

SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY

Something for Everyone

BOOKS AND HAPPENINGS

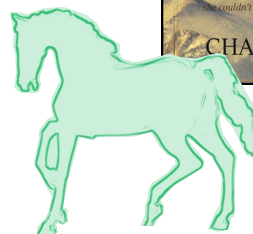
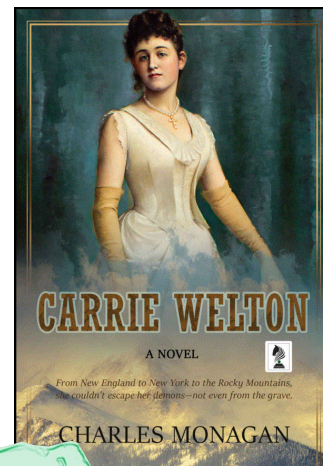
MAY 2016

Program Highlights

Charles Monagan joins us at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 12 to discuss his new novel, a fictional biography of Waterbury's own **Carrie Welton**.

We're changing our Saturday matinee program to a Thursday evening movie this month. We'll be watching the 2014 Academy Award winning film, *The Grand Budapest Hotel*, on Thursday, May 26, at 6 p.m.

Coloring Books for Grownups joins our roster of monthly programs starting Saturday, May 21 at 10 a.m.



For the kids, we're bringing back Master Puppeteer Sarah Nolen for a shadow puppet performance of "**Lisa the Wise**" on Wednesday, May 4, at 6 p.m.

Connecticut cosplay group **Band of Heroes** will be joining us on Wednesday, May 18, at 6 p.m. Bring the kids to meet their favorite characters!

Exterior Improvements

With the help of the city's Public Works Department, we have made the library's rear entrance more open and welcoming--the row of shrubs which hid the entrance from sight have been removed. A new seating area for smokers has been installed near the entrance, away from nonsmokers.

Email Updates

We now offer email subscriptions to our monthly newsletter, news about upcoming programs, and more. Visit our website, bronsonlibrary.org, to sign up.



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NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Readers' Garden Bookstore

Hi, Everyone! If you haven't had an opportunity to visit us, we still have a few sports books left on our sales table, as well as gardening books and cook books.

We are fortunate to have had donated to us an excellent selection of Civil War books, which can be found on our sales table.

For all the armchair travelers out there, we have just received a very large number of travel books, hardcover and paperbacks, that feature many, many countries. Look for them on our sales table.

Our featured authors this month are Jodi Picoult and Jonathan Kellerman. Their books are priced at 50¢ for hardcover, 10¢ and 25¢ for paperback.

Please visit and tell your friends about us. As always, we appreciate your support. All proceeds support the library's many programs and services.



Donate to the Friends of the Library

We will be participating in the Connecticut Community Foundation's Give Local online fundraising campaign, May 3-4. Every dollar donated will be stretched with bonus funds provided by the Connecticut Community Foundation and their generous sponsors. To donate, visit givelocalccf.org.

If you missed out on Give Local, you can still donate to the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library. Checks made out to the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library may be sent to us at P.O. Box 2853, Waterbury, CT 06723.

We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the mission and programs of the Silas Bronson Library. Funds raised by the Friends are used to cover expenses related to the library's public programs and to provide additional funds for library services.

Book Donations

If you would like to donate books, please call the library at 203-574-8222 to schedule a delivery time.

ADULT PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY JIGSAW PUZZLES

Daily

Main Reading Room

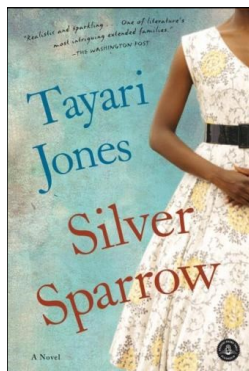
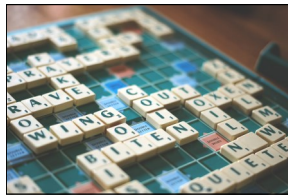
Help finish a puzzle--anyone can join in. Add your skill to those of others and help complete the puzzle on the table.

