



Silas Bronson Library BOOKS AND HAPPENINGS

The Newsletter of Waterbury's Public Library

FALL 2022

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PARKING LOT CLOSED FOR CONSTRUCTION

The parking lot between the library and City Hall will be closed for construction from August 29 through the end of November. Parking will be available on the street and in the Buckingham Garage.



Waterbury residents age 60+ can request a free ride to and from the library from the Waterbury Senior Shuttle. To sign up for this service, call 203-346-3810, ext. 7274.

FALL HOURS

Starting September 10, the downtown library will be open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. and the library will close on Mondays at 4:45 p.m. All other hours remain the same.



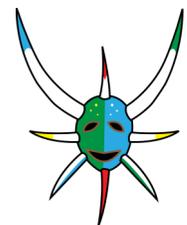
HOME DELIVERY SERVICE

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 or can be mailed to you. Contact us at 203-574-8225 or email us at bronsonlibrary@waterburyct.org to request an application.



EXHIBITS

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month in September and October with exhibits on the first floor presented by the Afro Caribbean Cultural Center, featuring Vejigante masks and paintings by Afro-Latinx artists.



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 a photo ID and proof of Waterbury residency.



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NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

ABOUT US

The Friends of the Silas Bronson Library is a volunteer-run 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the library's operation and mission through fundraising, outreach, and other volunteer activities. The Friends provide vital funding for library programs, especially those for children. A contribution is made to the library each year to support public programs and services. Additionally, all sales from our Readers' Garden Bookstore go directly to the library to support programs and services.

The Friends oversee the Philip V. Benevento Fund for Cultural Programs for Adults at the Silas Bronson Library. The fund 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 and allows the library to present programs they might not otherwise be able to afford.

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE FRIENDS

Second Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m.

September 13, November 8

Library Auditorium

Are you interested in supporting the library? Looking for a volunteer opportunity? Come to our meeting and find out how you can get involved!

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 14, 5:30 p.m. (Preview), 6 p.m. (Bingo)

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 \$50 per person, which includes 10 rounds of bingo and a complimentary glass of wine. Food will not be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own snacks. The event will be held outside in a tent. Tables seat 8-10 guests. This event is for adults only.

To order tickets, please contact Literacy Volunteers of Greater Waterbury at 203-754-1164 or jreho@waterburyct.org.





NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Readers' Garden Bookstore

The Readers' Garden bookstore is stocked with books, CDs, DVDs and other items in the East Wing of the library. The library is able to accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover in addition to cash and check for payments. 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@waterburyct.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.

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.



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.

You can also borrow Chrome books and tablets to use at home for up to one week at a time.

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

Waterbury Senior Center

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 or call the Senior Center at 203-574-6746.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

CROCHET CLUB

Wednesdays, September 14 & 28, October 12 & 26,
November 9 & 23, 3 p.m.

Auditorium

New and returning students of all skill levels are invited to come crochet and have some relaxing socialization time. Bring your own project to work on, or join in projects chosen by the instructor. Supplies are provided.



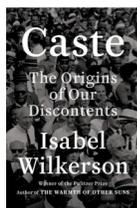
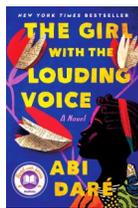
Can't come to the crochet meeting? Call us at 203-574-8225 to schedule a one-on-one appointment at the library for help with your crochet project.

BRASS BOOK CLUB

Thursdays, September 22, October 27,
November 17, 12:30 p.m.

Zoom

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



Sept. 22: *Project Hail Mary* by Andy Weir
Oct. 27 : *The Girl with the Louding Voice* by Abi Daré
Nov. 17: *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent*
by Isabel Wilkerson

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

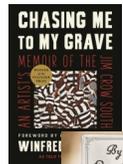
SISTERS TO SISTERS BOOK CLUB

Thursdays, September 8, November 17, 6 p.m.
Auditorium

New members welcome! In October, we will have a special Meet the Author event with Portia Bonner, Ph.D. See description below for details.



