



# Books and Happenings

The Newsletter of the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library



## See you in September

Calling All Poets (. . . and poetry lovers)  
hosted by Victoria Muñoz  
Sisters to Sisters Book Club

Resumes *Monday, September 8 – 6:00 p.m.*

During the summer, Sisters to Sisters will  
be reading *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese



### Lobby Display Case

Judith Taylor exhibits her ceramic pottery. Movement is a fundamental element throughout her repertoire, both in the graceful dimensions of her wheel-thrown pieces and the unique designs and colors of her glazes

### Gallery Wall

In celebration of Lithuanian Statehood Month Laima Reiss exhibits her photographs of Lithuanian landscapes and Lithuanian people.

### NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS BOOKSTORE

Hi, Everyone - Summer has finally arrived! For your summer reading pleasure, we've added more books to our sales section and mini book sale cart. Check us out. Stock up on your beach reads: hardcovers, 50 cents; paperbacks, 25 cents, and on our cart hardcovers 25 cents and paperbacks 10 cents. Have a safe and happy 4th of July, and thank you for your support.



## July & August 2014

### Calendar of Events

- July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 10 a.m. Children's (JP Room)**  
Children's "Storytime Plus"
- July 1, 15 4 p.m. Children's (JP Room)**  
"Tween Reading Group"
- July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 12:30 p.m. Children's (JP Room)**  
"Lunchtime Lapsit"
- July 2 6:30 p.m. Auditorium**  
Book Talk and Signing "Farms, Factories and Families: Italian American Women of Connecticut" with Author Anthony Riccio
- July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 10 a.m. Auditorium**  
Children's "Mother Goose"
- July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 4 p.m. Auditorium**  
"After School Bunch"
- July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 5 p.m. Auditorium**  
Brassbury Chess Club
- July 4 Library closed Independence Day**
- July 8 6:30 p.m. Auditorium**  
Lecture with Jeremy Brecher "Brass Mills-30 Years Later"
- July 8 4 p.m. Mezzanine Room**  
Friends of the Library meeting
- July 18, 25 4 p.m. Auditorium**  
"Fairy Tale Fridays"
- July 11 3:30 p.m. Children's Dept.**  
"Book Time with Ronald McDonald"
- July 14, 28 5 p.m. Auditorium**  
Brass City Toastmasters
- July 16 6 p.m. Children's Room**  
"Costumes for Kids" with Holly Cleeland
- July 17 3 p.m. Auditorium**  
Teen "Choc-Olympics"
- July 22 1 p.m. Children's Room**  
"Jester Show Goes Boom" with Alex the Jester
- August 1, 8, 15, 29 4 p.m. Auditorium**  
"Fairy Tale Fridays"
- August 5, 12, 19, 26 10 a.m. Children's (JP Room)**  
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"Tween Reading Group"
- August 6, 13, 20, 27 12:30 p.m. Children's (JP Room)**  
"Lunchtime Lapsit"
- August 7, 14, 21, 28 10 a.m. Auditorium**  
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- August 7, 14, 21, 28 4 p.m. Auditorium**  
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- August 12 4 p.m. Mezzanine**  
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- August 13 12 p.m. Children's Room**  
"Dragons and Dreams" with Science Tellers
- August 22 3:30 p.m. Patio**  
"Summer Reading Finale Party" with Ben and Jerry's Ice cream

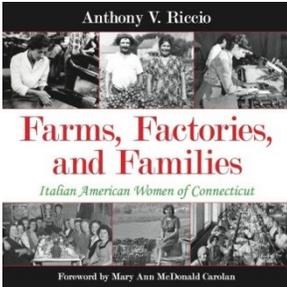
# The Way We Worked

In conjunction with the **Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibit and Lecture Series & The Mattatuck Museum**

## *Farms, Factories and Families: Italian American Women of Connecticut*

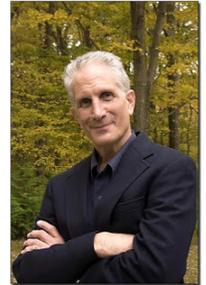
**Book Talk & Signing by Anthony Riccio**

**Wednesday, July 2 - 6:30 p.m.**



Anthony Riccio presents the story of Italian American women through oral history interviews and photographs, revealing their behind-the-scenes roles as the glue of Italian American culture.

