

SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY

Something for Everyone

BOOKS AND HAPPENINGS

JULY & AUGUST 2016

EXHIBITS IN JULY & AUGUST

ABSTRACTS IN BLACK & WHITE and FOUND OBJECTS

Gallery and Display Cases, July



In July, Paul Bialobrzkeski exhibits his geometric designs arranged artistically on both framed and unframed backgrounds on our gallery wall and a grouping of rustic artifacts that are a metaphor for old age in our display cases. Bialobrzkeski studied art for six months at the City of London Polytechnic in 1972. The remainder of his development as an artist has been self-taught, guided by the influences of Josef Albers, Guido Molinari, and Marcel Duchamp.

QUIET MOMENTS: PORTRAITS OF PETS AND PEOPLE

Gallery, August



ShawnaLee Kwashnak exhibits her portraits done with pencil, charcoal, and oil. A lifelong artist, Kwashnak studied Studio Art and Graphic Design/Illustration at Western Connecticut State University. Portraits of dogs, cats, children, landscapes, and home are frequently commissioned from her in a variety of artist's media. She has won awards from the Draft Horse Classic Art Show, Watertown Art League, and the Oxford Commission for the Arts.

TOY BOATS

Display Cases, August



Retired Wilby High School teacher Ken Killer exhibits his collection of vintage toy boats. Pictured here is a Marx Toy PT10 Steel Boat, ten inches long, from the 1930s.

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF GREATER WATERBURY

Literacy Volunteers of Greater Waterbury has been a part of the Silas Bronson Library for more than 40 years. Their volunteers help adults read and write English and they help adults learn English as a Second Language.

For more about what they do, visit lvgwct.org.

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! Every day is Sales Day at the bookstore, but now it is also time for our super summer sale, an opportunity to stock up on more beach reads. We've replenished our sales carts with new selections, where hard-covers are 50¢ and 25¢, and paperbacks are 25¢ and 10¢. Look for baskets of paperbacks as well.



For the collectors out there, we have an ornate 2005 edition of John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress* which is available for \$25. We also have a very large selection of Civil War books. Anyone interested in viewing these items may call the library at 203-574-8222 for an appointment.

The Bookstore is open during library hours, and, as always, the Friends appreciate your support.

Join the Friends of the Library

Members of the Friends receive this newsletter in the mail. Membership rates start at \$15/year for students and seniors; \$25/year for individuals; \$50/year for patron; and \$100/year for corporate memberships. To join, please send a check payable to the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library, P.O. Box 2853, Waterbury, CT 06723 and indicate that it is for a new membership. Membership brochures are available at the library with additional information.

Donate to the Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Silas Bronson Library is 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. Donations to the Friends may be sent to us at P.O. Box 2853, Waterbury, CT 06723.

Book Donations

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

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

As a rather introverted kid, I did not have many friends. So I amused myself with old movies which were always on television; and with books. The library was my refuge.

Books opened my eyes to the wider world beyond the confines of our suburban existence. Through the library I began to see bits and pieces of other possibilities. Not every book resonated with me. I do not remember much about Silas Marner, but the world imagined by Tolstoy in Anna Karenina was extremely vivid. All these decades later, I still remember the depths of despair felt by the heroine just before her unfortunate end. After the passion and drama of Tolstoy, my reading of Madame Bovary became inevitable. Through the library, I was introduced to the work of Henry James with The Turn of the Screw (the beginning of my fascination with ghost stories



which persists to this day.)

After seeing Channel 5 stage review on a fuzzy black and white tv screen, I became curious about theater. At my library, I found the script of the legendary Broadway musical, Follies, which I read years before I heard a single note from the score or saw a live production. At my library, I found plays by Lillian Hellman, William Inge, and other playwrights--my introduction to characters who helped broaden my sense of the human experience.

As an unsettled, questioning teen trying to know myself and seeking answers, I found a book called The Bisexual Option by Warren Farrell at my library. Finally a way to understand some of my feelings and an understanding that I was not alone. This book helped me begin to gain clarity on who I was--though it would take a few years.

~ Bill J.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

WEEKLY 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.

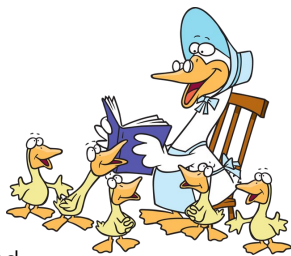


MOTHER GOOSE

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.



SILAS B.'s STORY HOUR UNDER THE TREE

Fridays, June 3 - July 29, 10 a.m.

