



Silas Bronson Library BOOKS AND HAPPENINGS

The Newsletter of Waterbury's Public Library

WINTER 2019 - 2020

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CENSUS 2020 QUICK FACTS

- The 2020 Census counts every person living in each household on April 1, 2020.
- The U.S. Census is taken every 10 years. The first one was taken in 1790.
- The Census can be filled out online, by mail, or by phone starting in March.
- Your personal information is kept private by law for 72 years.
- Everyone needs to be counted, even babies.
- The number of people who are reported on the Census becomes the official number of people who live in a town or state for the next 10 years.
- Federal funding for schools, roads, and other projects is based on the number of people who live in a town or state.
- The number of representatives each state gets in the U.S. Congress is based on the number of people who live in the state. District boundaries are also based on the number of people reported on the Census.



WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS

The library is usually open even when the schools are closed. To find out if we are closed, check our website or social media accounts. Weather closings will also be reported to the local news outlets for their complete lists of closings and delays.



Buttons



Ortiz

WINTER EXHIBITS

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

December: Antique Buttons

Artwork by Enrique Ortiz



Museum of Mining



Zyla

January: Connecticut Museum of Mining and Mineral Science
Photographs of Raptors by Sophie Zyla

February: Black History Memorabilia

Oil Paintings by Vladimir Bcerdoev



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NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

A Message from the Friends

We have had an amazing fall and want to thank everyone for their on-going support. We celebrated our first fundraiser in September when we came together to do a paint pour at The Clay Date. In November, we had a wonderful time at the Artisan's market selling dryer balls and our new cotton canvas tote bags, which are still available for sale for \$10 at the circulation desk. We partnered with our friends at Brass City Gaming Tournament to round out November with a Smash Bros. Tournament to benefit the Gaming Club; a great time was had by all.



Our pop bag sale the day after Thanksgiving was the first of many small sales that we plan to offer in the coming year in addition to the ongoing book sale in the East Wing. This winter, we will be planning some fun, new, exciting fundraising activities for spring. We would love to hear from you; please consider joining the Friends of Silas Bronson Library, come to a meeting or send a message with your ideas. You can contact us at SilasBronsonFriends@gmail.com or call the library at (203) 574-8222. You can also connect with us on Facebook (@SBLfriends).

Readers' Garden Bookstore

Books, movies, and other items for sale can be found in the front lobby and in the East Wing. All proceeds benefit the library and the prices can't be beat -- hardcover books are only one dollar!



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. 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.

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 and general computer skills for beginners.

Dec. 4, 1 p.m. Computer Basics
Dec. 11, 1 p.m. Excel for Beginners
Dec. 18, 1 p.m. Word for Beginners

Jan. 8, 1 p.m. PowerPoint for Beginners

Jan. 15, 1 p.m. Publisher for Beginners

Jan. 22, 1 p.m. eBooks (*Bring Your Device*)

*Mon., Jan. 27, 6 p.m. eBooks (*Bring Your Device*)

Jan. 29, 1 p.m. Online Learning Tutorials

Feb. 5, 1 p.m. Computer Basics

Feb. 12, 1 p.m. Excel for Beginners

Feb. 19, 1 p.m. Word for Beginners

Feb. 26, 1 p.m. Bring a topic/questions to explore

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

December 5 - February 27

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.



SCORE BUSINESS MENTORING

By appointment

Volunteer business counselors

are available by appointment at

various locations to mentor entrepreneurs and small business owners. To learn more, visit our website at bronsonlibrary.org/score.



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.

SISTERS TO SISTERS BOOK CLUB

First Monday of the month, 6 p.m.

Mezzanine

New members welcome.

December 2: *The Darkest Child*

by Delores Phillips

January 6: *From Scratch* by Tembi Locke

February 3: *Some of My Friends Are...*

by Deborah L. Plummer

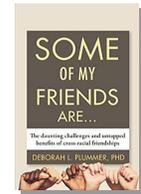
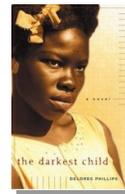


COMMUNITY JIGSAW PUZZLES

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.