As quietly heroic figures, they stood behind their husbands, managed the family economy, invested in real estate, saved for their children's education, cooked meals, nurtured large families and - when times were tough, as they often were from the 1920's to the 1950's - joined men on production lines where they held their own.



## *Brass Valley - 30 Years Later*

**Film & Lecture by historian**

**Jeremy Brecher**

**Tuesday, July 8 - 6:30 p.m.**



Scovill's brass mill has been replaced by a mall, Chase's headquarters is an extension of City Hall, and Anaconda American Brass headquarters now houses Superior Court.

Although the "Big Three" left town decades ago, Waterbury's industry still survives in small businesses - from screw machine companies to garment factories.

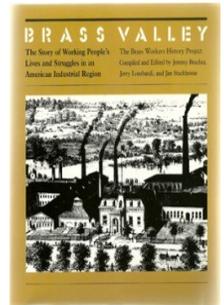
How has Waterbury weathered the change? What lies ahead?

Historian, author, educator and filmmaker Jeremy Brecher presents

segments of his 1984 film (also available in book form):

***Brass Valley: The Story of Working People's Lives and Struggles in an American Industrial Region***

and comments on the changes in working Waterbury. Join the discussion of the past - and plans for the future.



### RECENTLY PURCHASED BOOKS

#### JUVENILE

- "Dreamwood" .....Heather Mackley (J Fic)
- "Five Kingdoms: Sky Raiders" .....Brandon Mull (J Fic)
- "Jackpot" .....Gordon Korman (J Fic)
- "The Last Wild" .....Piers Torday (J Fic)
- "Seven Wonders: Lost in Babylon" ...Erin Hunter (J Fic)
- "What the Moon Said" .....Gayle Rosengren (J Fic)

#### Young Adult

- "Brutal Youth" .....Anthony Breznican (YA Fic)
- "I Become Shadow" .....Joe Shine (YA Fic)
- "Gasp" .....Lisa McMann (YA Fic)
- "Hungry" .....H.A. Swain (YA Fic)
- "The Merciless" .....Danielle Vega (YA Fic)
- "My Best Friend Maybe" ..Caela Carter (YA Fic)

# **FREE COMPUTER CLASSES @ Silas Bronson Library**

The Library offers free computer classes weekdays **from 2:00 - 3:15 p.m.**

There is no registration required just walk in, but there will be a limit of fifteen students. Classes will be held in the classroom A/B in the East Wing.

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|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>NO CLASS</b>                      | Aug 1 (Fri)  |
| Introduction to Internet             | Aug 6 (Wed)  |
| Introduction to Microsoft Excel      | Aug 8 (Fri)  |
| Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint | Aug 13 (Wed) |
| Introduction to Microsoft Publisher  | Aug 15 (Fri) |
| Introduction to Microsoft Excel      | Aug 20 (Wed) |
| Computer Basics                      | Aug 22 (Fri) |
| <b>NO CLASS</b>                      | Aug 27 (Wed) |
| <b>NO CLASS</b>                      | Aug 29 (Fri) |

## **ADVANCED CLASSES**

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|--------------------------|---------------|
| Advanced Microsoft Excel | Aug 5 (Tues)  |
| Advanced PowerPoint      | Aug 7 (Thr)   |
| Advanced Microsoft Excel | Aug 12 (Tues) |
| Advanced PowerPoint      | Aug 14 (Thr)  |
| Advanced Microsoft Excel | Aug 19 (Tues) |
| Advanced PowerPoint      | Aug 21 (Thr)  |
| <b>NO CLASS</b>          | Aug 26 (Tues) |
| <b>NO CLASS</b>          | Aug 28 (Thr)  |



# **Silas Bronson Library Teen Choc-Olympics 17 July 2014**

- Events Include:
- \*Oreo Stacking
  - \*Speed Kiss Contest
  - \*Bowling for Chocolate
  - \*Chocolate Trivia
  - \*M&M Toss

267 Grand Street, Auditorium,  
3-4pm  
Sign up at The Circulation  
Desk!  
**For Teens 8<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup>  
Grade**



# CHILDREN'S SERVICES PROGRAMS

## "Mother Goose"

Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Auditorium



Nursery rhymes, visual and audio technology are used in this modern Mother Goose program for infants ages four and under.