Sept. 8: *Chasing Me to My Grave*
by Winfred Rembert



Nov. 17: *By Her Own Design*
by Piper Huguley

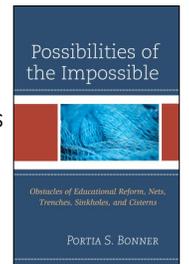


SISTERS TO SISTERS MEET THE AUTHOR:

PORTIA S. BONNER

Thursday, October 6, 6:30 p.m.
Main Reading Room

Educator Portia Bonner, Ph.D., will discuss her book, *Possibilities of the Impossible: Obstacles of Educational Reform, Nets, Trenches, Sinkholes, and Cisterns*.



MEET THE AUTHOR: ELAINE NADAL

Thursday, September 29, 6:30 p.m.
Main Reading Room

Elaine Nadal will read from her latest work, *When*. Its poems read like a story, taking the reader through a journey in which one overcomes a troubled past and experiences healing through the power of the arts and the beauty around us. Copies of her book will be available for purchase and signing.



PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

COMPUTER CLASSES

JOB & CAREER ACCELERATOR WORKSHOP

Thursdays, September 15, October 20,
November 17, 6 p.m.

Computer Classroom

Get help creating your
resume and cover letter,

and find out how to search for the right job. Bring your
job history information, library card, and email address
to create your Job & Career Accelerator account.



INTERNET BASICS

Tuesday, September 20, 1:30 p.m.

Computer Classroom

Learn how to get onto the internet
and do basic searching.



COMPUTER BASICS

Tuesday, October 18, 1:30 p.m.

Computer Classroom

Learn how to use a mouse and
keyboard, then learn how to
organize items on a computer and
how to get onto the internet.



MICROSOFT OFFICE FOR BEGINNERS

Tuesday, November 15, 1:30 p.m.

Computer Classroom

Learn the basics about MS Word,
PowerPoint, and Excel.



LEARN CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH

Saturdays, September 10 - November 19,
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Zoom

Want to speak Spanish in everyday
conversation? Carlos Gonzalez
will help you learn conversational
Spanish in this ten-week program
(note: class will not be held on November 12).



Advance registration is required.

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

MEDICARE WORKSHOP

Saturday, October 1, 1:30 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Learn the basics of Medicare
and obtain a better
understanding of how it works

to help you make informed decisions about your
healthcare coverage. Receive a guidebook on the
basics of Medicare. Learn about income guidelines
for the Medicare Savings Program and how to avoid
scams. Presented by Mindy Foran, licensed health
insurance advisor.



BEADED BRACELET WORKSHOP

Thursday, October 6, 2 p.m.

Auditorium

Participants will string a beaded
bracelet to take home. All supplies
will be provided.



PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

ECHOES OF SINATRA

Saturday, October 8, 1 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Celebrate Italian American Heritage Month with Echoes of Sinatra, an exciting show based on the life of the great American icon: Frank Sinatra. Steven Kazlauskas pays tribute to this legendary performer with stories and songs that bring back the golden era!



GENEALOGY TIP CLUB

Tuesday, October 25, 6 p.m.

Main Reading Room

The Mattatuck Museum has been Waterbury's historical society since 1877. Learn about the genealogy resources at the Mattatuck and get expert tips on finding information in their library and archives. Presented by the Mattatuck Museum.



WITCHES IN CONNECTICUT

Wednesday, October 26, 6:30 p.m.

Main Reading Room

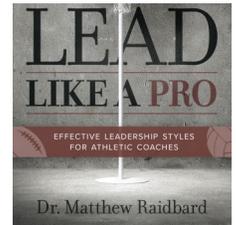
Hear the stories of some of the women and men accused, tried, and executed as witches and learn how Connecticut successfully controlled the spread of witch accusations long before Salem erupted in panic and violence. Presented by the Connecticut Historical Society.

LEAD LIKE A PRO

Thursday, October 27, 6:30 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Matthew Raidbard, author of *Lead Like A Pro: Effective Leadership Styles for Athletic Coaches*, will discuss the importance of coaches viewing themselves as leaders and teach them about leadership practice. This is of particular value to youth sport coaches who are often volunteers or parents.