COMMUNITY SCRABBLE GAMES

Saturdays, 1 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Join a team, or bring one of your own. Learn to play, or sharpen your skills. Boards provided.



SISTERS TO SISTERS BOOK CLUB

Monday, May 2, 6 p.m.

Auditorium

This month's book is *Silver Sparrow* by Tayari Jones. The Sisters to Sisters Book Club meets on the first Monday of the month.

New members are welcome to join the discussion.

CALLING ALL POETS (...and poetry lovers)

Wednesday, May 4, 6:30 p.m.

Auditorium

This month's program will feature Hartford poet Margaret Plaganis, a visual artist, writer, and teacher whose current poetry and prose are linked to personal narrative.



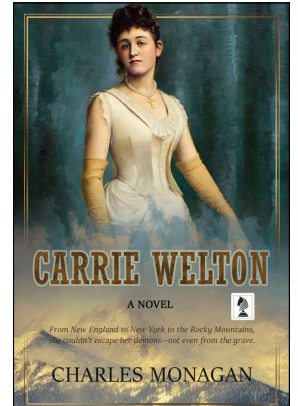
"Calling All Poets" is held regularly on the first Wednesday of the month and is hosted by poet, musician, music therapist, and educator Victoria Muñoz.

BOOK TALK & SIGNING

Thursday, May 12, 6:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Charles Monagan will be talking about his latest book, a fictional biography of Waterbury legend Carrie Welton, who died in 1884 while climbing Long's Peak in Colorado.



Welton is best remembered in Waterbury for the fountain on the Green, which provides drinking water for humans, horses, dogs, and birds. The horse on top of the fountain was modeled after Knight, Carrie's favorite horse.

EXHIBITS IN MAY

THE ART & POETRY OF MARGARET PLAGANIS

Gallery and Display Case

Margaret Plaganis is a visual artist, writer, and teacher. Her bold, complex collages are a fusion of mixed media and original graphics. She crafts highly colored, one-of-a-kind artist-books that illustrate her poetry and prose.



Image: Detail of "A Garden for Judith Cole" on display at the Silas Bronson Library.

ADULT PROGRAMS, cont.

COLORING FOR ADULTS

Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m.

Main Reading Room

Coloring books aren't just for kids anymore. De-stress at the library with coloring pages featuring beautiful and intricate designs. We provide the pages and the coloring pencils for you to use.



SCORE BUSINESS MENTORING

Thursdays, 10 a.m.

By appointment only

Volunteer business

counselors are available

by appointment to mentor entrepreneurs and small business owners. To learn more, visit our website at bronsonlibrary.org/score.



THURSDAY NIGHT MOVIE: THE GRAND BUDAPEST HOTEL

Thursday, May 26, 6 p.m.

Auditorium

Join us for a screening of the 2014 Academy Award winning movie, *The Grand Budapest Hotel*, directed by Wes Anderson and starring an array of accomplished actors, including Ralph Fiennes, Willem Dafoe, Jeff Goldblum, Harvey Keitel, Jude Law, and Bill Murray. Rated R.



BRASS CITY TOASTMASTERS

Monday, May 2, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Monday, May 16, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Auditorium

The Brass City Toastmasters' mission is to empower individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders. Meetings are open to all interested parties.



TEEN/YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

TEEN GAME TIME

Thursday, May 5, 3 - 5 p.m.

Auditorium

Bring a friend, or come alone and make new friends. A variety of popular board games, card games, and more will be provided, along with snacks. Teens only!



TEEN MOVIE MATINEE

Thursday, May 19, 3 - 5 p.m.

Auditorium

Join us for an afternoon showing of *World War Z* (2013). Rated PG-13.



