

SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY

Something for Everyone

BOOKS AND HAPPENINGS

FALL 2017

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RENOVATIONS

Work on the front plaza continues into the fall. Just as that project finishes, we'll be launching a renovation of the Children's Room, installing new shelving and carpeting. There will be some disruption of service during the renovation: the Children's Room will be closed and most of the books will be placed temporarily in the Main Reading Room. Follow us on Facebook for the latest information on the renovations (or stop by and see it for yourself!).



DELIVERIT CT SERVICE

Due to state budget cuts, the delivery of books and other items between libraries through the DeliverIT CT program has been significantly reduced since July. We typically generate as many as 10 bins per day, but the new changes mean that only 3 bins per day are being picked up. The backlog of items waiting to go out is piling up steadily.



Some of the backlog of books

What does this mean for you? Books from other libraries which are returned here will not be available for other borrowers for at least a month, if not longer. If a book from here is requested through another library in Connecticut, that book will not be picked up for delivery for at least a month, if not longer.

What can you do to help? If you are able to return items in person to the library you borrowed them from, instead of returning them here, that will help reduce the number of items we have waiting to send out.



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NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Readers' Garden Bookstore

Hi, Hope everyone has had a safe and happy summer.

In addition to books offered on a variety of subject matter, we've been featuring garden books and discounted paperbacks on our sale table, as well as featured authors. We are moving these books to make room for other great offers. The special prices will remain and they can be found on the lower shelves in their respective sections.

During September we will be offering some great cook books, in addition to non-fiction, history & travel, and sports books; there is also a fine selection of dictionaries. They will be followed by craft and how-to-books in October, along with featured authors. In November, we will start the holiday season with a variety of sale items with holiday themes; there will be large books, hard cover, paperback, CDs, DVDs, and VHS. You may want to pick up some for gift giving/stocking stuffers, or simply buy some for yourself to enjoy reading some lovely holiday stories. Also, check out our sale crates in the Children's Department for holiday items.



Thanks to all who continue to support the Friends of the Library Readers Garden Book Store. Proceeds support the Library's many programs, services and projects.

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



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 patrons; 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.

Book Donations

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

COMPUTER CLASSES

ONE-ON-ONE COMPUTER HELP

By Appointment

Call 203-574-8225 or visit the Reference Desk at the main library to schedule your appointment.



Have a tablet, but don't know how to use it? Need to figure out how to set up an email account? Wondering how to use the library's Wi-Fi? Want to learn how to use our online resources? Schedule a half-hour appointment with one of our librarians to learn the basics of internet technology.

INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT OFFICE 2010

Wednesdays, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

September 13 – November 29

Computer Classroom

Learn to enter data and format Microsoft Office documents. This weekly class will feature instruction on using Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint.



Learn to navigate MS Word tabs on the ribbon to create sophisticated documents with a few clicks.

Create and format extraordinary slide presentations using PowerPoint.

Learn to use Microsoft Excel, a powerful spreadsheet program and a plus in the business world. Learn the basics – including inputting, formatting, manipulating data and formulae, and spreadsheet design.

Excellent mouse and keyboard skills are required for all Microsoft classes. No registration required.

WATERBURY B.R.A.S.S. CLASSES

The Silas Bronson Library offers computer classes for Waterbury seniors through the B.R.A.S.S. program at the Waterbury Senior Center on East Main Street and at the Mount Olive Senior Center. All Waterbury seniors ages 60 and over are welcome to participate.

For more information about the Senior Center, call (203) 574-6746.



The library also offers B.R.A.S.S. computer classes at the Bunker Hill Branch, thanks to a grant from the Connecticut Community Foundation.

Waterbury B.R.A.S.S. is a collaboration between the City of Waterbury, Connecticut Community Foundation, New Opportunities, Inc., and Western Connecticut Area on Aging, working together to engage residents ages 60 and over. B.R.A.S.S. offers a range of opportunities and programs to help Waterbury become a great place to grow older.



B.R.A.S.S. AT THE BRANCH

Tuesdays, 2 p.m. September 12 – November 28

Bunker Hill Branch

Learn how to use a tablet, smartphone, or computer. You will be assisted in using the internet, Wi-Fi, eBooks, and more! For seniors ages 60 and over. Free parking.

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

Wednesdays, 6 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Coloring for adults is a way to relax and express creativity. We provide the pages and coloring pencils. Participants take their work home to enjoy and show their friends!



SISTERS TO SISTERS BOOK CLUB

First Monday of the month, 6 p.m.

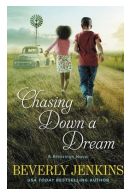
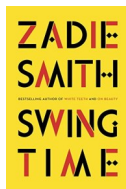
Mezzanine

New members welcome!

