

# Books and Happenings

The Newsletter of the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library



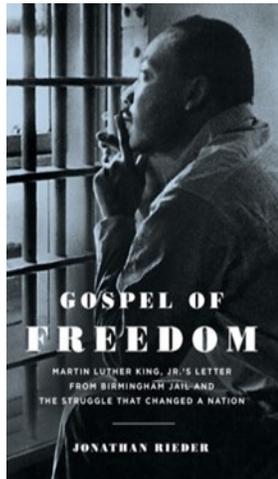
February 2014

## Lobby Display Case

Richard Dicarolo will exhibit his hand-sculptured bricks known as Urban Fossils. Richard is a professional cartoonist and illustrator by trade

## Gallery Wall

J. Timothy Quirk and Jessica Ponticelli will present their exhibit *Nutmeg Junction*: cartoons about trolleys in Connecticut.



## **Sisters to Sisters Book Club**

**Monday, February 3, 2014 - 6:00p.m.**

### **Discusses**

***GOSPEL OF FREEDOM:***  
***MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR'S LETTER***  
***FROM BIRMINGHAM JAIL AND THE***  
***STRUGGLE THAT CHANGED A NATION***  
by Jonathan Rieder

**"I am in Birmingham because injustice is here." Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**He had gone to Birmingham, Alabama convinced that massive protest could topple Jim Crow. But the insurgency faltered.**

**To revive it, Rev. King made a sacrificial act on Good Friday, April 12, 1963: he was arrested.**

## Calendar of Events

**February 1 9am - 5pm Children's Room**

*Take Your Child to the Library Day*

**February 3 6 p.m. Mezzanine**

*Sisters to Sisters Book Club discussion of "Gospel of Freedom" by Jonathan Rieder*

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

*Storytime Plus*

**February 5 6:15 p.m. Auditorium**

*"Calling all Poets ...and poetry lovers" featuring Ernie Blue*

**February 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28 2 p.m. Classroom A & B**

*Computer Classes every Wednesday and Friday with Sandra Rampertab.*

**February 6, 13, 20, 27 10 a.m. Auditorium**

*Children's "Mother Goose"*

**February 6, 13, 20, 27 5 p.m. Auditorium**

*Brassbury Chess Club Association*

**February 10, 24 5 p.m. Auditorium**

*Brass City Toastmasters*

**February 11 4 p.m. Mezzanine Room**

*Friends of the Library meeting*

**February 17 Library closed Abraham Lincoln's Birthday**

**February 18 Library closed President's Day**

**February 19 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*

**February 22 1 p.m. Main Reading Room**

*Music of Black America with Tony Hofler, Sr.*

**February 22 2 p.m. Auditorium**

*Motivational Talk and Book Signing with Dr. Ian Smith*

**February 25 4 p.m. Mezzanine Room**

*Board of Agents Meeting*

**February 25 6:30 p.m. Auditorium**

*Black History Program: "Fear Not, Believe Only: Miracles Received Throughout My Journey Having HIV/AIDS" Book talk & signing by Stephany D. Minor.*

## **Meet Janina B. Nawarskas**

**Book Talk & Signing**  
**Wednesday, February 19, 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.

A CHILD LOST



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 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS BOOKSTORE**



For all VHS fans, we are offering a variety of movies at the low price of 25 cents each! Look for these on the shelves following the hard cover fiction section of the bookstore. In an effort to replace our annual book sale, we are continuing with our mini book sales. Check out our ongoing sales carts which can be found around the corner of the bookstore, in front of the paperback section. Prices on these carts for hard cover and paperbacks range from 50 cents to 10 cents. Visit us any time during the library's opening hours. Your support is greatly appreciated. All proceeds benefit the many services and programs provided by the library, especially those for children.

# Black History Month

Calling All Poets (. . .and poetry lovers) hosted by Victoria Muñoz

Featuring **Ernie Blue**

Wed., February 5th 6:15 p.m.



**Ernie Blue** is a retired corrections officer whose life and work have been profoundly affected by the **Million Man March**.

A poet in the slam tradition, he is also a master teacher in the art of performance poetry - often condensing decades - even centuries - of history into a single poem.

