

Books and Happenings

The Newsletter of the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library

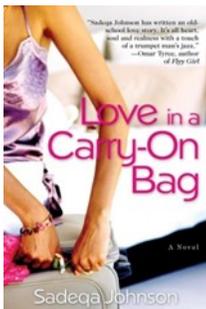


March 2014
Lobby Display Case

Ina Grove will exhibit her hand-made beaded jewelry. Ina's jewelry is made from semiprecious stones and glass crystal.

Gallery Wall

J. Timothy Quirk exhibits his watercolor pictures of Connecticut. Mr. Quirk paints in a cartoon format.



SISTERS TO SISTERS BOOK CLUB **discusses**

***Love in a Carry-On Bag* by Sadeqa Johnson**
Monday, March 3, 2014 – 6:00 p.m. - Mezzanine

Can a long distance love affair really survive?

Erica Shaw lives in New York City, but on Friday nights escapes to D.C., where her musician boyfriend works. Enter an alcoholic mother, an overbearing father, office politics and a great job contract, begging the question: "How much baggage is really too heavy to carry?"

Sadeqa Johnson, was a public relations manager for J. K. Rowling, Amy Tan, Bebe Moore Campbell, and Bishop TD Jakes. Her debut novel, **Love in a Carry-on Bag** is the recipient of the 2013 *Phillis Wheatley Award* for Best Fiction and the 2012 *USA Best Book award for African-American fiction*. It was selected as a *Black Expressions Book club* alternate pick, OOSA Book Club *top pick for 2012* and a *Conversations with Cyrus Webbs Best 100 Book for 2012*. Her story, "Diary of an Overachieving Mother" is featured in ReShonda Tate Billingsley's highly acclaimed novel, *The Motherhood Diaries*. An inner peace advocate, Sadeqa Johnson is a meditation teacher, public speaker and motivational blogger. Admission and evening parking are free.

Calendar of Events

March 1 - May 17 1 p.m. Mezzanine Room

Play Scrabble and boards will be provided

March 3 6 pm Mezzanine Room

Sisters to Sisters Book Club discussion of "Love in a Carry-On Bag" by Sadeqa Johnson

March 4 6:30 p.m. Auditorium

"A Child Lost: My Life's Journey from War-Torn Europe to Proud American," Book talk & signing by Janina B. Nawarskas

March 4, 11, 18, 25 10 a.m. Children's Room (Picture Book Room).

Storytime Plus

March 4 through the 28 2 p.m. Classroom A & B

Computer Classes with Sandra Rampertab.

March 5 6:30 p.m. Mattatuck Museum 144 W. Main Street, Waterbury CT

"Calling all Poets ...and poetry lovers" featuring Connecticut Poet Laureate Richard Allen

March 5, 12, 19, 26 12:30 p.m. (Picture Book Room) Children's Dept.

"Lunchtime Lapsit"

March 6, 13, 20, 27 10 a.m. Auditorium

Children's "Mother Goose"

March 6 6:00 p.m. Mezzanine Room

Irish Heritage Month - The Poetry and Prose of Seamus Heaney by Library Director J. Emmett McSweeney

March 6, 13, 20, 27 5 p.m. Auditorium

Brassbury Chess Club Association

March 8 4 p.m. Children's Room

"Hawaiian Dance" by Kahana Hula

March 10, 24 5 p.m. Auditorium

Brass City Toastmasters

March 11 6:30 p.m. Auditorium

"Moon Shadow Of War" by Len Yannielli Book Talk and Signing

March 17 6 p.m. Children's Room

"Irish Magic Show" with Debbie O'Carroll

March 22 3 p.m. Main Reading Room

Irish Heritage Concert "The Kerry Boys"

March 25 4 p.m. Mezzanine Room

Board of Agents Meeting

Meet Janina B. Nawarskas

Book Talk & Signing **Wednesday, March 4, 2014 - 6:30 p.m.**

Born in 1936, Janina Nawarskas lived a comfortable life with her family in Lithuania until World War II abruptly disrupted it.



