



Books and Happenings

The Newsletter of the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library

September 2014



Calling All Poets (. . . and poetry lovers)

hosted by Victoria Muñoz
Resumes *Wednesday*,

September 3 - 6:30 p.m. Auditorium
Open mike sign-up - 6:20 p.m.



Christine Beck Theme: School days

Past President: Connecticut Poetry Society

Founder and President: Greater New Haven Chapter of the Connecticut Poetry Society

Editor: *Long River Run*, 2011, *The CPS Quarterly Newsletter*, 2006-12

Former **National Contest Chair:** National Federation of State Poetry Societies

Judge: National Federation of State Poetry Societies, Paper Nautilus Chapbook Competition, 2012

B.A., Linguistics, University of California at Berkeley (1972), Phi Beta Kappa

M.F.A., Creative Writing, Southern Connecticut State University (2013)

J.D., University of California at Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law (1975), Thurston Honor Society Outstanding Teaching Award, 2001-2, University of Hartford

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS BOOKSTORE

Hi, Everyone - Hope you have enjoyed a safe and happy summer. Just a reminder: we have doubled our mini book sale carts. Check us out. You can't beat the prices: hard covers, 25 cents; paperbacks, 10 cents! We've also added books to our 1/2 price section; and we've replenished our regular priced books. It's a good time to stock up. Please don't forget to tell your friends about us. The Bookstore is available to you during all open library hours. We appreciate your support.



Calendar of Events

Sept. 1 Library Closed Labor Day

Sept. 2 - 30 2 p.m. Classroom A & B

Computer Classes Tuesday through Friday 2 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. with Sandra Rampertab.

Sept. 3 6:30 p.m. Auditorium

"Calling All Poets (...and poetry Lovers) with Victoria Munoz

Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25 5 p.m. Auditorium

Brassbury Chess Club

Sept. 8, 22 5 p.m. Auditorium

Brass City Toastmasters

Sept. 8 6 p.m. Mezzanine Room

Sisters to Sisters Book Club

Sept. 9 4 p.m. Mezzanine Room

Friends of the Library meeting

Sept. 10 6 p.m. Auditorium

"The Gulf of Tonkin Events—50 years Later" Book Talk and Signing with Author John White

Sept. 13 1 p.m. Children's Room

"Brother Bud's Garden" Book reading and signing with Reba C. Reid Turner.

Sept. 20 10 a.m. Auditorium

"Managing Family Finances in Difficult Times" with UCONN Speakers

Sept. 23 4 p.m. Mezzanine Room

Board of Agents meeting

Sept. 27 3 p.m. Auditorium

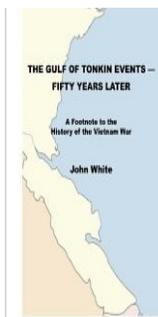
Hispanic Heritage Concert

Lobby Display Case

Robin McCahill will exhibit her handmade items. Robin makes felted accessories, puppets and props. She conducts workshops and performances.

Gallery Wall

Stepen J. Dirienzo is both an illustrator and an oil painter. He focuses on a range of diverse subjects, covering everything from landscapes, to portraits and still-life compositions.



The Gulf of Tonkin Events - Fifty Years Later: A Footnote to the History of the Vietnam War

by John White

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

6 p.m.

Library Auditorium



The war in Vietnam essentially began in 1964 in response to what the American government claimed was an unprovoked attack

upon two U.S. naval ships, the destroyers USS Maddox (DD-731) and USS Turner Joy (DD-951), while they were steaming peacefully on the high seas in the Gulf of Tonkin off Vietnam. Although there already was a U.S. military presence in Vietnam, the Tonkin events led to congressional action which allowed President Lyndon Johnson (and, later, President Richard Nixon) to escalate U.S. military presence enormously and to wage war in Vietnam and also covertly in Southeast Asia. A 1967 letter to the editor in the *New Haven Register* was instrumental in pressuring the Johnson administration to tell the truth about how the war was started. The letter - from Cheshire resident John White – became an international sensation. On the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Gulf of Tonkin events, White documents his role and its aftermath, both personal and political.

John White is an internationally known author who writes about the human mind and spirituality and their relationship to social and political affairs. He has published 16 books and his writing has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Reader's Digest*, *Esquire*, *Woman's Day* and numerous other publications. His books have been translated into ten languages. Born in 1939, he holds degrees from Dartmouth College (B.A., 1961) and Yale University (M.A., 1969) and has taught English and journalism on the secondary and college levels. He served four years as a U.S. naval officer, primarily in antisubmarine warfare and nuclear weaponry. In 1972, he worked with Apollo 14 astronaut Edgar Mitchell who founded The Institute of Noetic Sciences, a research organization that studies the human potential for personal and planetary transformation.



Sisters to Sisters Book Club

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



Cutting for Stone

by Abraham Verghese

In his first novel, Abraham Verghese writes a tale of twin brothers born of a secret union between a beautiful Indian nun and a brash British surgeon. Orphaned by their mother's death and their father's disappearance, they share a fascination with medicine as they come of age while Ethiopia hovers on the brink of revolution. This story of love and betrayal, medicine and ordinary miracles moves from Addis Ababa to New York City and back again as the brothers' fates are forever intertwined.

Physician, author, educator Abraham Verghese was born in Addis Ababa, the son of an Indian couple who was recruited by Emperor Haile Selassie to teach in Ethiopia. He has also lived in both India and the U.S.

Hispanic Heritage Month
September 15th – October 15th



Son del Barrio

Music from the Neighborhood

Free Concert - Main Reading Room
Saturday, September 27th 3:00 p.m.