September 11: *Swing Time* by Zadie Smith

October 2: *Chasing Down A Dream* by Beverly Jenkins

November 6: *The Book of Harlan* by Bernice McFadden



FRIENDS OF THE SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY

Second Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m.

September 12, October 10, November 14

Mezzanine

Open to all members of the Friends. Find out how you can get involved and help support the library.



CALLING ALL POETS (...and poetry lovers)

First Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Bring 10 copies of a poem you would like to have work-shopped.

Constructive criticism will be given by other participants. Sign-up for spoken word open mic at 6:20 pm.

September 6: School days/new beginnings

October 4: Mystery and intrigue

November 1: Family values



SCORE BUSINESS MENTORING

Thursdays, 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 p.m.

By appointment only

Mezzanine

Volunteer business counselors



are available by appointment to mentor entrepreneurs and small business owners. To learn more, visit our website at bronsonlibrary.org/score or call 203-574-8225.

CHESS MEETUP

Third Thursday of the month, 6 p.m.

September 21, October 19, Nov. 16

Auditorium

Chess players are invited to come to the library to share their love of the game, meet new chess players, and play chess. All ages welcome. Chess boards and pieces will be provided.



ART RECEPTION & PAINTING DEMONSTRATION

Saturday, September 9, 10 am - 2 pm

Front Lobby & Gallery Wall

Reception and painting demonstration by Julian Silver & Carin Bernard.



ADULT PROGRAMS

BRASS BOOK CLUB @ THE BRANCH

Fourth Thursday of the month, 11:30 a.m.

Bunker Hill Branch, 192 Bunker Hill Avenue

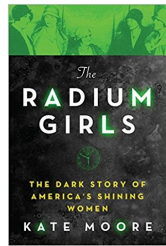
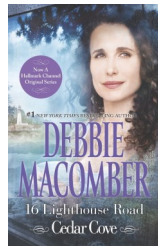
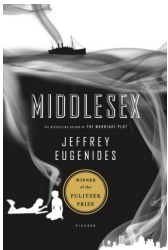
Seniors 60+ are invited to join us for a monthly book discussion. Please call us at 203-574-8225 to R.S.V.P. by Tuesday before we meet. These books will be available in the library.

September 28: *Middlesex* by Jeffrey Eugenides

October 26: *16 Lighthouse Road*

by Debbie Macomber

November 30: *Radium Girls* by Kate Moore



HISPANIC HERITAGE MUSIC PROGRAM

GOZA LATIN BAND

Saturday, September 16, 2 p.m.

Patio

Goza is Spanish for Joy. The band, led by Dave Giardina, will perform music and dance rhythms from Latin America, Brazil, and Spain with guitar, violin, horns, Latin percussion, and beautiful, romantic vocals. Goza will perform on the patio of Silas Bronson Library overlooking Library Park. Sit and listen, or get up and dance! If it rains, the program will be held indoors in the Main Reading Room.



LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE SEMINAR

Thursday, September 7, 6 p.m.

Main Reading Room

If you're 40 or older, long-term care insurance could be part of your retirement plan. This insurance provides asset protection, protection against inflation, and peace of mind. Aldo Pantano, of the CT Partnership for Long Term Care, a division of the state Office of Policy and Management, will give a presentation on the state's Partnership for Long-Term Care which can help you plan for future long term care needs.

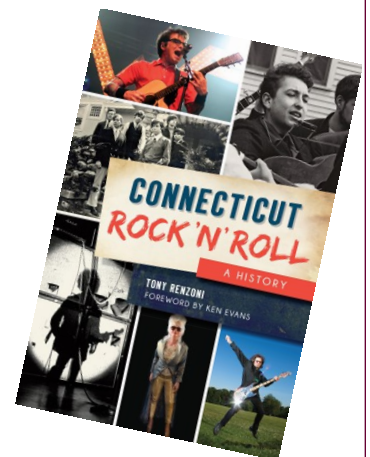


CONNECTICUT ROCK 'N' ROLL, A HISTORY

Monday, October 2, 6:30 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Waterbury native Tony Renzoni presents a slide program and book signing on Connecticut Rock 'N' Roll History, discussing Gene Pitney, the Five Satins, the Fifth Estate, Jimi Hendrix's Woolsey Hall performance, Jim Morrison's onstage arrest in New Haven, and Bob Dylan's teen appearance in Branford. Rare photos and in-depth interviews!



ADULT PROGRAMS

PHILIP V. BENEVENTO CULTURAL PROGRAM FOR ADULTS

THREE WOMEN, THREE ROADS

Saturday, October 7, 2 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Waterbury native Nancy Palmento Schuler presents her acclaimed one-woman play inspired by actual people and events from Waterbury's history.

Three Women, Three Roads features three separate stories about three very different women, why they moved to the Waterbury area and what their experiences were here.

