



# Silas Bronson Library BOOKS AND HAPPENINGS

The Newsletter of Waterbury's Public Library

WINTER 2022 - 2023

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### 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 free home delivery service! You must be a Waterbury resident and have a current, active library card to apply.



Learn more at [bronsonlibrary.org/homedelivery](http://bronsonlibrary.org/homedelivery), call us at 203-574-8225, or email us at [bronsonlibrary@waterburyct.org](mailto:bronsonlibrary@waterburyct.org).

### WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS

The library is usually open even when the schools are closed. Weather-related closures will be announced on our social media and website; closing alerts will also be sent to area news stations.



### WINTER EXHIBITS

Each month we will feature different local artists in our first floor exhibit spaces. Exhibits are open whenever the library is open.

In December, we will feature paintings by May Phillips, whose work has been exhibited at juried shows and won several awards. Her work has included murals at Nino's Restaurant in Waterbury, as well as watercolor and acrylic paintings.



May Phillips

In January, we will feature the work of Lillian Soares, who was born and raised in Waterbury. She was inspired to become an artist by her father and brother, as well as by a teacher at Crosby High School.



Lillian Soares

Our February artist is Steven Parlato, who has created a series of collages addressing systemic racism and violence against Black Americans.



Steven Parlato



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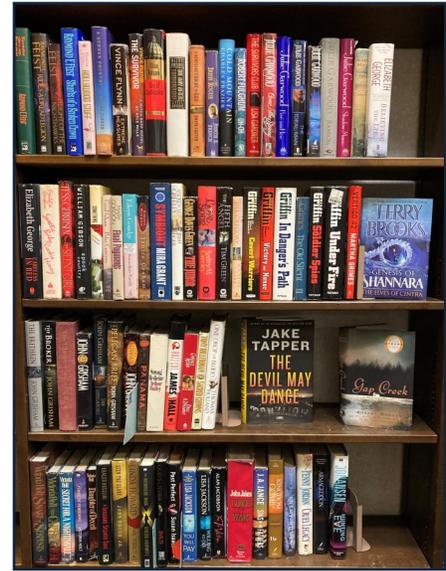
# NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

## Update from the Friends

We had a busy fall season. We had two big events: the Designer Purse Bingo with Literacy Volunteers of Greater Waterbury and the \$5 fill-a-bag sale in conjunction with the City's Holiday Marketplace right after Thanksgiving.

The Readers Garden Book Store continues to be stocked with gently used books, movies, and music. Prices start at 25 cents for children's books and up to one dollar for hardcover books. All proceeds support the library's programs and services.

Volunteers of any age are encouraged to join the Friends to help with the book store or with fundraising events.



## 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.



## Monthly Meeting of the Friends

Second Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m.

December 13, January 10, February 14

*Auditorium*

Open to all members of the Friends. Please RSVP to 203-574-8222. Meetings will be held in the library. Please do not attend if you aren't feeling well or if you have been in contact with someone who has COVID-19.

## 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.

## Book Donations

Please note that we are not accepting any donations of books or other items at this time.

# 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.

## WI-FI HOTSPOTS AT HOME

Our Wi-Fi Hotspots let you borrow the internet for free! These small devices let you connect your phone, tablet, computer, or smart television to the internet. Hotspots can be borrowed for one week at a time.

## CHROME BOOKS AND TABLETS

New! You can now borrow Chrome Books and tablets from the library for one week at a time.

Whether you need a computer for an emergency or for a special event, or if you just want to see how they work, you can borrow them from the library.



## 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*

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? What about resume or job search assistance? Our skilled and friendly staff are available to help you!

Schedule your appointment by calling 203-574-8225, visit the Reference Desk at the library or visit the Book a Librarian page on our website.

## 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.

# ONLINE RESOURCES

Beat the winter chill with more than a blanket and cocoa! Use your library card to unlock the library at your home.



Need help? Have questions? Call us at 203-574-8225 or email us at [bronsonlibrary@waterburyct.org](mailto:bronsonlibrary@waterburyct.org) and we'll find the answers for you.

## ACORN APP

Access the library catalog from your smartphone or tablet, renew items, see how much money you owe, request an item to be placed on hold or update your account information, all that from the web or your phone. Log in to your account at [silas.biblio.org](http://silas.biblio.org) or download the Acorn Catalog.



## EBOOKS & AUDIOBOOKS

We have increased our collection of online books, both ebooks and downloadable audiobooks. You can access them for free with the barcode number on your library card.

You can adjust an ebook's font size, book layout, and lighting. As you read, you can also add bookmarks, create notes and highlights, and define words.

For audiobooks, you can skip backward or forward, increase playback speed up to 3x, and set a sleep timer until the end of the chapter or for 5, 10, 30 minutes, or more.