As the Russian army was approaching from the East, the family headed West, where her father was abducted by the German army at the border. She dodged American bombs, lived in German war camp, suffered the loss of her mother and searched for her family before being reunited with her father and coming to the United States. This program is being held in conjunction with Lithuanian Independence Day, which is February 16th.

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS BOOKSTORE

Thanks to all who have supported our VHS tape sale. It appears this item is still in demand and so we will continue offering this sale (**25 cents each**). Now, for those of you who have cassette players, we are selling audio books on tape for **50 cents or \$1.00 as marked**. You can find these on shelves next to the VHS sale. Books on sale at half price are no longer on carts. You will now find them in the paperback section on the last shelf. The cart is still available with specially priced books for **10 cents and 25 cents**. The bookstore is available to you during all opening library hours. Please visit us. Your support is greatly appreciated. All proceeds benefit the Library.



POETS AND PAINTERS: Connecticut Poet Laureate Richard Allen and Waterbury high school students read their poetry inspired by the paintings of Alex Katz.

Special event co-sponsored with the Silas Bronson Library's Calling All Poets

(. . . and Poetry Lovers) Refreshments following program.

Wednesday, March 5 - 6:30 p.m. Mattatuck Museum - 144 W Main St, Waterbury, CT



Admission and evening parking are free.

Connecticut State Poet Laureate **Dick Allen** has written seven poetry collections. His work has been published in *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, and *Poetry*, scores of anthologies and six annual volumes of *The Best American Poetry*. He has won numerous awards including a Pushcart Prize, the Robert Frost prize, the

Connecticut Book Award and fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and Ingram Merrill Poetry Foundation. He was a professor of English and Director of Creative Writing at the University of Bridgeport.



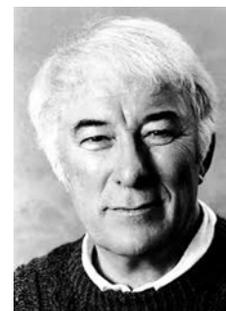
March is Irish Heritage Month

The Poetry and Prose of Seamus Heaney by Library Director **J. Emmett McSweeney**

Thursday March 6 – 6:00 p.m. Mezzanine

Irish poet, playwright, translator and lecturer, **Seamus Justin Heaney**, (1939 – 2013) was the recipient of the 1995 Nobel Prize in Literature. He was a professor and Poet in Residence at Harvard, Professor of Poetry at Oxford and a Commandeur de l'Ordre des Arts et Lettres. Robert Lowell called him "the most important Irish poet since Yeats" and many others, including the academic John Sutherland, have called him "the greatest poet of our age". *The Independent* described him as "probably the best-known poet in the world".

J. Emmett McSweeney has directed the Silas Bronson Library since 2006, after having served as the Head of the Circulation Division. He is a 4th degree Knight of Columbus, past president of the Monsignor Slocum Division #1 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, a volunteer for the Spirit of Waterbury, and an active member of various other civic groups. A graduate of Le Moyne College and the holder of a master's degree in Library and Information Science from the State University of New York at Buffalo, he is an avid buff of both Irish and American history as well as a lover of both Irish and American poetry and prose.



Moon Shadow Of War by **Len Yannielli**

Book Talk & Signing Tuesday, March 11 – 6:30p.m.

There were many casualties of the U.S. War in Vietnam. Like a moon shadow on a deep snow piercing a clear, winter night, the U.S. War in Vietnam cast a shroud over the life



and teaching career of Waterbury native Len Yannielli. There were more educators fired during the late 1960s and early 1970s than

during the depths of the cold war and he was one of them. The U.S. War in Vietnam loomed over his entire life at the time. A high school classmate was killed in it. As a young teacher, Yannielli's opposition to the war ranged from a peace poster in his eighth grade science classroom to a huge, black "Z" taped to the trunk of his car. He fought the military draft while finding his own purpose in life. In this engaging memoir, the reader learns how it all happened through the eyes of one young teacher who learned to thrive while in the Moon Shadow of War.



Raised in the North End of Waterbury, Yannielli holds two master's degrees, won a National Educator of the Year Award from the National Association of Biology Teachers, Biology Science Curriculum Studies and the American Institute of Biological Studies in 2009 and is Professor Emeritus of Naugatuck Valley Community College.

