



Silas Bronson Library BOOKS AND HAPPENINGS

The Newsletter of Waterbury's Public Library

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VITA FREE TAX PREP

The VITA Tax Prep program is being held at the library on Saturdays by appointment only. IRS-trained volunteers are available to prepare tax returns for individuals who made \$64,000 or less, persons with disabilities, and limited English speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their tax returns. To schedule an appointment, call 211, listen to the message, then press 3, and then 6.



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Stop by the library during the week of April 7-13 to help us celebrate National Library Week! We'll have some fun activities, including a library scavenger hunt and raffle prizes. This year's theme is "Ready, Set, Library!"

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.



WOWBRARY

See our new arrivals online every week with Wowbrary! Sign up at wowbrary.org for weekly emails highlighting our newest, books, movies, and music, with links to our catalog, making it easy to request the ones you want.

EXHIBITS

Each month we will feature different local artists in our first floor exhibit spaces. Exhibits are open whenever the library is open. Exhibits for children can be found on the second floor in the hallway display case and in the Children's Room.

Our featured artists are Carin Bernard in March, Amanda Lebel in April, and Maritza Chacon in May.



Carin Bernard



Amanda Lebel



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NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



Join the Friends

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. Founded in 1974, the Friends is run by a small board of volunteers who organize fundraising events to support the library's programs and services.

New members are welcome to join at any time! If you are interested, please come to one of our meetings or contact the library's main office at 203-574-8222 for more information.

Monthly Meeting of the Friends

Second Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m.

March 12, April 9, May 7

Hybrid: Zoom & Auditorium, Silas Bronson Library

Open to all members of the Friends. Come in person, or join via Zoom. Register for Zoom participation at bronsonlibrary.org/programs

Book Donations

Please note that due to space restrictions, we are not accepting any donations at this time.

Membership Fees

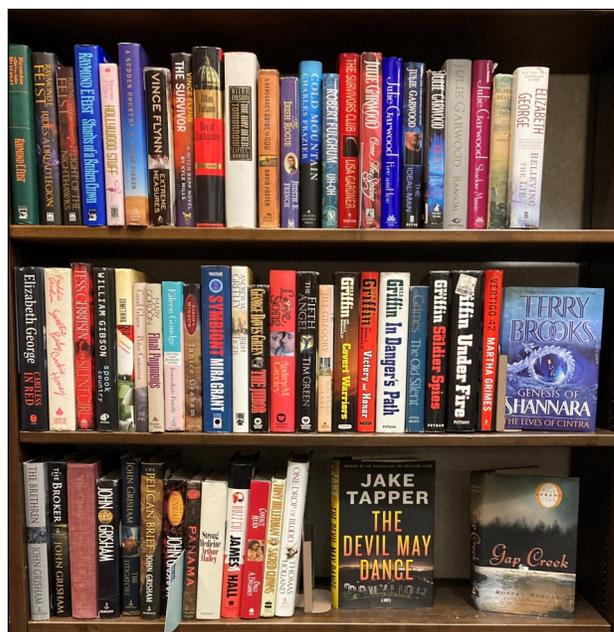
Members of the Friends receive this newsletter in the mail. Membership rates start at \$15/year for students and seniors; \$25/year for individuals; \$50/year for patrons; and \$100/year for corporate memberships. To join, please send a check payable to the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library, P.O. Box 2853, Waterbury, CT 06723 and indicate that it is for a new membership.

Readers Garden Book Store

The Friends of the Library book store is located on the first floor of the library. Purchases can be made using cash, credit card, or check at the library's front desk.

Book Store Pricing

Hardcover: \$1.00	CD: 50¢
Paperback: 50¢	VHS: 25¢
Audiobooks: \$3.00	Children's books:
DVD: \$1.00	25¢ (paperback)
	50¢ (hardcover)



ONLINE RESOURCES

Visit our online resources at bronsonlibrary.org/digital

ACORN APP

Access your library account, use the app instead of your library card, and search our catalog, all on your phone. Download the Acorn Catalog, then log in with your library barcode number and password.



AMERICA'S HISTORICAL NEWSPAPERS

Search or browse the *Waterbury American* from 1844 to 1865, one of more than 100 historical newspapers in this database.



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.



