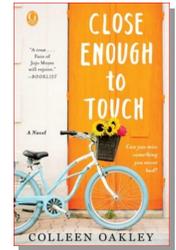
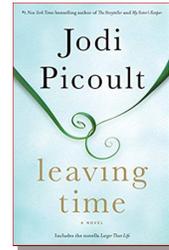
BRASS BOOK CLUB @ THE BRANCH

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.

June 27: *The Little Paris Bookshop*
by Nina George
July 25: *Leaving Time* by Jodi Picoult
August 22: *Close Enough to Touch*
by Colleen Oakley



PHILIP V. BENEVENTO CULTURAL PROGRAM FOR ADULTS

THREE SHORT PLAYS

Thursday, August 1, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Nancy Schuler returns to the Silas Bronson Library to perform her latest work, *Three Short Plays*. She will be joined on stage with her husband, Ed. The plays will explore 40 years of a marriage gone sour, online dating in your 80s, and the humor to be found in growing older. Light refreshments will be served after the performance.



Schuler's plays have been performed in New York at the Manhattan Repertory Theatre, the New York Public Library Equity Theater, and in a variety of theaters and venues throughout Connecticut.

The Philip V. Benevento Fund for Cultural Programs 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.

ALL-AGES PROGRAMS

CHESS CLUB

First and third Monday of the month, 4 - 6 p.m.

June 3 & 17, July 1 & 15, August 5 & 19

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.



LEARN TO PLAY CHESS

Tuesdays, June 4 - August 27, 4 - 6 p.m.

Mezzanine

New to chess or want to share your skills with new players? Join us to teach new chess players, or learn the game. All ages welcome.

GAMING CLUB

First and third Wednesday of the month, 4 - 5:30 p.m.

June 5 & 19, July 3 & 17, August 7 & 21

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 - 7 p.m.

Computer Classroom

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



LEARN TO CROCHET

Second and fourth Thursday of the month, 2 p.m.

June 13 & 27, July 11 & 25, August 8 & 22

Main Reading Room

Bring your hooks and yarn or use ours as we learn to crochet together.



MOVIES @ THE LIBRARY

Third Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

Auditorium

Join us for a free movie and snacks.

June 19: *Glass*

July 17: *Instant Family*

August 21: *Alita Battle Angel*



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.

June 27, July 25, August 22

Auditorium

All are welcome to join us for a monthly community conversation.

Bring your ideas and any Waterbury topics you'd like to discuss. Light refreshments will be served.



JIGSAW PUZZLE CONTEST

Thursday, July 18, 6 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.



STARS WARS MOVIE MARATHON

Friday, August 2, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

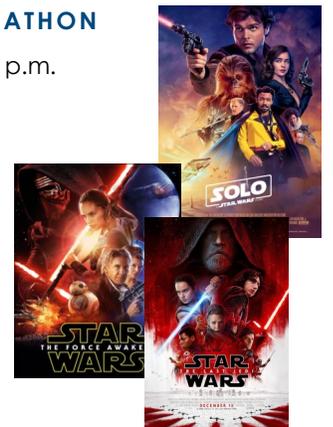
Auditorium

Escape the heat with a free movie marathon at the library. We'll watch

The Force Awakens,

The Last Jedi, and *Solo*.

Popcorn will be provided.



TEEN/YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS



A UNIVERSE OF STORIES ~ SUMMER READING FOR TEENS

June 6 - August 16

Read 25+ hours this summer and qualify to win prizes! Sign up at the Teen Zone, Circulation Desk, or Bunker Hill Branch, then start reading. We'll give you a log book to keep track of your reading. At the end of the program in August, turn in your completed log to be entered to win prizes.

This year's prizes include donations from Monster Mini Golf, Fascia's Chocolates, Boston Red Sox, Sports Center of CT, The Big E, Mohawk Mountain, Ski Mount Southington, IT Adventure Ropes Course, Palace Theater, and more!

Get a head start on your reading and be eligible for early bird prizes: if you sign up on June 6, you will be entered to win prizes from the Connecticut Tigers, the Shubert Theatre, and Room With A Clue!

TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Second Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

June 12, July 10, August 14

Teen Zone

Bring your ideas to a brainstorming session on what YOU want at the library. Snacks provided.