Teresa, an immigrant from Italy, tells her story about raising her family in Waterbury at the beginning of the 20th century. Next, meet Ruth and let her tell you why she moved to Waterbury in the 1960s.



The third woman, Junie, will move you with her story of moving from the Upper East Side in New York to Middlebury in the 1940s.

Refreshments will be served.

The Philip V. Benevento Fund for Cultural Program for Adults at the Silas Bronson Library was established in 2016 through the generosity of MacDermid Performance Solutions and their C.O.O., Frank Monteiro, in honor of Waterbury's City Historian and former Silas Bronson Library Board member Philip V. Benevento. The fund continues to grow through individual donations made to the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library.

TRIBUTE TO LUCIANO PAVAROTTI

Saturday, October 14, 4 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Christopher Macchio returns to the Silas Bronson Library for our annual Tribute to Pavarotti Concert. The classically-trained tenor from the Manhattan School of Music has performed at notable venues in the U.S., Europe and Asia. In 2011, he released his critically-acclaimed debut album, *Dolci Momenti*, featuring beloved songs associated with Mario Lanza.

As a special treat, Macchio will also perform a brief preview in front of City Hall during the United Way's Bed Race, which ends shortly before the concert at the library.



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

ADULT PROGRAMS

WHO SHOULD BE HERE?

"Be Here" is a tag line for a recent initiative by the City of Waterbury and the Waterbury Chamber of Commerce to entice new businesses and people to move to Waterbury. The City has just completed a \$2.2 million renovation of the Green in downtown Waterbury, part of a larger effort to revitalize the downtown and entice new groups of people to the city center.

But who exactly does the city envision being here? National chain stores? College students? What about current downtown residents, bus riders, and business owners? The question is a complex one causing the community to ask itself, "Who should be here?"



Waterbury Green, 1947

WHO WAS HERE?

Thursday, October 26, 5:30-7:45 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Longtime CPTV producer and radio host Larry Rifkin will moderate a panel of local scholars and historians who will look at the history of life in downtown Waterbury and address the question of "Who Was Here?" The session will examine immigration patterns, the various ethnic groups who have called downtown Waterbury home, and the changes to the area as the city's industrial base moved away. Refreshments will be served.

The Silas Bronson Library, the University of Connecticut Urban and Community Studies Program, and Connecticut Humanities will explore the topic through a two-part discussion that looks at issues related to urban development, immigration, and ethnicity and whose voices have, or have not, been heard in planning Downtown Waterbury's future.

The program is part of a six-month exploration of the legacy of race and ethnicity in our state by Connecticut Humanities, with the support of a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Waterbury is one of five cities selected for this project, along with West Hartford, New Haven, Stamford, and Groton.



Waterbury Green, 2017

HERE AND NOW

Thursday, November 2, 5:30-7:45 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Larry Rifkin returns to moderate a public discussion about "Here and Now" that will talk about where the city is today—and where it might go tomorrow. City stakeholders from residents, to public officials, to local merchants, to developers are invited to come and participate in an open dialogue together that allows everyone's voices to be heard, questions to be asked, and visions discussed. The session will be videotaped and transcribed to assist all in moving the discussion forward. Refreshments will be served.

WATERBURY HALL OF FAME CEREMONY

2017 HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

Saturday, October 21, 2 p.m.

Mattatuck Museum, 144 West Main Street, Waterbury

Please join us for the 21st annual Silas Bronson Library Waterbury Hall of Fame induction ceremony, honoring Waterbury natives and residents who have made a significant impact on the history of Waterbury or who have achieved recognition for their accomplishments throughout the city, state, country or world.

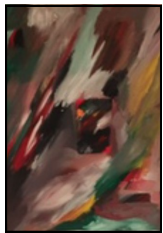
This year's honorees:

Justice Robert D. Glass, Sr. (1922-2001), first African American Justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court.

Philip V. Benevento (born 1943), educator and city historian whose passion for sharing the city's history has become legendary.

Ryan A. Gomes (born 1983), a collegiate All-American who went on to play eight seasons in the National Basketball Association.

SEPTEMBER EXHIBITS



ABSTRACT ART

Gallery Wall

Acrylic paintings by Connecticut artist Julian Silver.

GOURD ART

Display Case

A collection of fanciful, autumnal characters made from pumpkins and gourds by Gail Streigle.



OCTOBER EXHIBITS



ROME, THE ETERNAL CITY

Gallery Wall

Prints and sepia photos from the collection of Anita Bologna

ART OF THE BOOK

Display Case

Sculptural books, art, and objects by Anita Gangi Balkun



NOVEMBER EXHIBITS



House Portraits & Landscapes

Gallery Wall

Pastels and watercolors by Jane M. White.

Model Cars

Display Case

Miniature cars from the 1940s through 1963.



TEEN/YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

TEEN GAME TIME

First Thursdays, September 7, October 5, November 2,
4 - 6 p.m.

