

SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY

Something for Everyone

BOOKS AND HAPPENINGS

SUMMER 2017

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The front entrance of the library will be closed for the summer while the front plaza renovation project is underway. A new ramp has been added to the back entrance to ensure accessibility.



SUMMER READING FOR ALL AGES

We've been running summer reading programs for children and for teens for years—this year we're adding one for adults! See page 7 for all the details on the Adult Summer Reading Program.

Our Children's Summer Reading Program kicks off with special events on Thursday, June 1: Chuck E. Cheese will join us at noon, and Prinkles the Clown will be here for face painting, magic, and more at 5 p.m. See page 10 for details.

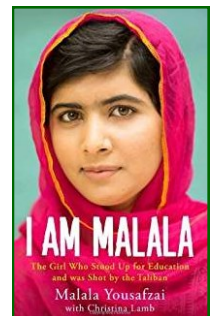
For teens, we have tons of great prizes to help keep you reading all summer long. See page 11 for details.

CITY-WIDE READ & DISCUSSION

Join us on Tuesday, August 8 at 5 p.m. for an all-ages discussion of *I Am Malala*. Children's picture books, YA and adult versions of this non-fiction story are available to borrow from the library.

BUILD A BETTER WORLD CULTURAL DAY

After the City-Wide book discussion stay to experience the diverse cultures of greater Waterbury at 5:30 p.m. See page 9 for details.



NEWSLETTER WINS AWARD

This is now an award-winning newsletter! The Silas Bronson Library's *Books and Happenings* newsletter was recently given an award for Outstanding Library Public Relations in the category of Print Media—Newsletter by the Connecticut Library Association at their annual library conference.

If you'd like to receive email from the library about our upcoming programs, visit our website, bronsonlibrary.org, to join our mailing list.



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NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Readers' Garden Bookstore

Hi Everyone — June is Annual Membership Month. Our thanks to all who have renewed membership, and welcome to all of our new members. If you are not a member, won't you please consider joining the Friends of the Library. As with the Bookstore, all proceeds support the Library's many programs and services.

Summer is just around the corner, so it's time to stock up on your summer reads. We will once again be adding many more paperbacks at reduced prices of 10¢ and 25¢ as well as hardcovers for 25¢ and 50¢. Non-fiction discounted books may be found on our sale tables.

We regularly replenish our shelves and sale tables with new selections. CDs, DVDs, VHSs are also available at discounted prices.

Check us out, and please tell your friends about us. There is plenty of time to browse, as the Bookstore is available during library hours.

As always, your support is very much appreciated.



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.

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 WORD 2010

Mondays, 11 a.m. June 5 - August 28

Computer Classroom

Learn to type and format documents in MS Word. Students will navigate the files and tabs on the ribbon to create sophisticated documents with a few clicks.



INTRODUCTION TO POWERPOINT 2010

Mondays, 2 p.m. June 5 - August 28

Computer Classroom

Learn to create and format extraordinary slide presentations using Microsoft PowerPoint.



INTRODUCTION TO EXCEL 2010

Wednesdays, 1 p.m. June 7 - August 30

Computer Classroom

Learn to use this powerful spreadsheet program, 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, 1 p.m. June 2 - August 29

Fridays, 2 p.m.

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.



SISTERS TO SISTERS BOOK CLUB

Monday, June 5, 6 p.m.

Mezzanine

We'll discuss *Twelve Gates to the City* by Daniel Black.

Summer Reading Book: *Swing Time* by Zadie Smith, for discussion on Monday, September 11, 6 p.m.

New members welcome!

BRASS CITY TOASTMASTERS

Second & Fourth Monday of the month, 6 p.m.

June 12 & 26, July 10 & 24, and August 14 & 28

Auditorium

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



MOVIE MATINEES

Second Tuesday of the month, 1:30 p.m.

Auditorium



June 13: *La La Land*

July 11: *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*

August 8: *The Lost City of Z*

FRIENDS OF THE SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY

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

June 13, July 11, August 8

Mezzanine

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

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!



SCORE BUSINESS MENTORING

Thursdays, 10 a.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.

June 15, July 20, August 17

Teen/YA Area

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



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. A light lunch will be provided. Please call us at 203-574-8225 to R.S.V.P. by Wednesday the day before we meet. These books will be available in the library.

June 22: *Dinner with the Smileys* by Sarah Smiley

July 27: *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai

August 24: *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood

ADULT PROGRAMS

INAUGURAL PERFORMANCE

Philip V. Benevento Cultural Programs for Adults

Thursday, June 8, 6 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Help us celebrate our new series of cultural programs for adults with a special performance by the cast of *Trav'lin: The 1930s Harlem Musical*, arranged for the Silas Bronson Library by Semina DeLaurentis of Seven Angels Theatre. 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.



EXHIBITS AT THE LIBRARY

Stop by the library for different art and cultural exhibits every month.

In the Gallery:

June: Theorem Painting by Jean Hansen.