NEW NINTENDO 3DS GAMES



Fire Emblem Fates: Birthright

Fire Emblem Fates: Conquest

Hyrule Warriors: Legends

Mario & Luigi: Paper Jam

Mario & Sonic At The Rio 2016 Olympic Games

Snoopy's Grand Adventure

MUSEUM PASS PROGRAM



Your Silas Bronson Library card gives you access to more than two dozen free and reduced price admission passes for museums, zoos, aquariums, and state parks.

Most passes can be printed directly from any computer; some require that you come to the library to pick up and return the pass. If you don't have a computer or printer, we'll be happy to print out the pass for you at the Reference Desk in the Main Reading Room.

To reserve or print a museum pass, visit our website at bronsonlibrary.org/museums to get started. You can also call our Reference Department at 203-574-8225 for assistance.

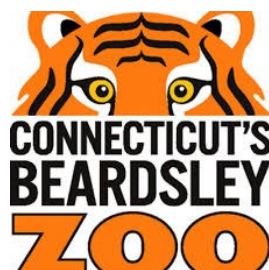
Passes are available for Waterbury residents age 18 and older with a valid Silas Bronson Library card and PIN number. To set up a PIN number, click "My Account" on our website and follow the instructions.

FREE ADMISSION PASSES

American Clock & Watch Museum
Barker Character Comic & Cartoon Museum
Barnum Museum
Connecticut State Parks & Forests
Connecticut's Old State House
EverWonder Children's Museum
Harriet Beecher Stowe Center
Institute for American Indian Studies
Mattatuck Museum Art & History Center
New Haven Museum
Wadsworth Atheneum
White Memorial Conservation Center

REDUCED PRICE PASSES

Beardsley Zoo
Connecticut Science Center
Imagine Nation
Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk
Mark Twain House
Mystic Aquarium
Mystic Seaport
New Children's Museum & Roaring Brook Nature Center
New England Air Museum
Old Sturbridge Village
Peabody Museum of Natural History



SHARE YOUR STORY

For every person who loves libraries, there is a story about what the library means to them. We want to collect and share those stories. Is the library important to you? Do you have a story to tell? Share it with us!

LIBRARIES TRANSFORM™

Libraries are about more than just books. Libraries are centers of knowledge and learning, places where everyone is able to seek out information. Whether you're rich, poor, or somewhere in between, whether you're young or old, whether you're at the peak of your career, just starting out, or just starting over, libraries can enrich your life and give you the tools you need to transform your life.

All Waterbury residents, past and present, are invited to share their stories of the Silas Bronson Library having a positive impact on their lives.

How to Share Your Story

Online: bronsonlibrary.org/share

Mail: Share Your Story, Silas Bronson Library,
267 Grand Street, Waterbury, CT 06702

When to Share Your Story

Anytime! There is no deadline; we will keep sharing your stories for as long as you keep sharing them with us.

What Happens to My Story?

We will share your story online and/or in print, and we will save a copy in our archives. We may edit your story for spelling, if needed.

What About My Privacy?

We will use only your first name when we share your story. We will use your image only if you send us a photo of yourself. If you prefer to remain anonymous, just let us know, and we will not share your name or image with the public.

YOUR STORY SHARED

Since we moved, I do miss the Silas Bronson Library and their programs. While reading the Books and Happening Newsletter, I am happy you now offer more programs for all ages.

When my granddaughter was young, we both attended "Storybook Time" at the Silas Bronson Library. She enjoyed going on the bus and seeing her friends every



Tuesday. About the middle of the program, she started doing some projects. We both loved the story about the box that was made into a car and making cards for our Veterans.

July 22, 2010, Grandma, two grandchildren and their Dad went to the Polynesian Program at the Silas Bronson Library. The oldest granddaughter sat in the back reading, their Dad took pictures and sat in the back near one of the computers and Grandma sat closer to she could see

the youngest granddaughter dance and intermingled with the other children. The youngest granddaughter liked the program and learned the Hula. She looked so cute dancing the Hula. She, also, learned that when you listened to seashells, you can hear the ocean.