December 9 & 23, January 13 & 27, February 10 & 24

Auditorium

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



BRASS BOOK CLUB @ THE BRANCH

Fourth Thursday of the month, 12 p.m.

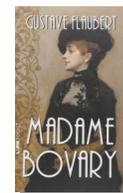
Bunker Hill Branch, 192 Bunker Hill Avenue

Seniors 60+ are invited to join us for a monthly book discussion. Copies of the books will be available at the library.

January 23: *Something in the Water*

by Catherine Steadman

February 27: *Madame Bovary* by Gustave Flaubert



FRIENDS OF THE SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY

Second Tuesdays of the month, 6 p.m.

December 10, January 14, February 11

Mezzanine

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



PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

INTRODUCTION TO COUPONING

Wednesday, January 22, 6:30 p.m.

Snow Date: January 29, 6:30 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Learn coupon strategies to help save money on your grocery bill including where to get coupons, when and how to use them, basic coupon lingo, and how to get the best prices on things you use every day.



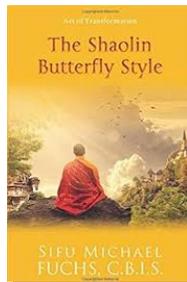
THE SHAOLIN BUTTERFLY STYLE — THE ART OF TRANSFORMATION

Thursday, January 30, 6:30 p.m.

Snow Date: February 6, 6:30 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Michael Fuchs, CT State Director for the International Chinese Boxing Association, will discuss his book, *The Shaolin Butterfly Style* of Tai Chi. He will also give a demonstration. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.



CLASSICAL PIANO CONCERT

Monday, February 24, 6 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Pianist Konstantza Chernov returns to perform another evening of classical music, playing selections from Mozart. Dr. Chernov is an active soloist and chamber musician who has performed extensively throughout the United States and Europe. She teaches at the Queens College Aaron Copland School of Music.

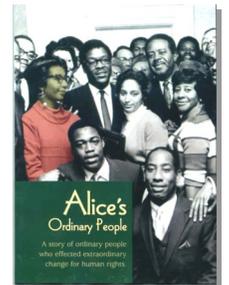


ALICE'S ORDINARY PEOPLE

Thursday, February 27, 6 p.m.

Auditorium

Join us for a screening and discussion of the documentary *Alice's Ordinary People* with filmmaker Craig Dudnick. Alice Tregay was an activist in the Chicago Freedom Movement. The film shows what she and other "ordinary people" did to end segregation in the schools, get jobs for African Americans, and work in political campaigns.



PHILIP V. BENEVENTO CULTURAL PROGRAM FOR ADULTS

THE NEW BLUE OF YALE

Saturday, February 1, 2 p.m.

Snow Date: February 22, 2 p.m.

Main Reading Room

The New Blue of Yale is an internationally acclaimed all-women's singing group. Founded the same year that Yale first admitted undergraduate women, they have delighted audiences worldwide. They have produced seven CDs, sang for Presidents George Bush and Barack Obama and were the recipient of the Contemporary A Cappella Society's award for Best Female Collegiate Album.



PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

FREE ONLINE DATABASES

Learn a language, download repair manuals, get tips on starting a small business, grow your job skills, and more!

Visit bronsonlibrary.org/research and use the barcode number from the back of your Silas Bronson Library card (patron ID) to access these databases from home. Some can be accessed directly, without a log-in, at the library.



BE A LITERACY VOLUNTEER!

Literacy Volunteers of Greater Waterbury is holding orientation sessions for adults interested in volunteer tutoring. LVGW tutors teach adults basic literacy, English as a Second Language, and U.S. citizenship test preparation skills.

Find out if tutoring is for you. Contact Denise Calabrese at 203-754-1164 or dcalabrese@waterburyct.org for 2020 dates and to RSVP.

Tuesday, December 3, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Silas Bronson Library Auditorium

Tuesday, December 10, 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.
Howard Whittemore Library, Naugatuck

Tuesday, December 17, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Depot Square, Watertown

FREE TAX PREPARATION

January 28 - April 14, 2020

Tuesdays, 6 - 8 p.m.

Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

By Appointment Only



Call 211 to schedule an appointment at the library or at any other service location.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) will be available at the library for low-to-moderate-income individuals and families earning less than \$56,000 a year.

IRS-trained volunteers are certified to prepare simple tax returns and screen customers for special tax credits and savings plans. Visiting a VITA site instead of a paid tax preparer saves each filer an average of \$200.

Taxes can be filed electronically, in which case refunds are received within 7-10 days.

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

ALL-AGES PROGRAMS

CHESS CLUB / LEARN TO PLAY

Tuesdays, 4 - 6 p.m.

Auditorium

Chess players — share your love of the game and your skills with new players. All levels welcome to learn and enjoy the game. Hosted by instructor Billy Graham.



GAMERS WHO CODE: WEB DESIGN

Wednesdays, Jan. 8 - Feb. 26, 6 p.m.

Computer Classroom

Brass City Gamers presents a basic web design course using WIX platform. All ages welcome.



GAMING CLUB

First and third Wednesday of the month, 3:30 p.m.

December 4 & 18, January 15 & 29, February 5 & 26*

Auditorium

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

* Note: meets the fourth Wednesday in February.



ANIME CLUB

Second and fourth Saturday of the month, 2:30 p.m.

December 14 & 28, January 11 & 25,

February 8 & 22

Auditorium

Share your love of anime and manga with this club. Win a prize! Snacks provided. Suggested age: 13+



HOLIDAY MOVIE

Saturday, December 7, 2:15 p.m.

Auditorium

Get in the spirit with a special showing of *The Grinch*. Rated PG.



KNITTING CLUB

Saturdays, December 14 & January 4, 12 p.m.

Mezzanine

Learn to knit or just come to knit and chat. For ages 10 and up. Registration required; call 203-574-8225.



MOVIES @ THE LIBRARY

Third Saturday of the month, 2:15 p.m.

Auditorium

December 21: *Rise of the Guardians* (PG)

January 18: *Aladdin* (PG)

February 15: *Hobbs & Shaw* (PG-13)



BOARD GAMES!

Saturdays, January 4 & February 1, 2 p.m.

Auditorium

Join us to learn a new generation of board games like Pandemic, and discover what all the fun is about!



LEARN SIGN LANGUAGE

Saturdays, January 11 - February 22, 1:30 p.m.

Computer Classroom

Join us for a six-week program to learn American Sign Language.



TEEN/YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Second Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

December 11, January 8, February 12

Teen Zone

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



TEEN BOOK TO SCREEN CLUB

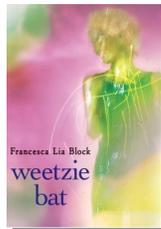
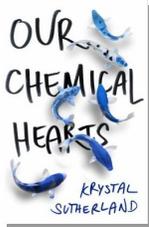
Last Thursday of the month, 5 p.m.

Teen Zone

Read the books that inspired the movies & TV shows. For ages 13-19 only. Snacks provided.

Jan. 30: *Our Chemical Hearts* by Krystal Sutherland

Feb. 27: *Weetzie Bat* by Francesca Lia Block



TEEN SELF DEFENSE

Saturday, December 28, 12 p.m.

Auditorium

Join us for an intro to Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, considered by many to be the perfect martial art. Presented by Vianna Brothers of Waterbury. Sign up at the Circulation Desk or Teen Zone. Teens only!

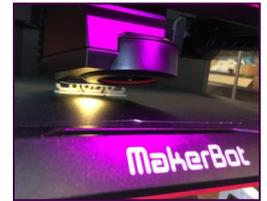


TEEN 3D PRINTING

Mondays, January 6, February 3, 5:30 p.m.

Computer Classroom

Learn how to use our new 3D printer, then start designing and printing your own creations! Registration is required.



FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Wednesday, January 15, 6 p.m.

Snow Date: January 22, 6 p.m.

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.



TEEN PRE-SUPER BOWL PIZZA PARTY

Thursday, January 30, 3:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Who will win Super Bowl 54? Get in your pick, have some pizza and show off your best NFL game shirt and touchdown dance.