AUTO REPAIR SOURCE

Accurate, authoritative, and up-to-date service and repair information for thousands of domestic and imported vehicles.



BLACK LIFE IN AMERICA

Search or browse the *Waterbury American* from 1866 to 1877, one of thousands of newspapers in this database.



LIBBY

The Libby app connects you to our OverDrive collection of ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines on your smartphone or tablet.



MANGO

Learn a new language with Mango, which has dozens of languages to choose from.



MUSEUM PASS PROGRAM

Our museum passes give you free or reduced price admission to more than a dozen museums, zoos, and science centers.



NEWSBANK

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



NORTHSTAR DIGITAL LITERACY

Build your computer skills and confidence in using new technology for work or daily life.



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.



UNIVERSAL CLASS

Brush up your skills with hundreds of free online courses to help you learn new skills or prepare for tests.



Learn Something NEW

Access Universal Class through the Libby app or on a browser using the link on our website.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

COMPUTER & SMARTPHONE CLASSES

Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.

Computer Classroom

Our librarians will teach you what you need to know about using computers and smartphones.



- March 5: Staying Safe on the Internet
- March 12: Computer Basics: Uploading, Downloading and Organizing Files
- March 19: Computer Basics: Understanding Your Computer's Settings
- March 26: Computer Basics: Keyboard Shortcuts
- April 2: Email Basics: Gmail (bring your phone)
- April 9: Internet Basics: Searching, Downloading, and Printing
- April 16: MS Word, part 1
- April 23: MS Word, part 2
- April 30: iPhone Basics
- May 7: Android basics
- May 14: Learn to Zoom
- May 21: Ebook and Audiobook Apps on Your Phone

DIGITAL IMPACT: ELEVATING YOUR ONLINE PRESENCE

Wednesdays, April 3 - May 22, 5 p.m.

Computer Classroom

Enhance your digital marketing strategies. Discover the latest in social media trends, content creation, and audience engagement in the ever-evolving digital landscape. Whether you're aiming to increase your community outreach, boost fundraising efforts, or elevate your brand, join us to unlock the full potential of your digital presence. Presented by Brass City Gamers.

Class size is limited. Advance registration is required.

Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/programs

COMPUTER EVENING CLASSES

Wednesdays, March 6 & 20, April 3 & 17,

May 1 & 15, 6:30 p.m.

Computer Classroom

Brush up on the computer skills you need for work.

- March 6: Excel, part 1
- March 20: Excel, part 2
- April 3: MS Word, part 1
- April 17: MS Word, part 2
- May 1: PowerPoint
- May 15: Going Beyond Google: Great Free Online Research Resources

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!

BUNKER BOOKIES

Thursdays, March 14, April 11, May 9, 1:30 p.m.

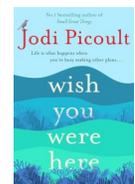
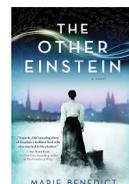
Bunker Hill Branch Library

Come join our in person book club at the Bunker Hill Branch! Copies of the books are available to borrow from the library.

March 14: *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict

April 11: *The Spectacular* by Fiona Davis

May 9: *Wish You Were Here* by Jodi Picoult



PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

BRASS BOOK CLUB

Thursdays, March 28, April 25, May 23, 12:30 p.m.

Zoom

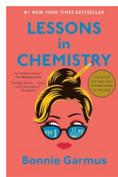
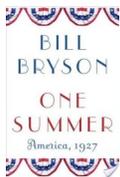
Seniors 60+ are invited to join us for a monthly book discussion. Books are available to borrow from the library.

March 28: *One Summer: America, 1927* by Bill Bryson

April 25: *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver

May 23: *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

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



SISTERS TO SISTERS BOOK CLUB

Thursdays, March 7, April 4, May 2, 6 p.m.

Auditorium

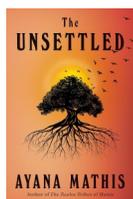
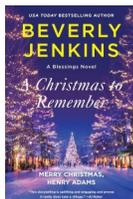
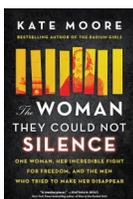
New members welcome. Books are available to borrow from the library. In April, we'll have a special Zoom meeting with author Beverly Jenkins .

