

Silas Bronson Library BOOKS AND HAPPENINGS

The Newsletter of Waterbury's Public Library

FALL 2021

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SATURDAY HOURS RETURN

Starting September 11, the downtown library will be open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Starting September 18, the Bunker Hill Branch library will also be open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.



SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGNUP MONTH

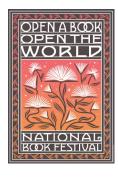
Start the school year right—make sure everyone in the family has their own library card! To get a card for a child, a parent or other legal guardian must bring to the library two forms of ID (such as a driver's license and a recent bill showing your current Waterbury address).



NATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL

September 17-September 26

Help us celebration the Library of Congress National Book Festival! The festival is being held online this year, making it accessible for all.





Hours & Locations

BANNED BOOKS WEEK

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September 26—October 2

Come in, check out a banned book, take a photo with it and we might just share it on our social media (be sure to make your photos public and tag us in them!). Draw a picture or write a brief summary of the book to enter our raffle for a chance to win a prize.



NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL NOVEL WRITING MONTH

Are you interested in creative writing? Want to learn more about what goes into writing a novel? November is National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo). NaNoWriMo is a fun, seat-of-your-pants approach to creative writing. Spend the month writing a few pages each day and at the end of the month, you could have a first draft of your completed novel! Let your imagination take flight. For more information visit nanowrimo.org, call us at 203-574-8225, or just get writing!











NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Message from the President

Greetings to all!

I hope this finds you well. The pandemic has made for many challenges but has also made for some very creative thinking. We were unable to have our usual book sale in 2020. With the library being closed, we took the book sale on the road, listing many items on Facebook Marketplace. This allowed us to continue in our mission, although on a much smaller scale.

We were also able to partner with Literacy Volunteers of Greater Waterbury and do two hugely successful Purse Bingo Fundraisers at Hawk Ridge. We had such a great time that we are going to do it again on October 15th. We hope to see many of you there.

Now that the library is open for browsing again, our book store is open again in the East Wing by the computer area. And we are now able to accept credit cards!

My main goal is to grow our group and increase diversity in order to better represent and impact our community. Which is why I'd like to take the opportunity to invite you all to bring your enthusiasm, ideas and organizational skills and join us. While I encourage you to join, you do not need to be a paid member of the Friends to attend a meeting; they are open to the public and all are welcome.

I look forward to a very successful year and hope to have an opportunity to meet many of you.

~ Miki Mackennedy

New Slate of Officers

At the Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library, a new slate of officers and directors was elected to lead the Friends.

President: Miki Mackennedy Vice-President: Tricia Bonse Secretary: Cindy Navarro Treasurer: Heidi Barbieri

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE FRIENDS

Second Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. September 14, October 12, November 9 Auditorium

Open to all. Please RSVP to 203-574-8222. Please do not attend if you aren't feeling well, have a fever, COVID symptoms or if you have been in contact with someone who has COVID-19. Masks must be worn.

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO

Friday, October 15, 2021, 5:30 p.m. (Preview), 6 p.m. Hawk Ridge Winery, 28 Plungis Road, Watertown

Back by popular demand! Join us at Hawk
Ridge Winery for a fundraiser to support the
Friends of Silas Bronson Library and Literacy
Volunteers of Greater Waterbury. Tickets are \$45 per person if purchased prior
to September 23 (when tickets increase to \$50). Ticket includes a complimentary glass of wine! The event will be held outdoors.

To order tickets, call Miki at 203-565-7572 or Jessica at 203-754-1164.



NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Readers' Garden Bookstore

We hope that everyone had a safe, wonderful summer! There were certainly lots of "Tails and Tales" during the library's summer reading and learning program!

The Garden bookstore has reopened with books, CDs, DVDs and other items in the East Wing of the library. The library is now able to accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover in addition to cash and check donations. All bookstore proceeds support the Library's many programs, services and projects. Your support is most appreciated.

If you are interested in volunteering or helping the Friends, please email bronsonlibrary@wateburyct.org, call (203) 574-8222 or 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. Textbooks, dictionaries and large reference materials cannot be accepted at this time.



Join the Friends of the Library

Members of the Friends' of the Library 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 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 many programs and services or to assist with building improvements. Donations to the Friends may be sent to us at: P.O. Box 2853, Waterbury, CT 06723.

NEW SERVICES

BOOK A LIBRARIAN

Whether you need help with a resume, or if you want some help looking up information, or if you want to learn how to use some of the library's resources, you can now "book a librarian" to help you one-on-one for up to one hour. Schedule your appointment by calling 203-574-8225 or visit the Book a Librarian page on our website.