ANIME CLUB

Second & Fourth Wednesday of the month,

June 12 & 26, July 10 & 24, August 14 & 28, 4 p.m.

Auditorium

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



TEEN BOOK TO SCREEN CLUB

Last Thursday of the month, 5 p.m.

Teen Zone

Read the book, then let us know what you think!

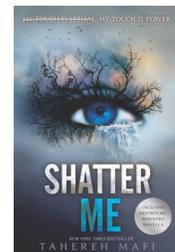
Copies available at the Circulation Desk.

For ages 13-19 only. Snacks provided.

June 27: *P.S. I Still Love You* by Jenny Han

July 25: *Shatter Me* by Tahereh Mafi

August 22: *Hush, Hush* by Becca Fitzpatrick



TEEN/YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

6 WAYS TO LIVE YOUR BEST LIFE YET!

Wednesday, June 5, 6 p.m.

Teen Zone

Shelby Davis, author of *Everything My Parents Taught Me in 6 Steps*, will give an inspirational presentation for high school and college students.

Learn ways to live your best life, overcome obstacles and challenges, and achieve personal goals and financial success.



TEEN MOVIE MARATHON

Thursday, July 18, 2 - 6 p.m.

Auditorium

Join us for a Teen Movie Marathon featuring movies from recent Book to Screen reads.

For ages 13-19 only.



K-9 FOR TEENS

Thursday, June 6, 4 p.m.

Library Park

Kick off summer reading with the Waterbury Police K9 Unit. Learn all about working dogs and sign up for our 2019 Teen Summer Reading.



ANIME MOVIE MATINEE

Wednesday, July 31, 4 p.m.

Auditorium

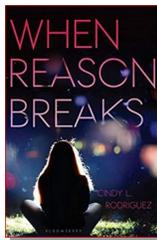
Join us for some popcorn and *My Hero Academia: Two Heroes*. Rated PG.

MEET THE AUTHOR: CINDY RODRIGUEZ

Wednesday, July 10, 6:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Come meet Cindy Rodriguez, author of the young adult novel *When Reason Breaks*. Books will be available for purchase and signing.



TEEN SELF DEFENSE

Wednesday, August 7, 2 p.m.

Auditorium

Martial Arts demonstration by the Practical Self Defense Training Center of Waterbury featuring MMA Fighter "Jesse James."



MAKE YOUR OWN STAR JAR

Thursday, July 11, 5 p.m.

Teen Zone

Come make your own constellation star jar to light up your night!



MEET THE AUTHOR: ESTHER WALLACE

Thursday, August 15, 6 p.m.

Teen Zone

Come meet Esther Wallace, author of *The Savage War*. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



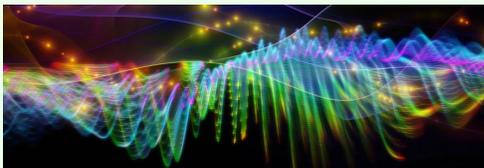
A UNIVERSE OF STORIES ~ SUMMER READING FOR KIDS

June 6 - August 16

All children from birth through 8th grade are invited to join our Universe of Stories Summer Reading Program. Children who are not yet readers can participate if someone reads to them.

To join, fill out a registration form at the library or register online at bronsonlibrary.org/kids. All children will receive incentives and will be eligible for raffle prizes as they progress in their reading.

Completed reading logs are due by 3 p.m. on Friday, August 16.



SUMMER READING KICKOFF

Thursday, June 6, 6 p.m.

Children's Room

Celebrate the start of summer reading with Matthew Cantello and Sound Explorers in a fun and educational experience that awakens and develops the most fundamental ways in which we perceive the universe around us.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

LET'S GO LEGO!

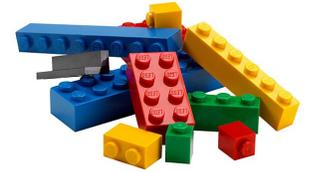
Last Monday of the month, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

June 24, July 29, August 26

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.



A UNIVERSE OF BRONSON BOOKWORMS

Last Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m.