July: Oil paintings by Tom Rosa, retired Waterbury art teacher.

August: Oil paintings by Bristol resident Necla Balasaygun.



Still life by Balasaygun



Theorem by Hansen

In the Display Cases:

June: Miniature Die Cast Cars 1950 – 1990.

July: Topps Chewing Gum "Wings" airplane Trading Cards Collection 1952-54.

August: Pins and Tie Tacks from The McIntyre Collection.



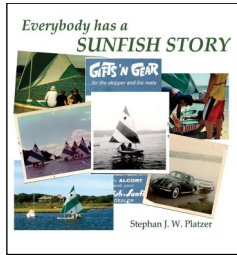
ADULT PROGRAMS

EVERYBODY HAS A SUNFISH STORY

Monday, June 12, 6:30 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Author Stephan J. W. Platzer offers a slide presentation about the Sunfish sailboat made here in Waterbury by Alcott, Inc. during the 1960s. Copies of his new book, a collection of stories told by the proud owners of Sunfish sailboats will be available for purchase & signing.

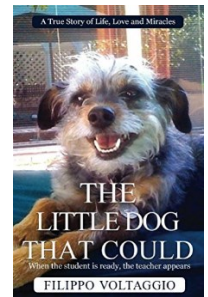


FILIPPO VOLTAGGIO & THE LITTLE DOG THAT COULD

Monday, August 28, 6:30 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Direct from the Sergio Franchi Music Foundation Concert— Singer, life coach, and internet talk radio host Filippo Voltaggio gives a slide presentation based on his inspirational book, *The Little Dog That Could: A True Story of Life, Love and Miracles*, and closes with a mini concert and book and CD signing.

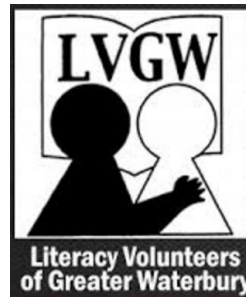


CELEBRATING 300 YEARS OF CONNECTICUT'S REMARKABLE WOMEN

Wednesday, July 12, 6:30 p.m.

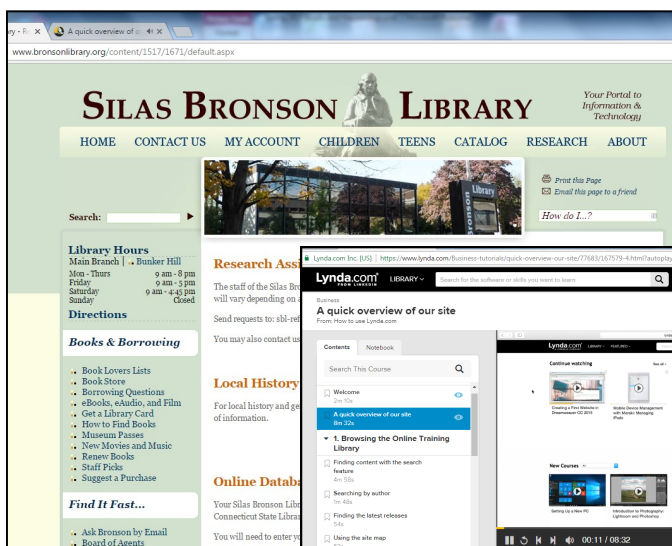
Main Reading Room

Join us for an interactive multimedia program by the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame and learn about some of our state's most remarkable women! Be inspired as you learn about well-known figures like Ella Grasso, Katharine Hepburn, and Marian Anderson and lesser known heroines like Maria Sanchez, Barbara McClintock and Hannah Watson.



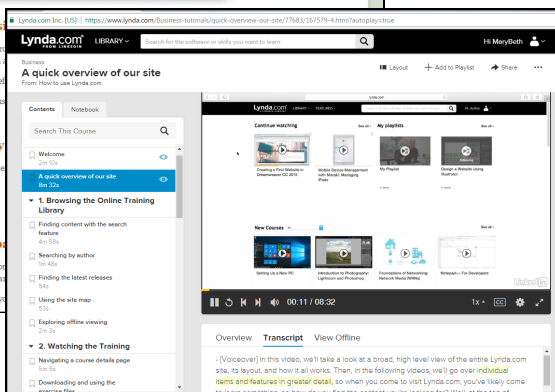
SHARE YOUR LOVE OF READING BY BECOMING AN ADULT LITERACY TUTOR!

Learn more about Literacy Volunteers of Greater Waterbury. Stop by their office on the lower level of the library or visit them online at Lvgwct.org.



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ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Don't let the kids have all the fun! We've got some great books for you to read this summer. Look for the display in the Main Reading Room, or ask one of our librarians to help you find just the right book to read.

PRIZES! Read a book, fill out a review, and be entered to win gift cards, coupons, and more! Instructions for writing the reviews can be picked up at the library or on our website, bronsonlibrary.org.