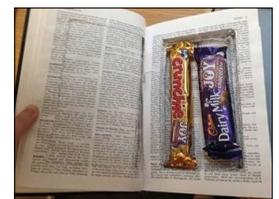


TEEN CANDY HUNT

Wednesday, February 12, 6:30 p.m.

Teen Zone

Got Escape Room skills? Use your best detective techniques (and secret clues) to find the hidden chocolate.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

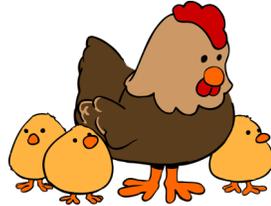
WEEKLY PROGRAMS

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.



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.



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.



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!



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.



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.



SNOWBALL READERS

December 2 - 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. Children who can't yet read can join if someone reads to them.



Registration starts December 2 and ends January 24.

Return scorecards by Friday, January 31 to be entered into a raffle and receive a free book.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

LET'S GO LEGO!

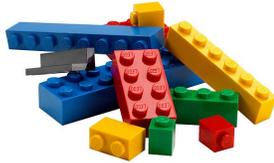
Last Monday of the month, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

December 30, January 27, February 24

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.



MOVIE TIME

Second Wednesday of the month, 5 p.m.

Children's Media Room

December 11: *The Polar Express*

January 8: *The Angry Birds 2*

February 12: *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse*



ALPHABET EXPLORERS

First Saturday of the month, 11 a.m.

December 7, January 4, February 1

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.

To register, call 203-574-8213.



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

SANTA CLAUS VISITS SILAS BRONSON

Friday, December 20, 3 p.m.

Children's Room

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



ANNE FRANK: A LIFE TO REMEMBER

Monday, December 23, 5 p.m.

Snow Date: December 27, 2 p.m.

Children's Room

Join us for a glimpse into the extraordinary life of Anne Frank! The performance will be presented by actress Sheryl Faye and will be followed by a chance to have your questions answered.

Sponsored by CT Humanities Book Voyagers program.



WINTER RECESS AT THE LIBRARY

December 23 - December 31

Children's Room

No need to stay home: stop by the library any time we're open during the Waterbury Public School's Winter Recess. Holiday movies at 4 p.m., plus crafts, games, LEGOs and more!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

SPECIAL PROGRAMS, CONT.

THREE KINGS DAY

Monday, January 6, 10 a.m. - 7 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. There will be a special Story Time with Alderwoman Brenda Cotto.



7 ANGELS AT THE LIBRARY: "I WANT TO ACT!"

Saturday, January 11, 11 a.m.

Children's Room

Scott Kealey, Acting Teacher at Seven Angels Theatre, will teach us how to act by playing theater games. Find out how much fun it is to get up in front of people and tell stories or make them laugh. Registration is not required - just drop in and have some fun!

HARRY POTTER MAGIC SHOW

Friday, January 31, 4 p.m.

Children's Room

We're halfway to Harry Potter Day, and we'll be celebrating with a special Harry Potter magic show!



TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY

Saturday, February 1, 11 a.m. - 3 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.



VALENTINE'S DAY CRAFTS

Thursday, February 13, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Children's Room

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



WIZARD GAME DAY

Saturday, February 29, 2 p.m.

Children's Room

Join us for an afternoon of wizard-oriented games with Cyril the Sorcerer. Dress in your Wizarding World finest if you wish! For ages 8 and up.



CHRISTOPHER AGOSTINO'S STORYFACES

Saturday, February 22, 2 p.m.

Snow Date: March 7, 2 p.m.

Children's Room

The story comes to life on the faces of the audience. Volunteers are brought on stage and face painted to illustrate the stories as Christopher tells them, fully engaging the audience with a skillful spoken word performance of folktales and original stories combined with his unique visual art.



SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY
267 GRAND STREET
WATERBURY, CT 06702
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



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 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday* 12 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

** Starting in February*

SPECIAL NOTES:

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

The library will close at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 24 and on Tuesday, December 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

Christmas Day, December 25
New Year's Day, January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 20
Presidents' Day, February 14 & 17

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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