MUSEUM PASS TIXKEEPER

Our museum pass system is now on TixKeeper. The new online platform lets you view museum pass availability, reserve physical



passes, and print passes at home or at the library. Museum passes give you free or reduced price admission to more than a dozen museums, zoos, and science centers. Visit bronsonlibrary.org/museums to get started.

COMING SOON!

We're adding two new online resources for our patrons. They will be available on our website this fall.

Ancestry Library Edition gives you free access to billions of historical documents, including census records and immigration records, to help you find out more about your family history.



Universal Class offers hundreds of free online courses to help you learn business skills, brush up on your education, or prepare for specific



tests. CEUs and other certificates of completion are available.

HOME DELIVERY

If you are a Waterbury resident who is homebound or otherwise unable to visit the



library in person, we can bring the library to your home. We now have a home delivery service! You must be a Waterbury resident and have a current, active library card to apply. Applications are available online and can be mailed to you. Contact us at 203-574-8225 or email us at bronsonlibrary@waterburyct.org to request an application.

MAGAZINES AT HOME

Magazines can now be borrowed from the library!. Use your library card to borrow magazines the same way you borrow books. For print copies, up to five magazines can be borrowed for up to two weeks at a time. The latest issues cannot be checked out. You can also borrow magazines online using the Libby app on your smartphone or tablet.

CREDIT CARDS NOW ACCEPTED

The library has expanded its accepted payment methods. We are now able to accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover Card, in addition to cash and check. If you need to settle fines for overdue or lost items, add money to your card for printing or wish to buy books from the Friends of the Library bookstore, you can now do so with a debit or credit card.



COMPUTERS, WIFI, PRINTING, & COPYING

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.

WI-FI

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.



Free Wi-Fi is available outside the library courtesy of the Connecticut Education Network (CEN). Select **CTPublicWiFi** on your device, wait for the welcome page to load, then click on Agree.

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 East Wing 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.

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.



B.R.A.S.S. COMPUTER CLASSES

Fridays, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Waterbury Senior Center

Call Debra at 203-574-6746 to reserve a space

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. For more information, call us at 203-574-8225.



TAKE THE INTERNET HOME

Our Wi-Fi Hotspots let you borrow the internet for free! Connect your Wi-Fi enabled phone, tablet, or computer to the internet using one of our hotspots. Hotspots can be borrowed for up to one week at a time.

Starting September 15, you will also be able to borrow Chrome books and tablets to use at home for up to one week at a time.

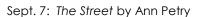
PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

SISTERS TO SISTERS BOOK CLUB



Tuesday, September 7, 6 p.m.
Thursdays, October 7 & November 4, 6 p.m.
Patio (Weather Permitting)
Call 203-574-8225 to join

New members welcome! Summer learning book Tears We Cannot Stop and The Street will be discussed in September.



Oct. 7: The Stranger in the Woods by Michael Finkel

Nov. 4: The Power of Now by Eckart Tolle



Fourth Thursday of the month, 12 p.m. Zoom

Seniors 60+ are invited to join us for a monthly book discussion.



Sept. 23: The Big Sleep by Raymond Chandler

Oct. 28 : Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil by John Berendt

Nov. 18: The Wife, the Maid and the Mistress by Ariel Lawhorn

Advance registration required.

Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/programs or call us at 203-574-8225.







GENEALOGY TIP CLUB



Fourth Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m.
September 28, October 26, November 23
Zoom

Are you stuck in the your genealogy research? Join library director and local historian Raechel Guest to learn expert tips and tricks for finding more about your family tree.

Advanced registration required. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/programs or call us at 203-574-8225.

SEAT OF THE PANTS COOKING WITH CHEF BILL

Thursdays, September 23 & October 21, 7 p.m.

Zoom

Join Chef Bill in his kitchen as he demonstrates a delicious recipe each month! Learn food prep tips, tricks and hints. Ideal for cooks of all skill levels!



Advance registration required. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/programs or call us at 203-574-8225.

PROTECTING YOUR HEALTH AND WEALTH: AN ALZHEIMER'S CONVERSATION

Wednesday, September 22, 2 p.m. *Zoom*

Alzheimer's is one of the costliest diseases.

Join us as we discuss the risk factors,
warning signs, resources, and how you can
join the fight against Alzheimer's.

Advance registration required. Sign up at
bronsonlibrary.org/programs or call us at 203-574-8225.

Presented by Maria Xavier, Financial Advisor at Edward Jones, and Maria Tomasetti, CT Chapter of Alzheimer's Association

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

PHILIP V. BENEVENTO CULTURAL PROGRAM FOR ADULTS

NZINGA'S DAUGHTERS

Thursday, September 16, 5:30 p.m.