When we went to the library, she would look at the children's books that were on sale from Friends of Bronson Library and I would purchase the books for 25 cents each.

Last year, when we moved we donated at least 39 boxes of books to Silas Bronson Library since we unable to take them with us. In fact, I know one person that bought a few of our donated books and enjoyed reading them.



~ Mary Ann G.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

STORYTIME PLUS

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

Children's Room

Children and caregivers will enjoy story time, listening and singing to music, marching and playing in a band, doing finger games, and creating a craft. For preschoolers age 5 and under. Groups must register three weeks in advance.



BABIES AND BOOKS

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

Picture Books Room

Enjoy lullabies, nursery rhymes, finger plays, bounces, and sign language. Best with one child per adult. For children age 24 months and under. No registration required.



MOTHER GOOSE

Thursdays, 10 a.m.

Auditorium

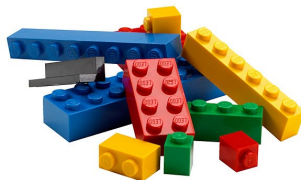
Nursery rhymes, visual and audio technology are used in this modern Mother Goose program. For children age 4 and under. Groups must register three weeks in advance.

LET'S GO LEGO!

Monday, May 23, 6 p.m.

Children's Room

If you like building with LEGOs, then you'll love "Let's Go LEGO!" The program is held on the last Monday of the month. LEGOs are provided. For ages 6 to 12. No registration required.



LISA THE WISE

Wednesday, May 4, 6 p.m.

Children's Room

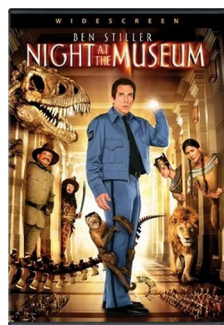
Master puppeteer Sarah Nolen returns to the Silas Bronson Library for a fun, interactive shadow puppet show based on a Russian folktale.

BAND OF HEROES

Wednesday, May 18, 6 p.m.

Children's Room

All ages are invited to meet some of their favorite comic book and Disney characters, as portrayed by The Band of Heroes, a professional cosplay group based in Connecticut.



SATURDAY MORNING MOVIE

Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m.

Auditorium

It's the last Saturday that we're open before our summer hours start. We'll be watching the first *Night at the Museum* movie from 2006. Snacks for the kids and coffee for the adults will be provided.

ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, READ!

Wednesday, June 1 - Friday, August 19

It's time to get ready for our children's summer reading club. Registration begins June 1 and can be done at the main library, the branch library, or online. All children from birth to Grade 8 are welcome to join the reading fun!

Children who are not yet readers can still participate if someone reads to them. All children will receive gifts upon registration and will be eligible for great incentives as they progress in their reading.



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LIBRARY HOURS

Main Library

Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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

(closed Saturdays from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend)

Bunker Hill Branch

Tuesday 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Friday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday 1 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

(closed Saturdays from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend)

LOCATIONS

Main Library

267 Grand Street
Waterbury, CT 06702

Bunker Hill Branch

192 Bunker Hill Avenue
Waterbury, CT 06708

CONTACT INFORMATION

Main Number: 203-574-8200

Bunker Hill Branch: 203-574-8240

Circulation Desk: 203-574-8206

Children's Division: 203-574-8213

Director's Office: 203-574-8222

Reference Desk: 203-574-8225

TTY/TDD: 203-574-8226

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Closed on Saturdays for the summer, beginning May 28.

Closed for Memorial Day on May 30.

PARKING INFORMATION

Main Library

Kiosk parking is available on Grand Street and in the parking lot between the Library and City Hall.

Handicapped spaces are available in the parking lot. Parking rates apply.

Parking rates: \$1 per hour; free after 6:30 p.m.

Bunker Hill Branch

Free parking is available in our lot on Aurora Street.



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