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.

September Classes

Computer Basics	Sept 3 (Wed)
Introduction to Internet	Sept 5 (Fri)
Introduction to Microsoft Word	Sept 10 (Wed)
Introduction to Microsoft Excel	Sept 12 (Fri)
Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint	Sept 24 (Wed)
Introduction to Microsoft Publisher	Sept 26 (Fri)

****NO CLASSES HELD DURING SEPT 15-19**

ADVANCED CLASSES

Advanced Microsoft Excel	Sept 2 (Tues)
Advanced PowerPoint	Sept 4 (Thr)
Advanced Microsoft Excel	Sept 9 (Tues)
Advanced PowerPoint	Sept 11 (Thr)
Advanced Microsoft Excel	Sept 23 (Tues)
Advanced PowerPoint	Sept 25 (Thr)
Advanced Excel	Sept 30 (Tues)

Teen Summer Reading Program

The Teen Summer Reading is a program that reoccurs every year. Michael Tierney runs the program and is also head of the YA division here at Silas Bronson Library. The program usually runs from the beginning of June to early August. We encourage the youths between the ages of 13-19 of Waterbury to participate every year in the program.

This year's theme was "Spark a Reaction." We had approx. 70 teens that signed up this summer. The winners are picked at random by staff members, so everyone gets a fair chance at the awesome prizes given away at the end of the program. Most of the prizes are donated by local businesses that support the summer reading program. The rest are purchased by the Friends of the Library.

Amongst some of the prizes this year included:

- \$100 gift card from Target
- Flight Trampoline Park
- Connecticut Science Center
- Lake Compounce tickets
- Big E tickets
- Hartford Wolf Pack
- Laser Planet
- Essex Steam Train and River Boat

Along with various other prizes.

The winners that were picked are as follows:

1. Eva Lafrance
2. Jonah Guzman
3. Esther Cohen
4. Olivia Pettinicchi
5. Rachel Pettinicchi
6. Meah Austin
7. Ajay Timaul
8. Claudia McKenley
9. Desirae Saylor
10. Nicholas Delgrotto

If you didn't sign up this year 2015 is right around the corner. Again we encourage all teens to sign up! You won't be disappointed.

Silas Bronson Library presents

Making Change:

Managing Your Family's Money



**Saturday, September 20
10 am**

**Silas Bronson Library Auditorium
267 Grand Street
Waterbury, CT 06702**

Registration is not required, but is preferred.

A minimum registration of 10 or more
is required for the program to take place.

Call 203-574-8233



We'll talk about how to:

- **Gain more control over your money,**
- **Reduce debt,**
- **Save money and**
- **Move closer to your goals.**



ATTENTION PATRONS

All weekly children's programming will be suspended for the month of September. Weekly programs will resume in October. Thanks for your patience while we evaluate and revamp all children's programs.

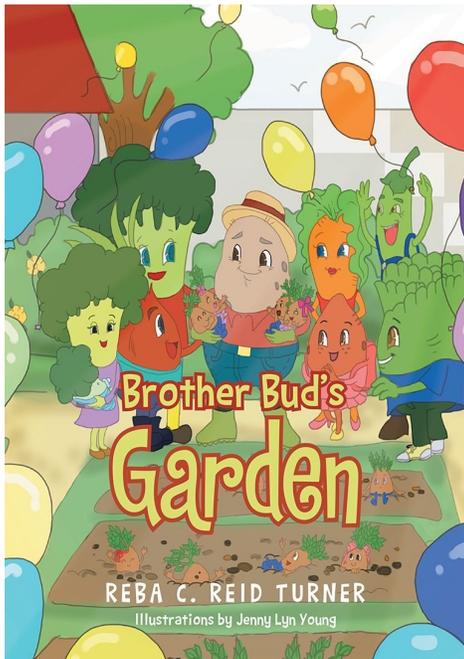
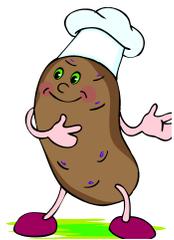
"Brother Bud's Garden"

with Reba C. Reid Turner

Saturday, September 13, 2014

1:00 p.m.

Children's Room



Reba Turner of Saint Mary's Child Development Center recently published her first children's book, "Brother Bud's Garden," about a grumpy old potato who will do anything to protect the baby sprouts in his garden.

After the reading of the book, the Book will be available for Purchasing and signing.

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SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY

267 GRAND STREET

WATERBURY, CT 06702

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

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 2014

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Children's (Picture Book Room)

"Lunchtime Lapsit"

October 1 6:30 p.m. Auditorium

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

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Classroom A & B

Homework Help

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Auditorium

Children's "Mother Goose"

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Auditorium

"After School Bunch"

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 5 p.m. Auditorium

Brassbury Chess Club

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Auditorium

"Fairy Tale Fridays"

October 6, 27 5 p.m. Auditorium

Brass City Toastmasters

October 6 6:00 p.m. Mezzanine Room

Sisters to Sisters Book Club

October 7, 14, 21, 28 Children's (Picture Book Room)

Children's "Storytime Plus"

October 7 6:30 p.m. Auditorium

"Book Talk and Signing with Mary Donnarumma Sharnick"

October 13 Library Closed Columbus Day

October 14 4 p.m. Mezzanine

Friends of the Library meeting

October 25 2pm

"Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

October 28 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 :



The Friends of the Silas Bronson Library

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SILAS BRONSON HOMEPAGE

<http://www.bronsonlibrary.org>