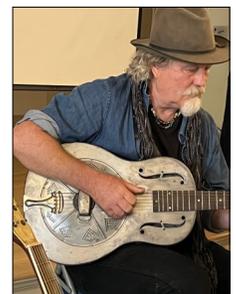


BLUES 101 WITH RAMBLIN' DAN STEVENS

Thursday, November 3, 6:30 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Musician and raconteur Ramblin' Dan Stevens presents an entertaining and educational program encompassing the history of blues music in America from its origins in the African American tradition of the deep south to the present day.



SEAT OF THE PANTS COOKING WITH CHEF BILL

Thursday, November 10, 7 p.m.

Zoom

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



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

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

WATERBURY HISPANIC/LATINX COMMUNITY BOOK CLUB & AUTHOR SPEAKER SERIES

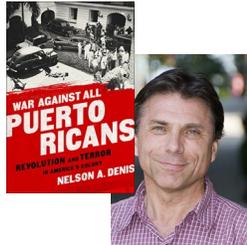
Presented in partnership with the Afro Caribbean Cultural Center.

NELSON A. DENIS: EL GRITO DE LARES

Thursday, September 22, 6 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Author Nelson A. Denis will discuss his book, *War Against All Puerto Ricans*, which tells the story of 1950 insurrection by the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico.

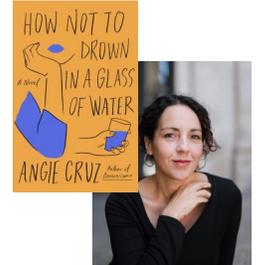


ANGIE CRUZ: HOW NOT TO DROWN IN A GLASS OF WATER

Thursday, October 20, 6 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Angie Cruz, author of *Dominica*, will discuss her latest book, *How Not to Drown in a Glass of Water*.



IRIS MORALES: WOMEN IN THE MOVEMENT

Thursday, October 13, 6 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Author, filmmaker, and activist Iris Morales will discuss her book, *Through the Eyes of Rebel Women*.



RUTH GLASSER: LATINOS AND THE BRASS CITY

Date in November to be Announced Soon

Main Reading Room

Historian and author Dr. Ruth Glasser will discuss her book, *Aqui Me Quedo: Puerto Ricans in Connecticut*, and the history of Puerto Ricans in Waterbury.



PHILIP V. BENEVENTO CULTURAL PROGRAM FOR ADULTS

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

Saturday, October 15, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Front Plaza

Hispanic Heritage Month takes place from September 15 to October 15, celebrating the achievements and contributions of Hispanic Americans. We are partnering with the Afro Caribbean Cultural Center for an afternoon of books, music, and dance.

Start off the celebration with Lesléa Newman, author of the children's book, *Alicia and the Hurricane*, then enjoy a performance by Brass City Bomba. The afternoon will end with salsa music and dancing.

Made possible in part by the Philip V. Benevento Fund for Cultural Programs for Adults.



TEEN/YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Fridays, September 16, October 21,
November 18, 3:30 p.m.



TeenZone

Discuss your ideas for new and exciting programs, books, games and activities for our library! Earn community service hours for school! For ages 11+



6 WAYS TO LIVE YOUR BEST LIFE

Wednesday, October 5, 5 p.m.

TeenZone

Shelby Davis returns to the library to discuss his book, *Everything My Parents Taught Me in 6 Steps*.

FAFSA NIGHT WITH NVCC

Thursday, October 6, 6 p.m.

Auditorium

If you're getting ready to apply for financial aid for college, this program is for you!



Financial Aid and Admissions

Coordinators from Naugatuck Valley

Community College will be here to give you the answers you need.



SILAS BRONSON GEEKDOM



ANIME CLUB

Saturdays, September 17, October 1 & 15,
November 12 & 26, 2:30 p.m.

Auditorium

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

ANIME MOVIE MATINEE

Saturday, October 29, 2:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Join us for a screening of *Nezha Reborn*, a 2021 Chinese animated fantasy action film based on the character of Nezha from the Ming dynasty novel *Investiture of the Gods*.



CHESS MEETUP

Tuesdays, September 6 & 20, October 4 & 18,
November 1 & 15, 6 p.m.

Main Reading Room

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.