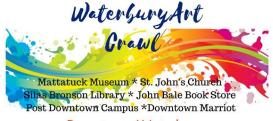
Rain date: Thursday, September 30, 5:30 p.m.

Rear Patio

Join us for a very special musical performance of "Underground Railroad" by Nzinga's Daughters. The musical group has performed at a variety of major arts and cultural venues in New England, and Ghana, West Africa. Their program includes a variety of African, Caribbean and African-American music, drumming, storytelling and poetry. This is a performance you won't want to miss!



Advance registration encouraged. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/programs or call us at 203-574-8225.



Downtown Waterbury

September 24-25, 2021 www.facebook.com/events/342366597603385

DOWNTOWN ART CRAWL

Friday, September 24, 11a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, September 25, 11a.m. to 4 p.m.

Downtown Waterbury will be filled with art exhibits for this special two-day event. The library will host an exhibit of work by Maureen Wilkinson, a prize winning painter. Connecting each exhibit site is a walking tour of public art pieces in downtown Waterbury. A map will be available, along with a "passport" with instructions. Participants who visit every exhibit site will be eligible for a special treat at the end.

HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION: LIVE MUSIC ON THE PATIO

Saturday, October 2
Patio

Join us for a fun afternoon of live music outside on the library's patio celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month.

Refreshments will be served.

Advanced registration requested but not required. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/programs or call 203-574-8225.

Sponsored by the Hispanic Coalition of Greater Waterbury.



PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

NO DEAD

MEET JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR LARRY RIFKIN

Tuesday, October 12, 2 p.m.

Rain Date: Thursday, October 14, 2 p.m. Front Plaza

If you are interested in a career in broadcasting, communications or journalism, this is one book talk you don't want to miss. Retired broadcast journalist

and Connecticut native Larry Rifkin will join us as he shares his new book *No Dead Air*. Rifkin has worked in radio, TV and has won regional EMMY's for his work and contributions to the broadcasting field. Copies of his book will be available for purchase and signing.

Advanced registration requested but not required. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/programs or call 203-574-8225.

ITALIAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION

Wednesday, October 13, 5:30 p.m.

Rain date: Wednesday, October 20, 5:30 p.m.

Patio

Join us for a celebration of Italian heritage and culture and enjoy the vocal talents of Italian pop opera/crossover singer "The Graceful Tenor" Vittorio DiCarlo! DiCarlo is a native of the Puglia region in Italy and has been living in Connecticut since 2010, performing all over the tri-state area. If you enjoy the stylings of Andrea Bocelli,

Frank Sinatra or Dean Martin, this is a performance you won't want to miss! Refreshments will be served.

Advanced registration required. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/programs or call 203-574-8225. Sponsored by Waterbury UNICO

WHAT IS THE "REAL ID"?

Thursday, October 14, 6:30 p.m. Zoom

What is the Real ID? How do I get one?

Do I even NEED one? Fran Mayko, Public Affairs Dept.

of AAA Northeast will answer all this and more. Learn
what the REAL ID is, who should get one, how you get
one and the changes to obtaining the ID as a result of
COVID.

Advance registration required. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/programs or call us at 203-574-8225.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS

Wednesday, October 27, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 9, 6:30 p.m. Zoom

Legal rights can and do change. Laws get updated, new programs become available and new requirements are put into place. Understanding your legal rights and responsibilities can be a scary process and very overwhelming for families and caregivers.

Attorneys from Connecticut Legal Services will be here to answer questions regarding some of the most common legal concerns that they deal with.

Oct. 27: Public Benefits Programs including Social Security Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Nov. 9: Elder Law, Power-of-Attorney, Long-term

Care issues, including health care planning

Advance registration required. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/programs or call 203-574-8225.

Presented by



TEEN/YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Second Thursday of the month, 4 p.m.

September 9, October 14, November 18

Zoom

Discuss your ideas for new and exciting programs, books, games and activities



for our library! Earn community service hours for school! For ages 11+

Advance registration required. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/teenprograms or call us at 203-574-8225.

HOLIDAY MAGIC SHOW

Tuesday, November 30, 6:30 p.m. Zoom

Professional close up card magician
Ari Bisk will perform an interactive 45
minute Zoom magic show. The show
will include plenty of audience
participation and provide entertainment for all!



Advance registration required. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/teenprograms or call us at 203-574-8225.

SILAS BRONSON GEEKDOM



ANIME CLUB

Alternating Wednesdays, 6 p.m.

September 1, 15 & 29 October 27,

November 10 & 24

Zoom



Watch the latest YA Anime coming out of Japan and talk about it in the chat option.