Library Park

It's summer, so let's go outside! We'll be holding a weekly story hour in the shade of a Library Park tree through the months of June and July. We'll stay inside if it's raining that day.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

ZUMBA FITNESS

Thursdays, July 14, August 18, 6 p.m.

Children's Room

Jocelyn Rivera will introduce children ages 4 to 12 to the fun of Zumba dance fitness. Registration required: call 203-574-8213 or email ccharlton@waterburyct.org.



BRING THE HOOPLA

Wednesdays, July 20, August 17, 5 p.m.

Children's Room

Get fit with music and Hula Hoops. For children ages 4 to 12. Registration required: call 203-574-8213 or email ccharlton@waterburyct.org.



ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, YOGA!

Fridays, July 8, August 12, 3:30 p.m.

Children's Room

An introduction to yoga for children ages 4 to 12, led by Brianne Barrett, Yoga Director at Inwelligent. Registration required: call 203-574-8213 or email ccharlton@waterburyct.org.

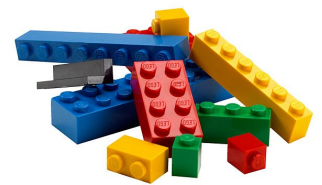


LET'S GO LEGO!

Mondays, July 25, August 29, 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.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS, CONT.



ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, READ!

Wednesday, June 1 - Friday, August 19

It's time for our children's summer reading club. Registration begins June 1 and can be done at the main library, the branch library, or through our website at bronsonlibrary.org/kids. 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.

ATHLETES OF THE ANIMAL KINGDOM

Monday, July 11, 1:30 p.m.

Children's Room

An interactive, educational, and entertaining program featuring a diversity of creatures with amazing athletic skills: frogs that furiously unfurl their tongues to catch



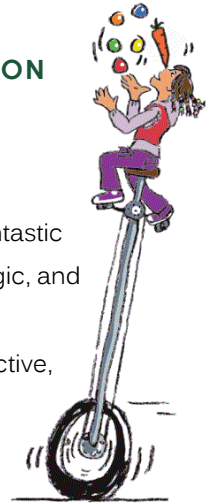
insects and giant prey; lizards that mark their territory with vigorous push-ups; rabbits that escape predators by sprinting; and birds that fly formidable distances!

TOBE FIT: THE JUGGLING NUTRITION MAGICIAN SHOW

Thursday, July 21, 3 p.m.

Children's Room

A rollicking, fun-filled show featuring fantastic feats of juggling, circus arts, music, magic, and audience participation to help kids take charge of growing up healthy, happy, active, and fit!



THURSDAY AFTERNOON MOVIE

Thursday, July 28, 2:30 p.m.

Auditorium

In July, we'll be watching *Chicken Run*, the 2000 movie from the creators of *Wallace & Gromit*. Snacks will be provided. Rated G.

REPTILES!

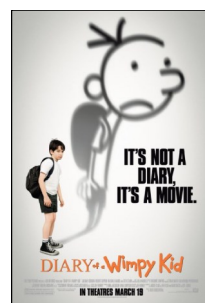
Monday, August 8, 4 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Are reptiles actually slimy? Are they cold blooded? What actually



makes a reptile a reptile? Join us for the answers to these questions and many more while we meet some incredible animals from the Live Animal Care Center at the Museum of Science, Boston. For ages 5 to adult.



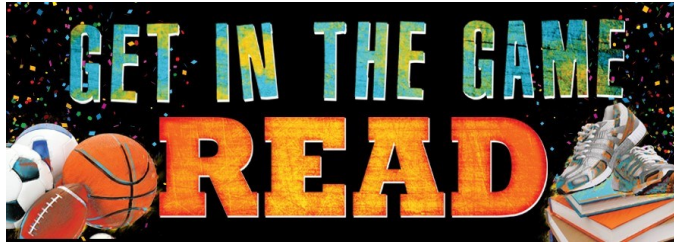
THURSDAY AFTERNOON MOVIE

Thursday, August 25, 2:30 p.m.

Auditorium

In August, we'll be watching *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, the 2010 movie based on the popular books by Jeff Kinney. Snacks will be provided. Rated PG.

TEEN/YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS



GET IN THE GAME: SUMMER READING PROGRAM

June 7 - August 5

Sign up at the Circulation Desk starting June 7.

Read at least 25 hours over the summer and qualify to win big prizes! This year's theme is *Get In The Game: Read*.

More than \$7,000 worth of prizes have been donated by over three dozen sponsors. We are grateful for their support.