March 7: *The Woman They Could Not Silence*

by Kate Moore

April 4: *A Christmas to Remember* by Beverly Jenkins

May 2: *The Unsettled* by Ayana Mathis



COLORING & CONVERSATIONS

Thursdays, March 28, April 25, May 23, 2:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Meet and chat during our Coloring and Conversation Club. Whether you are looking to relax and de-stress, practice your English conversation skills, or meet new people, you are welcome to join us!

Coloring pages and supplies will be provided.



GROW YOUR OWN VEGETABLES

Thursday, March 14, 1 p.m.

Auditorium

Spring is the perfect time to start your vegetable garden. Get practical tips on how to get the best results from Shawn Joseph, Director of Operations at Brass City Harvest in Waterbury.

Joseph is a farmer and the author of *Grow to Eat: A Vegetable Growing Guide*.



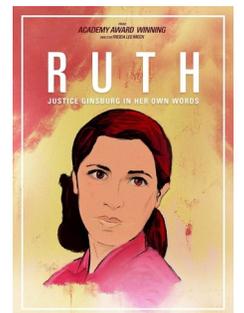
RUTH: JUSTICE GINSBURG IN HER OWN WORDS

Tuesday, March 26, 6 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Join us for a documentary about Ruth Bader Ginsburg, in celebration of Women's History Month.

Throughout her legal career, Justice Ginsburg faced gender discrimination and became an advocate for gender equality and women's rights. Learn more about the challenges she faced and her achievements with this inspiring documentary.



PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

GENEALOGY TIPS: ANCESTRY.COM

Thursday, March 28, 6:30 p.m.

Computer Classroom

Learn how to research your family tree using Ancestry.com, a powerful tool available at the library for free. Explore billions of census, vital, census, military, immigration, and other records.



TAKE A HIKE

Friday, April 5, 1:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Learn about free hiking resources, how to use Connecticut's trails, and how to plan for a day hike or an overnight adventure. Sample gear will be available to view.

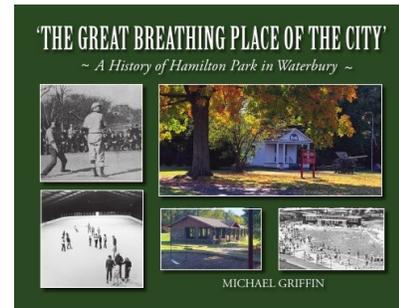


HISTORY OF HAMILTON PARK

Saturday, April 6, 1 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Michael Griffin, author of the new book, *The Great Breathing Place Of The City: A History Of Hamilton Park In Waterbury*, will tell the story of Hamilton Park, which once featured a small zoo and an acclaimed rose garden, offered some of the city's favorite ice skating and swimming spots, and featured one of the state's top dance and music halls during the Big Band era. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.



PHILIP V. BENEVENTO CULTURAL PROGRAM FOR ADULTS



THE JOLLY BEGGARS

Saturday, March 30, 1 p.m.

Main Reading Room

The Jolly Beggars bring the rich tradition of Celtic folk music and storytelling to modern day audiences. Their traditional songs and musical arrangements have exposed many to the joys of Celtic music. They tell traditional stories from Irish folklore and intersperse their musical arrangements with traditional reels and jigs.

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.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

BOOK PAGE WREATH

Thursday, April 11, 2:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Celebrate National Library Week with a fun book page craft!

Upcycle book pages into a beautiful wreath to take home with you.

All supplies will be provided.



MACRAME BRACELET WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 4, 1 p.m.

Auditorium

Make a fun and easy macramé bracelet that you can take home with you! All supplies included.



GENEALOGY TIPS: ONLINE BOOKS

Thursday, April 11, 6:30 p.m.

Hybrid: Computer Classroom & Zoom

Learn about the thousands of digitized family and local history books available online for free. Join in person in our computer classroom, or sign up in advance at bronsonlibrary.org/programs to join from home on Zoom.



GENEALOGY TIPS: ONE ON ONE

Wednesday, May 15, 1 - 3 p.m.

Computer Classroom

Just starting your family history research? Reached a "brick wall" in tracing your ancestors? Call 203-574-8225 to reserve a half-hour appointment with a librarian and learn how we can help you build your family tree.



SPRING CLEAN & GREEN

Monday, April 22, 1:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Learn how to make your own environmentally friendly cleaning products, including disinfecting spray, floor cleaner, air freshener, and carpet deodorizer.