Sept. 29: Demon Slayer - Kimetsu no Yaiba -The Movie: Mugen Train

Advance registration required. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/geekdom or call 203-574-8225.

WORLD OF GAMING

Tuesdays, 6 p.m.

September 7 & 21, October 5 & 19,

November 2 & 16

Twitch.tv/sbgeekdom

Explore new and classic games with us on Twitch, including God of War and Final Fantasy 7.

For more information, visit bronsonlibrary.org/geekdom or call 203-574-8225.

CHESS MEETUP

Alternating Wednesdays, 4 p.m.

September 8 & 22, October 6 & 20, November 3 & 17

Zoom

For all skill levels. Our chess master will be available to play against you! Learn new attacks and defense moves.

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Advance registration required. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/geekdom or call 203-574-8225.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY STORIES

Wednesdays, 11 a.m.

Patio until Oct. 27 then Zoom

Enjoy our story time by listening, singing to music, marching and playing in a band, doing finger games. For ages 2+



Advanced registration required. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms or call us at 203-574-8213.

THE FRIGHTENED FROG SPONSORED BY CT DEEP

Thursday, September 23, 5 p.m. *Patio*

Join us for a story all about how hard it truly is to be a frog. Then we'll learn all about frogs, their tails, habitats and more!



Advanced registration required.

Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms or call us at 203-574-8213.

CONNECTING THROUGH LITERACY

Thursday, September 30, 6 p.m.

Zoom

A child of an incarcerated parent or family member has a unique and challenging experience that can severely impact their education, mental and social development. Mentoring for children and their families can and does help. Join us if you are in need or interested in learning how you can help.

Advanced registration required. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms or call us at 203-574-8213.

PREPARE WITH PEDRO

Tuesday, October 12, 4 p.m. Zoom

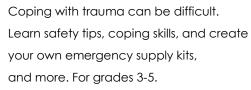
BE PREPARED. TAKE ACTION. Prepare with Pedro! We'll hear a story featuring a penguin named Pedro and learn coping skills and how to always "be ready". For grades K-2.

Advanced registration required.

Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms or call us at 203-574-8213.

THE PILLOWCASE PROJECT

Wednesday, October 13, 4 p.m. Zoom





Advanced registration required.
Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms or call us at 203-574-8213.

ITALIAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION

Friday, October 15, 3:30 p.m.

Rain date: Friday, October 22, 3:30 p.m.

Patio

October is Italian American Heritage Month. Join the celebration as storyteller Angela Buzzelli shares an enchanting retelling of *Strega Nona*. After the story, join us for a cornucopia of crafts!



Advanced registration required.
Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/kidsprograms or call us at 203-574-8213.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

16TH ANNUAL MARDI GROSS

Friday, October 29, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Front plaza



Join us for some Halloween-themed spook-tacular fun outside the library!

Advance registration encouraged. For more information, visit us at bronsonlibrary.org/kidsprograms or call us at 203-574-8213.



LEARN HOW TO GHOST HUNT

Tuesday, November 2, 4:30 p.m. Zoom



The CT Paranormal and Supernatural Tracking Society is bringing us some tips and pointers all about paranormal

activity. Hear success stories from local hunters, see and hear documented paranormal footage! A fun and fascinating program for all ages.

Advanced registration required. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms or call 203-574-8213.

TALLER DEL DIA DE LOS MUERTOS: DAY OF THE DEAD TAKE & MAKE

Monday, November 1, All Day Tuesday, November 2, All Day Children's Room

Explore the rich culture of this unique Mexican Holiday with a fun take and make kit! Each kit will come with a surprise!

Reserve your kits at bronsonlibrary.org/kidsprograms or call us at 203-574-8213



Monday, November 15, 4 p.m. Zoom

Join us on Zoom for magic from the Wizard of Basura. It's all about reduce, reuse and recycle with this master of mystery! For ages 2+



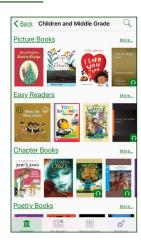
Advanced registration required. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms or call us at 203-574-8213.



EBOOKS FOR KIDS

There's plenty of books for kids of all ages to read or listen to with our digital collections, from World Book Read Alouds to challenging novels on Libby or SimplyE.

Find out more at bronsonlibrary.org/digital







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.

Saturday hours start September 11

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.

Saturday hours start September 18

The library will close at 4:45 p.m. on Mondays starting September 13. Monday evening hours will return in November.

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

Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 6 Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 11 Veterans Day, Thursday, Nov. 11 Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 25

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.