Mezzanine



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 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

First Saturdays, September 16,
October 7, November 4,
10 - 11 a.m.

Teen/YA Area

Snacks will be served. All teens are welcome to join!



ANIME CLUB

Second & Fourth Saturdays, September 9 & 23, October 14 & 28, November 11 & 25, 2:30 - 4 p.m.

Auditorium

Teens! Share your love of anime and manga with this new club. Win a prize! Ages 14+ are welcome to join. Snacks will be provided.

TEEN MOVIE MATINEE: HOUSE AT THE END OF THE STREET

Thursday, September 21, 4 p.m.

Auditorium

In this 2012 film, a woman and her daughter move to their dream house in a small town. But when strange events begin, they learn a chilling secret that holds the town in its grip. Rated PG-13.



TEEN BOOK TALK WITH STEVE PARLATO

Thursday, September 28, 6:30 pm
Mezzanine

Join college professor and author Steve Parlato as he discusses his last book—*The Namesake* (2013) and his upcoming book *The Precious Dreadful* (2018).



TEEN MOVIE MATINEE: FUN SIZE

Thursday, October 19, 4 p.m.

Auditorium

In this 2012 film, Wren's Halloween plans go awry when she's made to babysit her brother, who disappears into a sea of trick-or-treaters. With her best friend and two nerds at her side, she needs to find her brother before her mom finds out he's missing. Rated PG-13.



TEEN MONEY MANAGEMENT II

Wednesday, October 25, at 6:30 p.m.

Mezzanine

Join Erik Anthony from FD Community Federal Credit Union as he presents tips on money management. Part II Focus: Budgeting.



SPOOKY LANTERNS

Saturday, October 28, 10 a.m.

Mezzanine

Using just a few household items (provided by us), make your own spooky lantern to take home just in time for Halloween. Boo!



TEEN/YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS



TEEN MOVIE MATINEE: *LIGHTS OUT*

Thursday, November 16, 4 - 6 p.m.

Auditorium

In this 2016 film, Rebecca must protect her younger brother from a terrifying apparition that only manifests itself in total darkness. Rated PG-13.

10TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY MAGIC SHOW

Wednesday, November 29, 6:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Join us for the magic of Elac Aviles. A Waterbury firefighter by day, Elac turns illusionist at night with electrifying magic and balloon tricks.

Snow date: November 30



TEEN/YOUNG ADULT AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

13th Annual *Mardi Gross*



and

HALLOWEEN

ComicFest



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Craft Activities

Free Comic Books

Scary Stories for Kids

Free Candy

Green Screen Photography

Outdoor Activities

Halloween Movie Marathon

Costume Contests for Kids & Teens

...and More!



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

STORYTIME PLUS

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

Children's Room or Auditorium

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.



CODING CLUB FOR KIDS

Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m.

Computer Classroom

Children of all ages are welcome to join in this club activity. Come learn coding, including HTML and how to program robots.

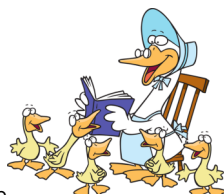


MOTHER GOOSE

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.



JAMMIE JAMS

Thursdays, 6 p.m.

Picture Book Room

"Pajama" story time for ages 3 - 7; bring your favorite teddy bear, wear your PJs, and jam with music, songs, & stories!



BRONSON BOOKWORMS

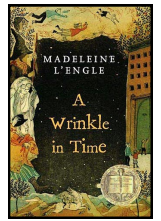
Last Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

Mezzanine

September 27: *Blackbird Fly* by Erin Entrada Kelly

October 25: *Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman

November 29: *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle



MOVIES & BOOKS

Second Saturday of the month, 1 p.m.

Children's Room

Book and movie discussion after movie.

September. 16: *Nim's Island*

October. 14: *Matilda*

November. 11: *Bridge To Terabithia*



A TALE OF A TAIL

Saturday, October 7, 12 - 1 p.m.

Library Park

Join us for a special outdoor story hour. Meet and greet real horses outside in Library Park. Presented by Waterbury Mounted Police Unit and the Silas Bronson Library.



FALL IN LOVE WITH READING

Saturday, October 21, 12 - 2 p.m.

Patio

Fall is on its way, and it's time for our 2nd annual fall outdoor reading event. Rain or shine.

MAGIC WEEK

Monday, October 30 – Thursday, November 2 at 6pm,

Friday, November 3 at 4pm

Join us for Magic Week 2017 at the Silas Bronson Library.

A different magician will be featured each day.



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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.

(Saturday hours start Sept. 9)

Bunker Hill Branch

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

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

Friday 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday 12 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

(Saturday hours start Sept. 9)

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

Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 4

Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 9

Veterans' Day, Friday, Nov. 10

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 23

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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