*Groups must register 3 weeks in advance*

## "Fairy Tale Fridays"

Fridays 4-4:45 p.m.

Silas Bronson Library Auditorium

Grades K - 3



Fairy Tales, Audio Visual Technology, Acting and Crafts



### Story Time

PLUS

AT THE LIBRARY

Every Tuesday  
10 am in the  
Children's Room

ALWAYS SOMETHING SPECIAL TO DO: STORIES, TOYS, CRAFTS AND LOTS OF FUN.

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## "After School Bunch"

Thursdays 4 - 5 p.m.,

Library Auditorium

Ages 9 - 14



Stop in after school for some fun at the Library! Every week will bring on a different activity, from getting crafty to karaoke, Wii Bowling tournaments and board games! A light snack will be provided.

## "Lunchtime Lapsit"

Every Wednesday in the (Picture Book Room)  
Children's Dept.

12:30 - 1:00pm



Enjoy lullabies, finger plays, bounces, sign language & so much more!

An early exposure is good for a baby's brain development

For ages 24 months and younger  
Works best with one child per adult  
No preregistration required; drop in

## "The Crew"

4 - 4:45 p.m.

Tween Reading Group, Ages 9 - 12

First and third Tuesdays of the Month

Begins May 6th - August 19th, 2014



Come join "The Crew", whet your appetite with reading, nurture your love of cool books, and meet new friends who enjoy reading too.



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## "It's Book Time with Ronald McDonald"



July 11th, 2014  
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.



This is an entertaining and inspirational show that addresses the topic of reading in a fun and relevant way for elementary school students. Through the use of magic, music, puppets, student participation, and of course, lots of laughter, Ronald McDonald brings a very powerful message to the children around the world about the value of books and the enjoyment that comes from reading.

## "Costumes for Kids"



With Author Holly Cleeland  
Wednesday, July 16th, 2014  
6 - 7pm



Holly Cleeland is an author of the book "Glue and Go Costumes for Kids". She teaches parents and kids how to create prize winning costumes out of household items. She will be giving away three costumes at the end of the performance that the kids can keep and parade them through the library.

## "Jester Show Goes Boom"



With Alex the Jester  
Wednesday, July 22nd, 2014  
1 - 2pm



Alex the Jester packs many facets of "audience appeal" into one show: daring stunts, mind-bending sight gags, dazzling visual spectacles, musical capers and physical feats!

## "Dragons and Dreams"

With Science Tellers  
Wednesday, August 13th, 2014  
12-1pm



Includes castles, kings, a dragon keeper, an Ice Sorceress, A Horn of Fire, two villagers, and a daring journey to save the entire kingdom. Enjoy this spectacular adventure as we're swept away to a world where dragons are real, dreams come true, and only the most daring of people will survive to tell the tale!

## "Summer Reading Finale Party"

With Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream  
Friday, August 22, 2014  
3:30 - 4:30pm



Registration Required

SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY

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WATERBURY, CT 06702

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Hours

|                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Main Library Hours</b>  | <b>Bunker Hill Branch</b> |
| 203 574-8225               | 203 574-8240              |
| 203-574-8226 TTY/TDD       | Tues. 1pm – 8pm           |
| Mon. thru Thurs. 9am - 8pm | Thurs. 10am - 5:30pm      |
| Friday 9am - 5:00pm        | Friday 1 pm – 5:00pm      |

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2014

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Brass City Toastmasters

September 9 4 p.m. Mezzanine  
Friends of the Library meeting

September 17 4 p.m. Classroom A & B  
Homework Help

September 23 4 p.m. Mezzanine  
Board of Agents meeting

**SUPPORT YOUR LIBRARY - JOIN THE FRIENDS**

The Friends are dedicated to promoting Library services by providing equipment and programs, especially those for children. New members are most welcome. Friends meet February, April, June, August, October, and December at the Main Library on the second Tuesday, at 4:00 p.m.

Individual membership: \$25.00 per year; patrons \$50.00; seniors \$15.00

Mail application plus check to :



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**SILAS BRONSON HOMEPAGE**  
<http://www.bronsonlibrary.org>