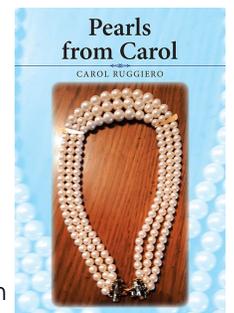


PEARLS FROM CAROL WITH ALBERT RUGGIERO

Saturday, May 18, 1 p.m.

Main Reading Room

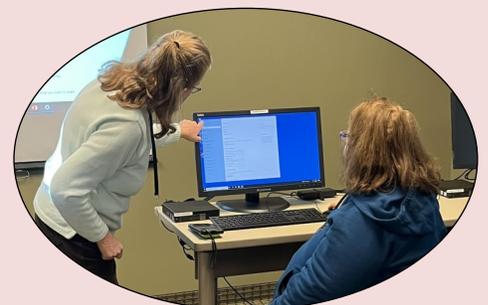
Albert Ruggiero will talk about and read from *Pearls from Carol*, a collection of short, funny, thought-provoking writings by his late wife, Carol Ann Ruggiero. He will also provide a sing-along at the conclusion of the program and will play his saxophone.



BRASS Computer Classes

One of our librarians is at the Waterbury Senior Center every Friday morning to help seniors age 60 and older use computers, smartphones, tablets, and even virtual reality.

The Senior Center is located at 1985 East Main Street. Learn more about the Senior Center by calling 203-574-6746.



GEEKDOM PROGRAMS

CHESS MEETUP

Tuesdays, March 5 & 19,
April 2 & 16, May 14 & 28, 6 p.m.

Auditorium

For all skill levels. Play against our chess master, learn new techniques or just come to have fun.



GEEKDOM MOVIE NIGHT

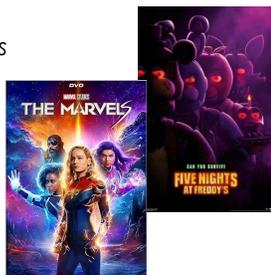
Tuesdays, April 23, May 7, 6 p.m.

Auditorium

Bring friends and family for fun movies at the library!

April 23: *Five Nights at Freddy's*

May 7: *The Marvels*



DND 101

Wednesdays, March 13 & 27, April 10 & 24,
May 8 & 22, 6 p.m.

Auditorium

Learn the basics of DND 5th Edition through a tutorial campaign.



CHESS ON ZOOM

Thursdays, March 7 & 21, April 4 & 18,
May 2, 16 & 30, 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

ANIME CLUB

Saturdays, March 2 & 16,
April 13 & 27, May 11, 2:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Join us for anime, trivia, and snacks.



ANIME MOVIE

Saturday, March 30, 2:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Join us for a screening of *Suzume*, the 2022 film in which a teen girl helps a mysterious young man close doors from the other side that are releasing disasters all over in Japan.



SCRABBLE MEETUP

Saturdays, March 23, April 20,
May 11, 1 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Come play Scrabble at the library! Bring a friend, or meet new friends. We'll have all the supplies you need.



NOT YOUR PARENTS' BOARD GAMES

Saturdays, March 9, April 20, May 18, 2:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Discover a whole new world of board games beyond traditional choices and see what all the fun is about!



TEEN/YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS



3RD ANNUAL TEEN POETRY CONTEST

Submissions Due April 12, 2024

The Teen Poetry Contest is open to all Waterbury students in grades 9 through 12. All poems must be original pieces.

Complete rules and entry forms are online at bronsonlibrary.org/teenprograms and at the library.

CAREER & COLLEGE EMPOWERMENT

Cohort 1: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursday, March 25 - May 9, 6 p.m.

Cohort 2: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursday, May 20 - June 27, 6 p.m.

Computer Classroom

Students in 8th Grade will receive vital resources and support to prepare them for college and help them become future leaders in our community. Presented by Higher Heights Youth Empowerment Programs, Inc. Each cohort is limited to 20 participants. Advance registration is required. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/teenprograms



MAKE YOUR OWN FLOWER

Tuesday, March 19, 6 p.m.

TeenZone

Using our craft supplies, make and decorate with yarn or ribbon a flower to take home with you. For ages 12 and up.