His heritage and the responsibility he feels as an African-American male are at the center of his art. He has said to his students:

*You write about your experience;  
I write about mine.  
In that way we come to know and  
understand each other.*



"Black Pride" was inspired by Charly Palmer's painting "I Am A Man"

## Black Pride

**You would think**

**that after all the cross burnings, church burnings, lynchings,**

**whippings, brandings and separation of families;**

**that after the loss of history, religion, land, language and name;**

**that after the lack of equality in jobs, education, housing,**

**healthcare and political representations;  
that after all the quotas, goals, policies, programs,  
laws and amendments to level the playing field;**

**that after all the sit-ins, boycotts, marches, speeches, and candlelight vigils;**

**that after watching, hearing and reading, hour upon hour, day after day, year in and year out of negative imagery in the media**

**...my soul and spirit would fall victim.**

**To the contrary,**

**All that is what makes me proud;  
all that is what makes me strong.**

**From the realization**

**Of all that which has happened and our survival,  
...evolves Black Pride.**

**From receiving this soulful and spiritual consciousness and passing it on,  
...maintain Black Pride.**

**To all the brothers and sisters**

**of the past and present  
who have actively upheld the struggle;  
who respectively maintain this nonviolent resistance;**

**...in the words of our soulful Godfather,**

**"Say it loud - I'm Black and I'm Proud"**



## February is Black History Month Concert & Author Appearance

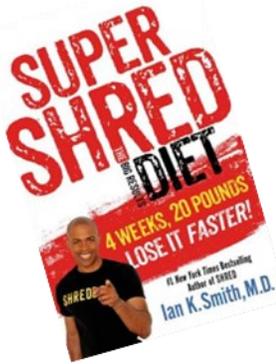
Waterbury native Tony Hofler, Sr. formerly of Bill Baker's 5 Satins and The Modulations, sings gospel, blues, jazz, and R&B in this tribute to the singers and composers of Black America.

**Saturday February 22 – Main Reading Room**

**1:00 p.m. Music of Black America -Tony Hofler, Sr.**

**2:00 p.m. Dr. Ian Smith, Motivational Talk & Book Signing**

#1 *New York Times* bestselling author will be offering weight lose tips and signing his latest book - ***SUPER SHRED: THE BIG RESULTS DIET: 4 WEEKS, 20 POUNDS, LOSE IT FASTER.***



He is a co-host of *The Doctors* TV show, medical contributor to *The Rachael Ray Show* and host of the *HealthWatch* radio program. He has appeared on the *Today* show, *The Oprah Show*, *Good Morning America*, *CBS This Morning*, *The View*, *Dr. Oz*, and *Dr. Phil*.

He has written for *Time*, *Newsweek*, *Men's Health*, and the *New York Daily News* and has been featured in *Publisher's Weekly*, *Red Book*, *USA Today*, *Wall Street Journal*, *People*, *Essence*, *Ebony*, *Black Enterprise*, *Cosmopolitan* and the *University of Chicago Medicine on the Midway*.



A graduate of Harvard, Columbia and the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine, he founded the **50 Million Pound Challenge** and the **Makeover Mile**, initiatives that have helped millions of people lose weight and improve their health. Dr. Smith serves on the President's Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition.

## Meet Stephany D. Minor

Author of ***FEAR NOT, BELIEVE ONLY***  
***MIRACLES RECEIVED THROUGHOUT MY***  
***JOURNEY HAVING HIV/AIDS***

### Book Talk & Signing

**Tuesday, February 25 – 6:30 p.m.**

**Shock. Fear. Disbelief.**

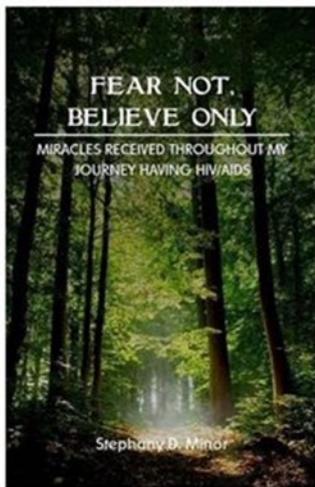
These feelings gripped the heart of a young, bright, ambitious Stephany Minor in 1992, changing her life forever.