To find out more, go to [bronsonlibrary.org/ebooks](http://bronsonlibrary.org/ebooks).

## OVERDRIVE

Access ebooks and audiobooks using the web browser on your computer.



## LIBBY

The Libby app connects you to our OverDrive collection of ebooks and audiobooks on your smartphone or tablet. New! You can now borrow magazines using the Libby app.



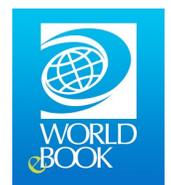
## PALACE PROJECT

Palace is a free, easy-to-use e-reader app that lets you find, check out, and read or listen to books from your local library.



## WORLD BOOK EBOOKS

Educational books for kids and teens. Includes classics of fiction and literature, as well as new books on science, social studies, mythology, health, biography, and more. Also includes Read Aloud books.



# ONLINE RESOURCES

## DATABASES

Use the barcode number on your library card to access our free databases at [bronsonlibrary.org/research](http://bronsonlibrary.org/research).

### ANCESTRY LIBRARY EDITION

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



### NEWSBANK

Use NewsBank to search for articles from more than 10,000 news sources, or browse more than 30 popular magazines.



### AUTO REPAIR SOURCE

Accurate, authoritative and up-to-date service and repair information for thousands of domestic and imported vehicles. All content comes from the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) and includes step-by-step repair information, diagrams, maintenance schedules, parts and labor estimates, service bulletins and recalls.



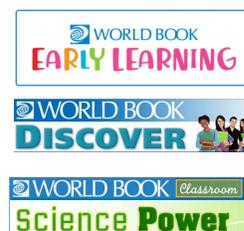
### REPUBLICAN-AMERICAN

Search for articles published in the Republican-American from 2004 to the present.



### WORLD BOOK

The World Book is more than just an encyclopedia! Discover activities, ebooks, theater, science, social studies, and more. Research, discover and find answers to your questions.



### SMALL ENGINE REPAIR REFERENCE SOURCE

The Small Engine Repair Reference Center provides detailed yet user-friendly repair guides for all types of small engines, from lawn mowers to motorcycles.



### UNIVERSAL CLASS

Brush up your skills with 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.



Learn Something NEW

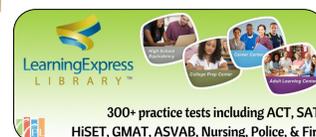
### MANGO

Learning a new language is a great new hobby that you can start right at home! Mango makes it easy to learn what you need, with dozens of languages to choose from.



## STATE LIBRARY DATABASES

ResearchIT provides you help to get started on history and legal research. The **LearningExpress Job & Career Accelerator** will help you find and apply to jobs. The **LearningExpress Library** includes academic skill-building, standardized test prep, career certification test prep and more.



# PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

## CROCHET CLUB

Wednesdays, December 14,  
January 11 & 25, February 8 & 22, 3 p.m.  
Auditorium

Learn how to crochet, get help with a tricky project, or just come to socialize while crocheting. Bring your own project, or join in one of ours. Supplies provided.



## CROCHET ONE-ON-ONE

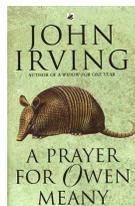
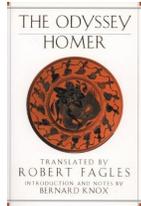
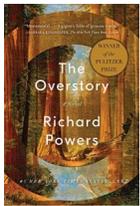
By appointment

Can't attend the Crochet Club meeting? Call us at 203-574-8225 to schedule a one-on-one crochet lesson at a time that works for you!

## BRASS BOOK CLUB

Thursdays, December 22, January 26,  
February 23, 12:30 p.m.  
Zoom

For seniors age 60+.



December 22: *The Overstory* by Richard Powers

January 26: *The Odyssey* by Homer

February 23: *A Prayer for Owen Meany*  
by John Irving

Advance registration required. Sign up at [bronsonlibrary.org/programs](http://bronsonlibrary.org/programs) or call 203-574-8225.

## COMPUTER CLASSES

Tuesdays, December 6 & 20,  
January 3 & 17, February 7, 1:30 p.m.  
Computer Classroom



Get the skills you need to start using computers today.

December 6: Gmail & Google Docs

December 20: Yahoo! Email

January 3: Intro to Computers

January 17: Intro to the Internet

February 7: Intro to Computers

## COMPUTER ONE-ON-ONE

By appointment

Can't attend our Computer Classes? Need help with a different computer problem? Call us at 203-574-8225 to schedule a one-on-one computer lesson at a time that works for you!

## SISTERS TO SISTERS BOOK CLUB

First Thursday of the month, 6 p.m.  
Auditorium

Call 203-574-8225 to register

New members welcome.



