



Books and Happenings

The Newsletter of the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library

October 2014

Calendar of Events

October 1 6:30 p.m. Auditorium
Calling All Poets (...and poetry Lovers) with Victoria Munoz featured poet Maria Sassi

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 10 a.m. Auditorium
Mother Goose

October 6, 27 5 p.m. Auditorium
Brass City Toastmasters

October 6 6 p.m. YA Room
Sisters to Sisters Book Club

October 7 6:30 p.m. Auditorium
Book Talk and Signing "Plagued" with Mary Donnarumma Sharnick

October 7, 21, 28 10 a.m. Auditorium
Storytime Plus

October 11 3 p.m. Main Reading Room
7th Annual Tribute to Luciano Pavarotti

October 13 Library closed Columbus Day

October 14 4 p.m. Mezzanine Room
Friends of the Library meeting

October 21 6:30 p.m. Auditorium
Storytelling by Lou Del Bianco from his book "In the Shadow of the Mountain".

October 25 2 p.m. Mattatuck Museum 144 West Main Street Waterbury, CT

Meet Author, Beverly Jenkins, at the Mattatuck Museum.

October 28 4 p.m. Mezzanine Room
Board of Agents meeting

October 29 6 p.m. Children's Room
"Greg and Axel Save Halloween in "They're Alive" (The Greg and Axel show will be done with Axel the live dog).

Recently Purchased Books

YA Fiction

"Demon Derby".....Carrie Harris
"Illusive".....Emily Lloyd-Jones
"Six Feet Over It"..... Jennifer Longo
"Winterkill"..... Kate Boorman

Graphic Novels

"X-Men: No More Humans"
.....Mike Carey & Salvador Larroca
"The Graveyard Book Vol. 1"..... Neil Gaiman



Calling All



Poets (. . . and poetry lovers)

hosted by Victoria Muñoz

Wednesday, Oct. 1st at 6:30 p.m.



The Silas Bronson Library will celebrate Italian Heritage Month with four special programs beginning with poet and playwright Maria Sassi's presentation of some of her Italian-inspired poetry as well as poetry from her forthcoming book *Rare Grass* at the Calling All Poets (. . . and poetry lovers) program. The program's theme will be "Family Heritage".

Ms. Sassi's earlier works include *What I See*, a folio/chapbook of ekphrastic prize-winning poems and her book "*Rooted In Stars*", now in its second printing, which is in the permanent collection of Yale University's Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library.

Ms. Sassi has conducted poetry workshops for nine years at the University of Hartford and is a recent recipient of an Artist Fellowship from the Connecticut Commission on the Arts. She was the Poet Laureate of West Hartford and hosts readings there at the Noah Webster House. She feels deeply about poetry and its refined saving grace of our language, our life.

Lobby Display Case

Sculpture of the late M. G. Martin

Gallery Wall

Italian landscapes (in honor of Italian Heritage Month) and other paintings by Linda DeLuca in the Art Gallery

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS BOOKSTORE

Happy Autumn, everyone. This is a good time to take advantage of our mini sales and tuck away books for your winter reading. For James Patterson fans, we've included a large number of his hard cover books for 25 cents each; you'll also find a number of Sue Grafton's Alphabet Series hard cover books for 25 cents each. Look for our Friends of the Bronson Library Flyer which is included in this Happenings, and which announces our Fund Raiser to be held Sunday, November 2. We appreciate your support.



Free Italian Heritage Month Programs



Mary Donnarumma Sharnick Book Talk & Signing



A Book Talk and Signing by Mary Donnarumma Sharnick will take place **Tuesday, Oct. 7th at 6:30 p.m.** Ms. Sharnick will present her latest novel *Plagued*, the story of Michael of Rhodes, who, as a 16-year-old, became an oarsman of the Venetian fleet in the plague-ridden 15th century. The book is Ms. Sharnick's second on Venice. Her first, *Thirst*, is being adapted for the operatic stage. Ms. Sharnick's work has appeared in such journals as *America*, *Italian Americana*, *The New York Journal of Books*, and *Southern Humanities Review*. She teaches writing at Chase Collegiate School where she chairs the English Department. She and her husband also organize "slow travel" tours of Italy, which she considers her second home.

7th Annual Tribute to Luciano Pavarotti



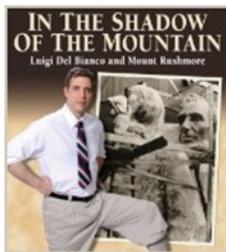
The 7th Annual Tribute to Luciano Pavarotti concert will take place Saturday, October 11th in the Main Reading Room at 3:00 p.m., featuring Juan Carlos Franco, a finalist in the Luciano Pavarotti International Voice Competition. As such, the Colombian-born tenor enjoyed the opportunity of being both critiqued and coached by the maestro who died in 2007. Franco will share with the audience some his remembrances of Pavarotti. A highly accomplished tenor, Franco is the first of the series' tenors to sing Pavarotti's signature aria, "Nessun Dorma" from Giacomo Puccini's opera *Turandot*.