Irish Heritage Concert

“The Kerry Boys”

Featuring

Pierce Campbell &

Paul Neri

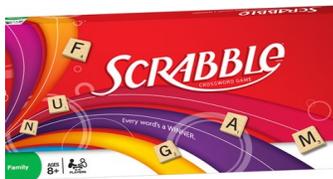


Saturday, March 22 - 3:00 p.m.

Connecticut’s favorite Irish balladeers will have you clapping and singing along, engaging you with their wide collection of both traditional and contemporary original Irish/Celtic songs. Pierce Campbell, Connecticut’s official State Troubadour of 2007/08, will be joined by Paul Neri as they perform favorite songs from their four CD’s which will be available for sale and signing.

Funded by the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library

Play Scrabble



Boards provided.

Registration not required.

Saturdays

March 1 – May 17 1 - 3 p.m.

In the Mezzanine

Tel: 203-574-8225

Silas Bronson Library

267 Grand Street

Waterbury, CT 06702

FREE COMPUTER CLASSES @ SBL

The Library offers free computer classes every **Wednesday and Friday, 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.

March Classes

Computer Basics	March 5
Introduction to Microsoft Word	March 7
Introduction to Microsoft Excel	March 12
Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint	March 14
Introduction to Internet	March 19
Introduction to Microsoft Publisher	March 21
Computer Basics	March 26
Introduction to Microsoft Excel	March 28

NEW CLASSES

Manage Photos from Camera	March 4 (Tuesday)
Advanced Microsoft Excel	March 6 (Thursday)
Manage Photos from Camera	March 11 (Tuesday)
Advanced Microsoft Excel	March 13 (Thursday)
Manage Photos from Camera	March 18 (Tuesday)
Advanced Microsoft Excel	March 20 (Thursday)
Manage Photos from camera	March 25 (Tuesday)
Advanced Microsoft Excel	March 27 (Thursday)



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



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.

Groups must register 3 weeks in advance

"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

"HAWAIIAN DANCE"

by Kahana Hula

Saturday, March 8, 2014

4 p.m. (Children's Room)



The main goal of Kahana Hula
Polynesian Cultural Arts is to
perpetuate the Hawaiian and
Polynesian culture for future
generations as well as to share the
Aloha Spirit with audiences of all
ages.



CHILDREN'S SERVICES PROGRAMS

"IRISH MAGIC SHOW" by Debbie O'Carroll

Monday, March 17, 2014

6 p.m. (Children's Room)



The Irish Magic Show blends enchanting stage magic with lively physical comedy to introduce the audience to a clan of classical characters from Irish children's literature.

The Robots Are Coming!
Presented by
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School



On Display
March-May 2014
Silas Bronson Library
Children's Room

Silas Bronson Library
39th Annual Poetry Contest
Starts March 24th
Ends April 26th, 2014



Hours

Main Library Hours	Bunker Hill Branch
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
Saturday 9am - 5pm	Saturday 1pm - 5pm

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MARCH 2014

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 10 a.m. Children's (Picture Book Room)

Children's "Storytime Plus"

April 1, 8 9:30 - 12:30p.m. Computer Classroom A & B

AARP Tax counseling

April 2 6:30 p.m. Auditorium

Calling All Poets (...and Poetry Lovers).

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 12:30 p.m. (Picture Book Room) Children's Dept.

"Lunchtime Lapsit"

April 3, 10, 17, 24 10 a.m. Auditorium

Children's "Mother Goose"

April 3, 10, 17, 24 5 p.m. Auditorium

Brassbury Chess Club

April 5, 12, 19, 26 1 p.m. Mezzanine Room

Play Scrabble and boards will be provided

April 7 6:00 p.m. Mezzanine Room

Sisters to Sisters Book Club "Destiny's Surrender"

April 12 12 p.m. Mezzanine Room

"Container Gardening"

April 14, 28 5 p.m. Auditorium

Brass City Toastmasters

April 18 Library Closed Good Friday

April 22 4 p.m. Board Room

Board of Agents meeting

April 22 6 p.m. Children's Room

"Music of the Americas" by Sirius Coyote

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 :



The Friends of the Silas Bronson Library

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