December 1: *Homegoing*

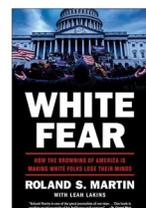
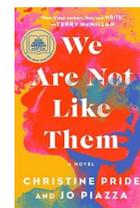
by Yaa Gyasi

January 5: *We Are Not Like Them*

by Christine Pride & Jo Piazza

February 2: *White Fear*

by Roland Martin



# PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

## MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY

Thursdays, December 8, January 12, February 9, 6 p.m.

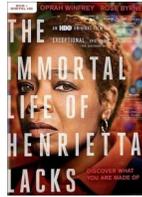
Auditorium

Come enjoy a good movie on our big screen.

December: *Murder on the Orient Express*

January: *Belfast*

February: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*



## HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

Saturday, December 10, 11 a.m.

Main Reading Room

Come celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the International Human Rights Day, a celebration of universal human rights regardless of race, color, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.

The City of Waterbury Human Rights Commission will explain the history of International Human Rights Day, and share a message of caring.



## HOLIDAY CRAFT WORKSHOP

Saturday, December 17, 2:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Learn how to make a beaded snowflake on a wire frame. All supplies will be provided.



## SEAT OF THE PANTS COOKING

Thursdays, December 15, January 19, 7 p.m.

Zoom

Join Chef Bill in his kitchen for a delicious recipe each month! Get your holiday recipes ready! Learn food prep tips, tricks and hints.



Advance registration required. Sign up at [bronsonlibrary.org/programs](https://bronsonlibrary.org/programs) or call us at 203-574-8225.

## VITA TAX PREP

January 28 - April 15

By appointment only

Call 211 to schedule

The VITA Tax Prep program will be held at the library on Saturdays by appointment only. IRS-trained volunteers will be available to prepare tax returns for individuals who made \$57,000 or less, persons with disabilities, and limited English speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their tax returns.

Free tax prep assistance is also available for individuals who are self-employed and have business expenses less than \$25,000. IRS-trained volunteers are certified to prepare simple tax returns and screen customers for special tax credits and savings plans.

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



# PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

## BOOK ART SNOWMAN

Tuesday, January 10, 2:30 p.m.

*Auditorium*

Turn an old paperback book into a snowman with this fun craft. All supplies will be provided.



## DARK HISTORY:BLACK LIVES DO MATTER!

Thursday, February 16, 6 p.m.

*Main Reading Room*

Experience a powerful display of artifacts and images from the Ruby and Calvin Fletcher African American History Museum. See what motivated Civil Rights trailblazers and pioneers who forged the way for equality.

## "THEY ARE NOT DISPOSABLE"

Wednesday, February 8, 6 p.m.

*Main Reading Room*

Artist Steven Parlato will discuss his collages honoring African Americans who have suffered tragedies due to racial injustice. He will also read poetry related to the collages.



Parlato is an artist and an Associate Professor of English who has published poetry in *The Connecticut River Review*, *Margie: The American Journal of Poetry*, and other literary journals.

## BLACK HISTORY TRIVIA NIGHT

Thursday, February 23, 6 p.m.

*Main Reading Room*

Join us for a trivia night celebrating Black History Month and the accomplishments of African Americans.



## PHILIP V. BENEVENTO CULTURAL PROGRAM FOR ADULTS



### AN AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSIC TRIBUTE

Saturday, February 25, 1 p.m.

*Main Reading Room*

Anthony Hofler will perform African American music from the last half century. Hofler has performed with The Five Satins and other bands at Madison Square Garden, the Oakdale Theater, and at the High Desert Concert in California.

*Snow Date: Saturday, March 11, 1 p.m.*

*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.*

# TEEN / YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

## TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Fridays, December 16, January 27,  
February 17, 3:30 p.m.

TeenZone

Discuss your ideas for new and exciting programs, books, games and activities for our library and earn community service hours for school.



## WINTER TERRARIUM TAKE & MAKE

Monday, February 6 - Friday, February 17

Pick up at Circulation Desk

Get all the supplies you need to build a small terrarium for succulents with decorative stones. Sign up in advance to reserve a kit.



# SILAS BRONSON GEEKDOM

## HOLIDAY MAGIC SHOW

Wednesday, December 14, 6:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Mr. Magic (Richard Rothstein) will delight all ages with his magic tricks.

Snow Date: December 28



## GEEKDOM MOVIE NIGHT

Wednesdays, December 21, January 25,

February 15, 6 p.m.

Auditorium

December: *The Nightmare Before Christmas*

January: *My Neighbor Totoro*

February: *Lightyear*

## CHESS MEETUP

Tuesdays, December 13,

January 10 & 24, February 7, 6 p.m.

