



# Books and Happenings

The Newsletter of the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library

## May 2014

### Calendar of Events

**May 1 through the 29** 2 p.m. Classroom A & B  
*Computer Classes with Sandra Rampertab.*

**May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29** 4 p.m. Auditorium  
*"After School Bunch" with Fun Activities. Every Thursday*

**May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29** 10 a.m. Auditorium  
*Children's "Mother Goose"*

**May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29** 5 p.m. Auditorium  
*Brassbury Chess Club Association*

**May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** 4 p.m. Auditorium  
*Fairy Tale Fridays*

**May 3, 10, 17** 1 p.m. Mezzanine Room  
*Play Scrabble and boards will be provided*

**May 3** 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Children's Room  
*Free Comic Book Day*

**May 5** 6 pm Mezzanine Room  
*Sisters to Sisters Book Club discussion of "The Family Business" by Carl Weber & Eric Pete*

**May 6, 13, 20, 27** 10 a.m. Children's Room (Picture Book Room).

*Storytime Plus*

**May 6, 20** 4 p.m. Children's Picture Book Room  
*Tween Reading group "The Crew"*

**May 7, 14, 21, 28** 12:30 p.m. Children's Room (Picture Book Room).

*"Lunchtime Lapsit"*

**May 7, 14, 21, 28** 3:30 p.m. Classroom A & B  
*Homework Help at the Library grades K - 8 every Wednesday*

**May 7** 6:30 p.m. Auditorium  
*"Calling all Poets ...and poetry lovers" featuring Poets Lori Desrosiers and Oonagh Doherty*

**May 10** 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Auditorium  
*"Come See Model Trains and Local Stations" Presented by the Torrington Model Railroad Association.*

**May 12, 19** 5 p.m. Auditorium  
*Brass City Toastmasters*

**May 13** 4 p.m. Mezzanine Room  
*Friends of the Library Meeting*

**May 13** 6:30 p.m. Auditorium  
*Book Talk and Signing "Ten Million Steps on Route 6" with Reporter Joe Hurley*

**May 14** 6:30 p.m. Auditorium  
*Book Talk and Signing "Scars that Never Heal" with Latoya McPherson*

**May 15** 6:00 p.m. Children's Room  
*"Storytelling Performance" with Eshu Bumpus*

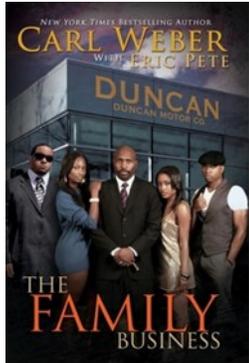
**May 26** Library Closed Memorial Day

**May 27** 4 p.m. Mezzanine Room

*Board of Agents Meeting*

**May 28** 6:30 p.m. Auditorium  
*Medical Director, Dr. Conrad will do a lecture on Mental Health awareness month*

## Sisters to Sisters Book Club discusses



*The Family Business* by  
Carl Weber  
& Eric Pete



**Monday, May 5 – 6:00 p.m.**

By day, the Duncan family runs one of New York City's most respected car dealerships. But by night, they are ruthless criminals who control most of the East Coast drug traffic. No matter whether they are on their day or night jobs, one thing is certain:

**Drama follows them everywhere they go.**

Carl Weber is A New York Times Bestselling Author

Eric Pete is an Essence® Bestselling Author

The public is invited. Admission and evening parking are free

### Lobby Display Case

Karen Rossi will exhibit her famous metal sculptures. She creates fun, fresh characters that everyone can relate to.

### Gallery Wall

Enrique Ortez exhibits his landscapes of the Dominican Republic. Enrique paints with natural fiber and oils.

### NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS BOOKSTORE

Hi, Everyone! This month we are offering a series of books that chronicles the history and culture of the Native Americans, and can be found in our "Special Price" section. We still have a few VHS movies at 25 cents each. For those Sue Gratton fans, we have the full set of her ABC series. These hard covers are priced at 25 cents each and can be found in our 1/2 price section, next to the paperbacks. We continue to refresh our regular collection as well as our sales items. Please visit us.