TEEN GAME NIGHT

Thursdays, 6 p.m.

Auditorium

Come relax with a weekly board game night. Bring a friend or make new friends!



LEVEL UP: BRIDGING THE GAP

Fridays, March 15, April 19, May 17, 3:45 p.m.

Computer Classroom

Gain financial literacy through virtual reality with Brandon Garcia of



Community iReach in partnership with TD Bank. Participants will be able to open an account with TD Bank as part of the financial literacy training. For ages 12-18.



TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Fridays, March 22, April 26,

May 24, 3:30 p.m.

TeenZone

Meet up with other teens to play board games and talk

about what you would like to see at the library.



TEENZONE STUDY AREA

The library's TeenZone is a great place for teens to study or meet up to work on projects. Use of the room and computers is restricted to teens only.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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.



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.

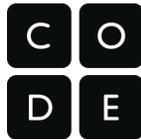


CODING CLUB

Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m.

Children's Room

Have fun learning how to code with one of our librarians. For Grades 3-12. Younger children may need adult assistance.



JAMMIN' WITH MISS JULIE

Wednesdays, 6 p.m.

Children's Room

We're having a pajama party every Wednesday! Wear your PJs and your dancing shoes if you so choose. We'll have stories, music, and jamming for kids age 3-8.



LITTLE MOVERS STORYTIME

Thursdays, 10 a.m.

Picture Book Room

Join us for interactive stories, rhymes, fables and songs. For ages 2-4.



MONTHLY PROGRAMS

WHERE IN THE LIBRARY IS SILAS THE CAT?

Wednesdays, March 13, April 24,
May 15, all day

KidZone

Use clues provided by our librarians to find where Silas the Cat, our stuffed animal, is hiding. When you find him, take a photo to show the librarian and win a prize! For ages 2+



BILINGUAL STORY TIME

Fridays, March 1, April 5,
May 3, 11 a.m.

Picture Book Room

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



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May 3, 3:45 p.m.

Computer Classroom

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

MONTHLY PROGRAMS, CONT.

SATURDAY MORNING MOVIES

Saturdays, March 2, April 6, May 4, 11:30 a.m.

Children's Room

Bring the kids to the library to watch a fun children's movie.

March 2: *Secret Headquarters*

April 6: *Elements*

May 4: *Teenage Kraken*



ONCE UPON A RIVER

Friday, March 22, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17, 3 p.m.

Children's Room

Cyril the Sorcerer will present the story of a farm boy in a fairytale kingdom and a conjuror who wants to steal a river.



49TH ANNUAL POETRY CONTEST



Submissions Open: February 1, 2024

Submissions Close: April 19, 2024

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

Complete rules and entry forms are online at bronsonlibrary.org/kids and at the library.

LUCKY THE LEPRECHAUN

Friday, March 15 & Saturday, March 16, all day

KidZone

Join us to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with crafts and a "gold" coin scavenger hunt. We'll also have a special storytime at 10 a.m. each day.



LOOK UP: SOLAR ECLIPSE

Monday, April 8, 3 p.m.

Front Plaza

Come see the solar eclipse using our special NASA solar-viewing glasses! The near-total eclipse will be at its maximum at 3:27 p.m. We'll be outside with the glasses starting at 3 p.m.



SAVE A LIFE WITH CPR

Saturday, April 13, 11 a.m.

Children's Room

Learn hands-only CPR with the Kids Alive Foundation, which teaches kids the basics of CPR. For ages 9-12.



GROW & LEARN: ARBOR DAY

Friday, April 26, all day

Children's Room

Stop by the Children's Room on Arbor Day to pick up free vegetable seeds for planting at home.



MAKE YOUR OWN BOOKMARK

Tuesday, May 7, 5 p.m.

Children's Room

We'll help you make your own bookmark using craft supplies we provide. For ages 5+

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SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY

Something for Everyone

LIBRARY HOURS

Main Library

Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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

Good Friday, March 29
Memorial Day, May 27
Closed Saturdays from May 25
through August 31

PARKING INFORMATION

Main Library

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

Handicapped spaces are available in the parking lot. Parking rates apply.

Parking rates: \$1 per hour; free after 6:30 p.m.

Bunker Hill Branch

Free parking is available in our lot on Aurora Street.



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