She had contracted what was known as death - the HIV Virus. Will it develop into AIDS? Will God heal her? Will she ever marry and have children?

Will her career visions wither like a raisin in the sun?

Follow Stephany's journey in this inspirational story of her personal hopes, heartbreaks, and wonders.

A Waterbury native and resident, Ms. Minor is an internet marketing entrepreneur and blog author for ***Wealth To You*** at [wealthtoyou.blogspot.com](http://wealthtoyou.blogspot.com). She plays chess and enjoys encouraging others to achieve their goals.



# Free Computer Classes

Silas Bronson Library

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.

## February Schedule

Computer Basics	<b>5</b>
Introduction to Microsoft Publisher	<b>7</b>
Introduction to Microsoft Word	<b>12</b>
Introduction to the Internet	<b>14</b>
Introduction to PowerPoint	<b>19</b>
Introduction to Microsoft Excel	<b>21</b>
Computer Basics	<b>26</b>
Introduction to Microsoft Word	<b>28</b>

**RECENTLY PURCHASED BOOKS AND GAMES**

**YOUNG ADULT**

- “The Killing Woods”.....Lucy Christopher  
“Little Blue Lies”.....Chris Lynch  
“Enders”.....Lissa Price  
“No One Else Can Have You”.....Kathleen Hale  
“Vitro”.....Jessica Khoury

**GAMES**

**NINTENDO 3DS**

- Pokémon X  
Pokémon Y  
Mario Party: Island Tour  
The Legend of Zelda: A Link Between Worlds



**JUVENILE**

- “Nickel Bay Nick”.....Dean Pitchford  
“Frosting and Friendship”.....Lisa Schroeder  
“The Year of Billy Miller”.....Kevin Henkes  
“Tower of the Five Orders”.....Deron R. Hicks  
“The Waffler”.....Gail Donovan  
“Jinx’s Magic”.....Sage Blackwood



**"Take Your Child to The Library!"**

**Date: February 1, 2014**

**Join us for a contest; craft; and  
giveaways**



**Silas Bronson Library**

**Children's Room, 2nd Floor**

**and Bunker Hill Branch**

**Waterbury, CT 06702**

**(203) 574-8212**

**[www.bronsonlibrary.org](http://www.bronsonlibrary.org) and click on children**



# 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 Auditorium  
12:30 - 1:00pm

Starting January 8, 2014



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

## "STORIES & FOLKTALES FROM ASIA" by Motoko

Thursday, February 20, 2014

6 p.m. (Children's Room)



Motoko specializes in telling stories from  
Japan, combined with participatory songs  
and mime movements. She also tells  
tales from China, Korea, and Southeast  
Asia. Her stories are humorous and  
wise, and impart cultural lessons and  
morals.

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WATERBURY, CT 06702

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### Hours

#### Main Library Hours

203 574-8225

203-574-8226 TTY/TDD

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 MARCH 2014

#### March 3 6:00 p.m. Mezzanine Room

Sisters to Sisters Book Club "Love in a Carry-on Bag" by Sadega Johnson

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

Children's "Storytime Plus"

#### March 4, 11, 18, 25 9:30 - 1p.m. Computer Classroom A & B

AARP Tax counseling

#### March 5 6:30 p.m. Mattatuck Museum, 144 West Main Street

Calling All Poets (. . . and Poetry Lovers). Poetry by CT Poet Laureate, Richard Allen and

Waterbury Arts Magnet School students based on Alex Katz exhibit

#### March 5, 12, 19, 26 12:30 p.m. Auditorium

"Lunchtime Lapsit"

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

Children's "Mother Goose"

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

Brassbury Chess Club

#### March 8 4p.m. Children's Room

"Hawaiian Dance" by Kahana Hula

#### March 10, 24 5 p.m. Auditorium

Brass City Toastmasters

#### 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 Month Concert - Kerry Boys featuring Pierce Campbell

#### March 25 4 p.m. Board Room

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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