# 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.

## May Classes

Computer Basics	May 2 (Fri)
Introduction to Microsoft Excel	May 7 (Wed)
Introduction to Internet	May 9 (Fri)
Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint	May 14 (Wed)
Introduction to Microsoft Publisher	May 16 (Fri)
Introduction to Microsoft Excel	May 21 (Wed)
Computer Basics	May 23 (Fri)
Introduction to Microsoft Word	May 28 (Wed)
Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint	May 30 (Fri)

## NEW CLASSES

Advanced PowerPoint	May 1 (Thr)
<b>NO CLASS</b>	May 6 (Tues)
Advanced Microsoft Excel	May 8 (Thr)
Advanced PowerPoint	May 13 (Tues)
Advanced Microsoft Excel	May 15 (Thr)
Advanced PowerPoint	May 20 (Tues)
Advanced Microsoft Excel	May 22 (Thr)
Advanced PowerPoint	May 27 (Tues)
Advanced Microsoft Excel	May 29 (Thr)



COME SEE

MODEL TRAINS and LOCAL STATIONS

Saturday May 10, Auditorium

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Presented by the

Torrington Model Railroad Association



### May is Mental Health Month

The library will be observing Mental Health Month Wednesday, May 28 with a lecture by Cynthia D. Conrad, MD, PhD entitled "Commonly occurring conditions that could affect any of us: What they are, how to recognize them, and how - and where - to get help" in the library auditorium at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Conrad, who is Medical Director of the Western Connecticut Mental Health Network, notes that there are a number of conditions that affect a high percentage of the population that may be hard to recognize. Among them are depression, mood disorder, anxiety disorders and mild cognitive losses. Unfortunately, many people who generally take good care of their physical health and would never hesitate to go to the doctor for a sprained ankle or the flu, hesitate to seek help with behavioral problems, fearing that there is a stigma attached. Dr. Conrad's talk will serve as an opportunity not only to increase one's general knowledge of mental health concerns, but also to ask questions either publicly or privately.

Born in Waterbury, Dr. Conrad received her undergraduate degree from Connecticut College (magna cum laude), her medical degree from the University of North Carolina School of Medicine (with Honors) and her Ph.D. from University of North Carolina. She is an award-winning educator and psychiatrist who currently is a Lecturer in Psychiatry at Yale School of Medicine and is an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Health Sciences at the University of Bridgeport, Physician Assistant Institute.



The public is invited. Both the program and evening parking are free.



# Calling All Poets ( . . . and poetry lovers)

hosted by **Victoria Muñoz**

Open mike sign-up 10 minutes before program

The public is invited. Admission and evening parking are free.



**Wednesday, May 7 – 6:30 p.m., Auditorium**  
**Massachusetts poets - Lori Desrosiers & Oonagh**

## Doherty

**Lori Desrosiers** has written one poetry collection and one chapbook and her poetry has also been published in numerous journals. She is the editor of *Naugatuck River Review*, and publisher of *Poetry News*, an online newsletter. She teaches English and Poetry at several colleges.

**Oonagh C. Doherty** was born in Scotland and grew up in both the U.K. and the U.S. She has published poetry in *Margie*, *Crannog*, *Measure: A Review of Formal Poetry*, *William and Mary Review*, and *Existere*, and has been nominated twice for the Pushcart Prize. She is an attorney in Springfield, Massachusetts.



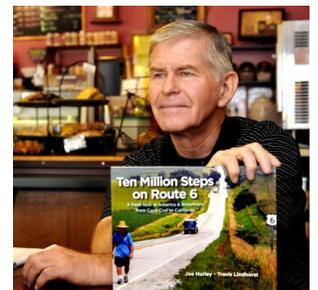
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# Ten Million Steps on Route 6

**A Fresh Look at America & Americans From Cape Cod to California**

**Tuesday, May 13 - 6:30 p.m., Auditorium**

Reporter Joe Hurley walked from Provincetown, MA to Long Beach, CA. His pal , photographer Travis Lindhorst drove in his comfy car. Joe lends you a copy of their book and leads you on a hands-on virtual tour across America- recalling the people and places he encountered along the way- in this unique library program.



Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing.

The public is invited. Admission and evening parking are free.

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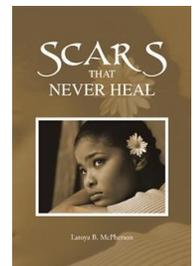


*There is no greater suffering than carrying the weight of an untold offense.*

**Wednesday, May14 – 6:30 p.m., Auditorium**

**Meet Latoya McPherson, author of *Scars That Never Heal***, an account of a woman who kept secret her abuse and an attempted sexual assault by a relative. Emotionally scarred by her mother's behavior and a recurring nightmare of the childhood incident, she discusses her life-time of hurt, tears, and forgiveness as she desperately seeks to heal the wounds of her past.

Latoya McPherson provides healing solutions to experiences, such as abuse, adoption, the loss of a loved one, and divorce, that leave some people psychologically scarred. Drawing from discussions and research, she offers biblical scriptures as well as practical suggestions for recovery from emotional scars. The Waterbury native who is an accountant and administrator for the state, an entrepreneur and a college educator, also provides clear explanations about generational curses, healing, forgiveness, and much more.





# 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

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*

## "After School Bunch"

Thursdays 4 - 5 p.m.

Library Auditorium



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

## "Homework Help"

Every Wednesday Classroom A & B

3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

K - 8th grade



Free drop-in homework help, academic support, and mentoring available during the school year; in all subject areas to students in grades K - 8.



# CHILDREN'S SERVICES PROGRAMS

## "Free Comic Book Day"

Saturday, May 3rd, 2014

9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.



Come in to the Silas Bronson Library Saturday, May 3rd!

As the name implies, Free Comic Book Day is an annual event that takes place in comic book stores across North America.

All Kids and Teens, come and visit the  
Children's Department for your free comic book!  
(while supplies last)

And Visit "Legends of Superheroes" in Middlebury for a larger selection, autographs, and more!



## "The Crew"

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.

Get involved in your book club today!

## "STORYTELLING PERFORMANCE"

By Eshu Bumpus

Thursday, May 15, 2014

6 p.m. (Children's Room)



Eshu Bumpus captivates his audience by telling a variety of African-American and World folktales leavened with music, humor and mystery.

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SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY

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#### Main Library Hours

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Mon. thru Thurs. 9am - 8pm

Friday 9am - 5:00pm

Saturday 9am - 5pm

#### Bunker Hill Branch

203 574-8240

Tues. 1pm - 8pm

Thurs. 10am - 5:30pm

Friday 1 pm - 5:00pm

Saturday 1pm - 5pm

### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JUNE 2014

#### June 3 - 27 2 p.m. Classroom A & B

Computer Classes with Sandra Rampertab

#### June 2 6:00 p.m. Mezzanine Room

Sisters to Sisters Book Club "The Family Business 2" by Carl Weber & Eric Pete

#### June 3, 17 4 p.m. Children's (Picture Book Room)

"Tween Reading Group"

#### June 3, 10, 17, 24 10 a.m. Children's (Picture Book Room)

Children's "Storytime Plus"

#### June 4 6:30 p.m. Auditorium

Calling All Poets (. . . and Poetry Lovers).  
Featuring poets: Polly Brody & Norah Pollard

#### June 4, 11, 18, 25 12:30 p.m. Children's (Picture Book Room)

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Summer Reading Begins

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#### June 9, 23 5 p.m. Auditorium

Brass City Toastmasters

#### June 10 4 p.m. Mezzanine Room

Friends of the Library Meeting

#### June 24 4 p.m. Board Room

Board of Agents meeting

#### June 25 6 p.m. Children's Room

"Dances of India" with Rachna Agrawal

#### June 30 6:30 p.m. Auditorium

Grass with the Brass: Towards a History of Farming in Waterbury" Lecture by Dr. Ruth Glasser in conjunction with the Mattatuck Museum's "The Way We Worked" exhibition and lecture series

## 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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