Auditorium

For all skill levels. Learn new techniques, strategy and tactics or just come to have fun playing chess.



Note: Chess will be held in the Main Reading Room on December 13 and January 10.

## ANIME CLUB

Saturdays, December 10,

January 7 & 21, February 4 & 18,

2:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Join us for anime, trivia, and snacks.



## CHESS ON ZOOM

Thursdays, December 1 & 15,

January 12 & 26, February 9, 4:30 p.m.

Zoom

Learn to play chess with our instructor, play in groups or paired up, discuss strategy and tactics.

Advance registration is required.

Sign up at [bronsonlibrary.org/geekdom](https://bronsonlibrary.org/geekdom)



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## SNOWBALL LEARNERS

December 1 - January 31

Children's Room

Join our Winter Learning Program to learn and earn while you read this winter! For all children from birth through 8th grade. Complete a scorecard to be entered into a raffle for a prize! Visit the Children's Room for more information.



## TWEEN BOOK CLUB

Tuesdays, January 31, February 28, 6 p.m.

Children's Room

Read the book, then come talk about it with other kids. For ages 10-14.



January: *Wings of Fire: The Dragonet Prophecy*  
by Tui T. Sutherland

February: *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman

## WEEKLY PROGRAMS

### BABIES AND BOOKS

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

Children's Room

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

For ages 24 months and younger.



### BILINGUAL STORY TIME

Fridays, December 2, January 6,

February 3, 11 a.m.

Picture Book Room

Join us each month for stories in English and Spanish. For ages 2-7.



### WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY STORIES

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

Children's Room

Come listen to wonderful stories that will transport you to far away places.

For ages 2-5.



### P-A-N

Saturdays, December 17 & 31, January 14 & 28,

February 11 & 25, 11 a.m.

Children's Room

Join us for a story time learning about letters, numbers and the sounds they make. We'll also have a craft sponsored by the letter of the day. For ages 2-7.



### MOTHER GOOSE STORY TIME

Thursdays, 10 a.m.

Children's Room

Ready for interactive stories? Our Mother Goose Story Time includes books, rhymes, songs, movement, and listening skills. For ages 2-4.



### DISNEY SING-ALONG

Saturdays, January 14, February 11, 12 p.m.

Children's Room

Have some fun singing along with these popular movies at the library.

January: *Frozen 2*

February: *Encanto*



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

Saturday, December 10, 10 a.m.

Children's Room

Learn about Human Rights through a children's story and art project.

Presented by the City of Waterbury Human Rights Commission.

For ages 6-12.



## RECESS AT THE LIBRARY

Tuesday, December 27 - Saturday, December 31

Children's Room

Looking for something to do during winter recess? We'll have board games, crafts, and other activities in the Children's Room all week long.

For ages 4-14.

## HANUKKAH CRAFT WEEK

Monday, December 19 - Friday, December 23

Children's Room

Stop by the Children's Room during Hanukkah for dreidel crafts and more! For ages 4-10.



## THREE KINGS DAY / EL DIA DE LOS REYES

Friday, January 6, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Children's Room

Stop by the Children's Room on Three Kings Day for a fun craft activity.

For ages 4 - 12.



## CHRISTMAS CARD CRAFT

Friday, December 23, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Children's Room

Drop by and design your own Christmas card.

For ages 4-10.



## SNOWFLAKE ORNAMENT TAKE & MAKE

Monday, January 30—Monday, February 6

Children's Room

Take home all the supplies you need to make a decorative beaded snowflake. Adult supervision and assistance recommended.

For ages 5-14.

## SAVE THE DATE ~ 48<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL POETRY CONTEST



Submissions Open: January 3, 2023

Submissions Close: March 16, 2023

The Silas Bronson Library Children's Poetry Contest is open to all Waterbury-area students who are in Kindergarten through Eighth Grade.

Complete rules and entry forms will be online at [bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms](http://bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms).

### Topics for 2023

#### Grades K-3

1. Animals
2. My Favorite Thing
3. Make a Haiku

#### Grades 4-6

1. Spooky, Scary Things
2. Make a Haiku
3. What's Your Ideal World?

#### Grades 7-8

1. Make a Haiku
2. Social Media - Hero or Zero?
3. What Empowers You to be Fierce?

Please contact us for at 203-574-8213 or by email at [bronsonkids@waterburyct.org](mailto:bronsonkids@waterburyct.org) for more information.

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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.

#### Bunker Hill Branch

Tuesday 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Thursday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

#### SPECIAL NOTES:

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

Christmas, December 26  
New Year's Day, January 2  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 16  
Presidents' Day, February 20 & 21

### PARKING INFORMATION

#### Main Library

Kiosk parking is available on Grand Street and in the parking lot between the Library and City Hall. 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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