CHESS ON ZOOM

Thursdays, September 8 & 22, October 6 & 20,
November 3 & 17, 4:30 p.m.

Zoom

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

Advance registration required.

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



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

BABIES AND BOOKS

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

Picture Book Room

Enjoy lullabies, nursery rhymes, and finger plays. Works best with one child per adult.

For children age 24 months and under.



WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY STORIES

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

Children's Room

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



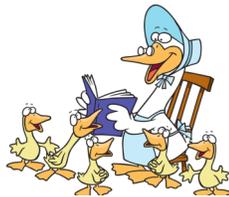
MOTHER GOOSE

Thursdays, 10 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.



P-A-N (PHONETICS, ALPHABET, NUMBERS)

Saturdays, 11 a.m.

Starts September 24

Children's Room

Come learn your ABCs, 123s, and phonetics while listening to a good story. Do a craft and get a free book.

For ages 2-7.



MONTHLY PROGRAMS

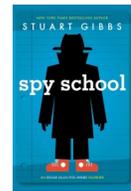
TWEEN BOOK CLUB

Last Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m.

September 27, October 25, November 29

Children's Room

Read the book, then come tell us what you liked about it. For ages 10-13.



September: *Ham Helsing, Monster Hunter*
by Rich Moyer

October: *Investi Gators - Ants in Our P.A.N.T.S.*
by John Patrick Green

November: *Spy School* by Stuart Gibbs



BILINGUAL STORYTIME

First Friday of the month, 10 a.m.

September 2, October 7, November 4

Children's Room

Español o Ingles, It's okay with Mr. K. Hear stories in Spanish and English. Great for Spanish speakers learning English and English speakers learning Spanish. For ages 2-7.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

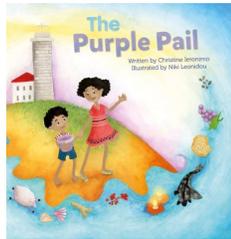
MEET THE AUTHOR: CHRISTINE IERONIMO

Thursday, September 15, 6 p.m.

Children's Room

Christine Ieronimo will read her book, *The Purple Pail*, a story for brave young travelers. Come hear the story, and take home your own purple pail at the end.

For ages 2+



MEET OUR KID GOVERNOR

Saturday, September 17, 11 a.m.

Children's Room

Connecticut's Kid Governor, Makhi Ettienne-Modeste, will be at the library to share his platform, *Protecting Our Pets*.



Connecticut's Kid Governor is a national award-winning civics program for 5th graders which immerses students in learning about state government, elections and voting, and civic participation through a real-life election for their state's Kid Governor. 5th grade students in public, private, magnet, charter, and home schools are welcome to participate.



OCEANS OF ACTING POSSIBILITIES

Tuesdays, September 20 & 27,

October 4 & 25,

November 1, 8 & 29,

December 6, 6 p.m.

Children's Room

Do you have what it takes to be a **starfish**? Scott Healy of Seven Angels Theatre will lead eight fun theatrical classes for ages 4-12.



HALLOWEEN MAGIC SHOW

Wednesday, October 26, 6 p.m.

Children's Room

Get yourself in the Halloween spirit with a magic show by Cyril the Sorcerer. For all ages.



HALLOWEEN AT THE LIBRARY

Monday, October 31, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Children's Room

Come to the library in costume for candy, crafts, and spooky stories!

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

Tuesday, November 15, 4 p.m.

Children's Room

Join us for magic from the Wizard of Basura. It's all about the three Rs: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle with the Master of Mystery. For ages 2+



EXHIBITS

In September and October, the KidZone will feature "The Peace in the World," an exhibit of artwork by children of the Republic of Moldova, on loan from the Fermata Arts Foundation.

In November, we will feature artwork by children in Waterbury's public and private schools.

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SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY

Something for Everyone

LIBRARY HOURS

Main Library

Monday 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Tues. - 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 10

Bunker Hill Branch

Tuesday 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Thursday 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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

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

Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5
Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 10
Veterans Day, Friday, Nov. 11
Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 24

PARKING INFORMATION

Main Library

Kiosk parking is available on Grand Street. Additional parking is available in the Buckingham Garage.

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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