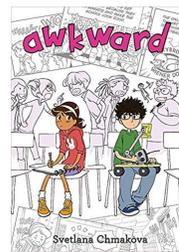
Mezzanine

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

June 25: *Awkward* by Svetlana Chmakova

July 30: *Fuzzy* by Tom Angleberger

August 20 *Jedi Academy* by Jeffrey Brown



A UNIVERSE OF MOVIES

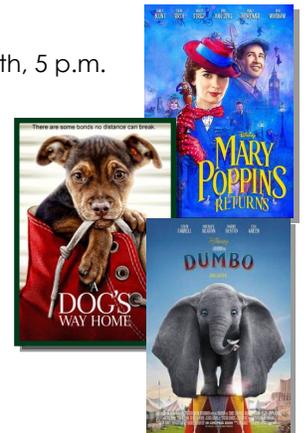
Second Wednesday of the month, 5 p.m.

Children's Media Room

June 12: *Mary Poppins Returns*

July 10: *Dogs Way Home*

August 14: *Dumbo*



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

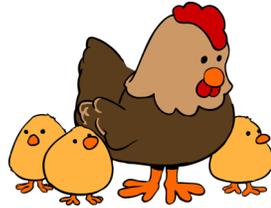
WEEKLY PROGRAMS

FAMILY MEETUP

Daily, 11:30 a.m.

Children's Room

Parents and children meetup and socialize. An informal playdate where all can get a chance to meet new friends and socialize.



AMBITIOUS GIRLS

Mondays in July, 5 p.m.

Children's Media Room

Join us every Monday in July for an empowerment workshop designed to teach girls communication skills and how to make intelligent choices. For girls ages 7-13.



STORYTIME PLUS

Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11:30 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 age 5 and under. Groups must register three weeks in advance.



BABIES AND BOOKS

Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11 a.m.

Picture Book Room

Enjoy lullabies, 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 - 4:30 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 - 11:30 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 - 7 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!



A UNIVERSE OF STORIES HOUR

Fridays, July 12 - August 16, 11 a.m.

Children's Room

Join us for a special story hour on Fridays in July and August.



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

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

WATER WIZARD

Friday, June 7, 4 - 5 p.m.

Children's Room

Celebrate World Ocean Day with Cyril the Sorcerer. For ages 3-17.



MOON LANDING WEBCAST

Monday, July 15, 4 p.m.

Children's Media Room

Join us for a live webcast by the American Museum of Natural History to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Mission.



BUTTERFLY RELEASE PARTY

Friday, June 14, 3 - 4 p.m.

Children's Room

We'll be growing butterflies and then releasing them on June 14.



GALAXY SLIME

Friday, July 19, 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Children's Room

Stop in and make some Galaxy Slime!



STORY & SONGS WITH UYI

Thursday, June 20, 6 - 7 p.m.

Children's Room

Uyi, a young artist of 8 years who enjoys performance arts, will read and sing to other children at this special Jammie Jams program.

MOON ROCK PAINTING

Friday, July 26, 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Library Patio

Paint your own Moon Rock!



FAIRY UNIVERSE HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

Friday, June 28, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Library Patio

Build your very own Fairy House! Learn about the insects and other creatures that may share a dwelling with your fairy. All natural building materials provided for a Fairy House. Children design and keep their creative work. Registration required: call 203-574-8213.

BUILD A LEGO SPACE UNIVERSE

Monday, August 12, 5 p.m.

Children's Room

PUFFY PAINT UNIVERSE

Tuesday, August 13, 2 p.m.

Children's Room

Create your own universe with Puffy Paint!

AUTHOR VISIT: CARLA VICTORIA WALLACE

Tuesday, July 9, 4 p.m.

Children's Media Room

Carla Victoria Wallace, an award-winning children's book author, will share her newest children's book, *The Bug That Went On The Field Trip*.



SUMMER READING FINALE PARTY

Friday, August 16, 3:30 p.m.

Library Patio

Celebrate the end of our Universe of Stories Summer Reading program.

The first 100 kids will be treated to Ben & Jerry's ice cream!



SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY
267 GRAND STREET
WATERBURY, CT 06702
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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.

Bunker Hill Branch

Tuesday 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday 12 p.m. - 5 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: 203-574-8200
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

Independence Day, Thursday, July 4
Saturdays, May 25 through August 31

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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