This year's program will replicate a little more than 60% of Pavarotti's September, 2000 concert at Madison Square Garden, closing with "Non ti scordar de me" (Don't forget me), sung in memory of Pavarotti, whose birthday is October 12th. Soprano Marissa Famiglietti and pianist Joseph Jacovino, Jr., both very talented and popular Waterburians, will also perform.

The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library and funded by the Waterbury Arts and Tourism Commission.

In The Shadow Of The Mountain



Storyteller Lou Del Bianco portrays his grandfather Luigi Del Bianco, master carver of Mount Rushmore in a 40-minute general audience program entitled *In the Shadow of the Mountain* Tuesday, Oct 21st in the library auditorium at 6:30 p.m. Del Bianco uses authentic photos, maps and timelines to bring his grandfather's story to life!

Actor, singer and storyteller, Del Bianco has been performing for adults and children of all ages since 1982. According to *The New York Times*, his dramatic approach to storytelling "puts pow into passivity!" He has performed various roles, including Abraham Lincoln, throughout the country, including Carnegie Hall. His six recordings have garnered high praise from *Billboard Magazine*, *Parent's Choice*, *Booklist*, *Child Magazine*, *Family Fun* and others.



Meet Beverly Jenkins

Author of

Destiny's Captive *Heart of God* *A Wish and a Prayer*



Mattatuck Museum, 144 West Main St.,
Waterbury

Saturday, Oct 25th 2:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Silas Bronson Library's Sister to Sister Book Club

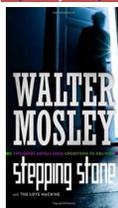
Beverly Jenkins is the nation's premier writer of African-American historical romance fiction, having published over thirty novels. She is the recipient of five Waldenbooks/Borders Group Best Sellers Awards, two Career Achievement Awards and a Pioneer Award from *Romantic Times Magazine*; and a Golden Pen Award from the Black Writer's Guild. She was named one of the Top Fifty Favorite African-American writers of the 20th Century in 1999 by AABLC, the nation's largest on-line African-American book club.

Ms. Jenkins has been featured in numerous publications and has lectured at such prestigious universities as Oberlin University, the University of Illinois, and Princeton and was the featured speaker at the 2014 W.W. Law Lecture Series sponsored by the Savannah Black Heritage Festival.

Bring on the Blessings, her first faith-based novel was published in 2009. The fourth book in the Blessings series: *A Wish and a Prayer* was nominated for a 2013 NAACP Image Award.

Copies of *Destiny's Captive*, *Heart of God* and *A Wish and a Prayer* will be available for purchase at reduced, tax-free prices.

Admission is free. Free parking is available



Sisters to Sisters

Features

"Stepping Stone"

By

Walter Mosley

October 6, 2014

6 p.m. YA Room, Silas Bronson Library.





FRIENDS Of THE SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY

FUND RAISER

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR
SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEA**

**At
THE NEW JOHN BALE TEA ROOM**

*Grand Street, Waterbury CT
Across from post office*

November 2, 2014 2:30 pm

(free downtown city parking on Sunday)

***Please make check(s) payable to Friends of Bronson Library,
and mail with form to P.O. Box 2853, Waterbury, CT 06723***

In lieu of tickets check in will be at event

Proceeds support the Library's many services and programs.

Name(s) _____

Phone/cell _____ **e-mail** _____

No. attending _____ **@ \$20 per person - total \$** _____



Greg and Axel Save Halloween in: "They're Alive!"

(The Greg and Axel show will be done with Axel the live dog)
Wednesday, October 29, 2014
6:00 p.m. Auditorium



The books in your library are coming alive this Halloween!

It's true the books at your Library are coming alive to teach young friends how to be safe when they go trick or treating this year, and of course we will be talking about reading.

This Magical comedy show will bring some old classics to life like Dracula, Frankenstein and the Mummy. All the magic will revolve around the books while weaving safety messages throughout the program. All kids attending the show will get a fun coloring sheet to take home from the show!



Hours

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| 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 - 4:45pm | Saturday 1pm - 4:45pm |

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2014

November 3 6:00 p.m. Mezzanine Room

Sisters to Sisters Book Club

November 4, 18, 25 10 a.m. Auditorium

Children’s “Storytime Plus”

November 5 6:30 p.m. Auditorium

“Calling All Poets (...and Poetry Lovers) with Victoria Munoz

November 6, 13, 20 10 a.m. Auditorium

Children’s “Mother Goose”

November 8 10 a.m. Auditorium

Jigsaw Puzzle Contest

November 10, 24 5 p.m. Auditorium

Brass City Toastmasters

November 11 Library Closed Veterans Day

November 15 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held at Mattatuck Museum

November 25 4 p.m. Mezzanine

Board of Agents meeting

November 27 Library Closed Thanksgiving

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 at the Main Library on the second Tuesday of every month, 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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