TEEN GAME TIME

Thursday, July 7 & August 4, 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, July 21, 3 - 5 p.m.

Auditorium

In July, we'll be watching the 2015 action movie *The Transporter Refueled*.

Rated PG-13.



TEEN MOVIE MATINEE

Thursday, August 18, 3 - 5 p.m.

Auditorium

Mix up your literary genres in August with *Pride & Prejudice & Zombies*.

Rated PG-13.



GET IN THE GAME SPONSORS AND PRIZES

- Arby's of Waterbury: Free Shake
- Berlin Batting Cages: Free Mini-Golf
- Bladez Barber Shop: Free Men's Haircut
- Boston Red Sox: Matt Barnes Autographed Photo
- Carvel: \$6 Gift Card
- Connecticut Science Center: Free Admission for Two
- Costco of Waterbury: \$25 Gift Card
- Danbury Westerners: Free Admission
- Eastern States Exposition: Free Admission to Big E 2016
- Essex Steam Train & Riverboat: Free Passes
- Farmington Miniature Golf Course: Free Game Cards
- Fascia's Chocolates: Free Chocolate Tour for Two
- Flight Trampoline Park: Free One-Hour Jump Pass
- Frankie's of Reidville: \$25 Gift Card
- Hair by Jennifer Marie: Gift Bag
- Hidden Valley Mini-Golf: Free V.I.P. Admission
- Hill-Stead Museum: Free Family Membership for One Year
- Laser Planet: Free Laser Tag Game
- Lime Rock Park: 2 Race Day Tickets to Ferrari Challenge North America
- Louie's Pizza: Free Slice of Pizza
- Monster Mini-Golf: \$2 Off Tickets
- New Britain Bees: Free Box Seat Tickets
- New Britain Museum of American Art: Free Admission
- New England Carousel Museum: Free Admission to the Museum and the Historic Carousel in Bushnell Park
- The New York Giants: Odell Beckham Autographed Poster
- New York Jets: Darrelle Revis Autographed Poster
- New York Knicks: Kyle O'Quinn Autographed Photo
- Palace Theater: 2 Tickets to Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella
- Pies & Pints: \$25 Gift Card
- Safari Mini-Golf: Free Game Passes
- Shubert Theater: Backstage Tour for up to six people
- Sonny's Place: Free Round of Mini-Golf
- Sports Center of CT: \$28 Off Coupons; Mini-Golf Party for 10
- Target of Waterbury: \$50 Gift Card
- Warner Theatre: Free Admission to Main Stage Performance
- Waterbury PAL: Free T-Shirt, Free Baseball
- Yale Peabody Museum: Free Family Admission for 5 people
- Friends of the Silas Bronson Library: Various Prizes

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.

COLORING FOR ADULTS

Third Monday of the month, 6-7:30 p.m.

July 18, August 15, September 17

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.



FRIENDS OF THE SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY

Tuesday, July 12, 6 p.m.

Mezzanine

Open to all members of the Friends of the Library. Looking for a volunteer activity? Join us at our meeting to find out how you can get involved and help support the library.

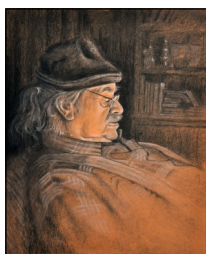
THURSDAY NIGHT MOVIE: BEASTS OF THE SOUTHERN WILD

Thursday, July 28, 6 p.m.

Auditorium

In July, we'll be watching the 2012 award-winning film about a six-year-old surviving in a bayou community threatened by flood from melting ice-caps and ancient aurochs.

Rated PG-13.



ART DEMONSTRATION

Wednesday, August 10, 12 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Artist ShawnaLee Kwashnak will demonstrate her method of creating fine art portraits. One lucky audience member will win a free portrait!

MODEL BOAT BUILDING WITH KEN KILLER

Wednesday, August 24, 6:30

p.m.

Auditorium

Retired Wilby High School teacher Ken Killer shares his expertise in building model boats from scratch (without a kit).



THURSDAY NIGHT MOVIE: HITCHCOCK

Thursday, August 25, 6 p.m.

Auditorium

August's movie is the 2012 story of filmmaker Alfred Hitchcock and his wife Alma Reville during the filming of Psycho in 1960. Starring Anthony Hopkins, Helen Mirren, and Scarlett Johansson. Rated PG-13.



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.

BRASS CITY TOASTMASTERS

Mondays, July 11, July 25, August 8, August 22,

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 and are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month.



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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

The main library and branch library are **closed on Saturdays** during the summer. We will also be closed on Monday, July 4.

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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