SUGGESTED READING LIST



Popular Fiction

Martine Bailey, *An Appetite for Violets*
Jo Baker, *Longbourn*
Fredrik Backman, *A Man Called Ove*
Alison Case, *Nelly Dean*
Bryn Greenwood, *All the Ugly and Wonderful Things*
Paula Hawkins, *Into the Water* (or) *The Girl on the Train*
Kristin Hannah, *The Nightingale*
Sadie Jones, *The Uninvited Guests*
Sue Monk Kidd, *The Invention of Wings*
Liane Moriarty, *Truly Madly Guilty*
Jo Nesbo, *The Thirst*
Ann Patchett, *Commonwealth*
James Patterson, *16th Seduction*
Jodi Picoult, *Small Great Things*
J.D. Robb, *Echoes in Death*
Helen Simonson, *The Summer Before the War*
Graeme Simsion, *The Rosie Project*
Zadie Smith, *Swing Time*
Nicholas Sparks, *Two By Two*
Kathryn Stockett, *The Help*
Graham Swift, *Mothering Sunday*
Amor Towles, *A Gentleman in Moscow*
Ruth Ware, *The Woman in Cabin 10*

Poetry

Rupi Kaur, *Milk and Honey*
R.H. Sin, *Whiskey, Words, and a Shovel*

Biography & Autobiography

Irin Carmon, *Notorious RBG*
Paul Kalanithi, *When Breath Becomes Air*
Sheryl Lee Ralph, *Redefining Diva*



Non-Fiction

Mary Beard, *SPQR*
Dalai Lama XIV, *The Book of Joy*
Michael Eric Dyson, *Tears We Cannot Stop*
Neil Gaiman, *Norse Mythology*
David Grann, *The Lost City of Z*
Lin-Manual Miranda, *Hamilton: The Revolution*
Margot Lee Shetterly, *Hidden Figures*
Rebecca Skloot, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*
Neil deGrasse Tyson, *Astrophysics for People in a Hurry*
J.D. Vance, *Hillbilly Elegy*

Award Winning

Paul Beatty, *The Sellout*
Ta-Nehisi Coates, *Between the World and Me*
Ernest Cline, *Ready Player One*
Anthony Doerr, *All the Light We Cannot See*
Jeffrey Eugenides, *Middlesex*
Richard Flanagan, *The Narrow Road to the Deep North*
Marlon James, *A Brief History of Seven Killings*
Paulette Jiles, *News of the World*
Adam Johnson, *The Orphan Master's Son*
Ibram X. Kendi, *Stamped from the Beginning*
Elizabeth Kolbert, *The Sixth Extinction*
Helen MacDonald, *H is for Hawk*
Ottessa Moshfegh, *Eileen*
Viet Thanh Nguyen, *The Sympathizer*
Donna Tartt, *The Goldfinch*
Luis Alberto Urrea, *The Water Museum*
Colson Whitehead, *The Underground Railroad*
Jacqueline Woodson, *Another Brooklyn*
Hanya Yanagihara, *A Little Life*

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



STOMP & SHAKE @ SILAS!

Mondays, 10 a.m.

Children's Room

Explore rhythm, memory and movement in this fun program!

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.



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. New this summer: learn to program robots!



BUILD A BETTER YOU YOGA

Wednesdays, 6 p.m. June 7 - August 23

Children's Room

Become more focused, grounded and connected. The entire family is welcome to join.

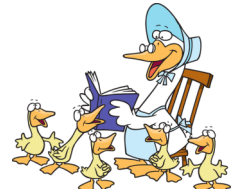


MOTHER GOOSE

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.

Children's Room

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



STORY HOUR UNDER THE TREE

Fridays, 11 a.m.

June 9 – August 25

Story and craft outside under a tree in Library Park (weather permitting). No registration required, just drop in.

LET'S GO LEGO!

Last Monday of the month, 6 p.m.

June 26, July 31, August 28

Children's Room

If you like building with LEGOs, then you'll love "Let's Go LEGO." For ages 6 to 12.



BRONSON BOOKWORMS

Last Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

Mezzanine Meeting Room

June 28: *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate

July 26: *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai

August 30: *The Little Prince* by Antoine De Saint-Exupery

SUMMER FAMILY MOVIE

Second Thursday of the month, 4 p.m.

Children's Room

June 8: *Moana* July 13: *Sing* August 10: *Zootopia*

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

NATIONAL FLAG DAY

Wednesday, June 14, 5 p.m.

Children's Room

Celebrate Flag Day with Bill DeMaida, as he shares the history of the U.S. flag—find out how it's changed and why! The program includes special activities and free flags for a few lucky audience members.



HURRAY! IT'S HARRY POTTER DAY!

Monday, July 31, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Children's Room

Celebrating everything Harry Potter all day long! Green screen, Magic Show, wand and potion making. Costumes, snacks & more!



DAY OF ACTION: SPOTLIGHT ON EARLY LITERACY

Wednesday, June 21, 10 a.m.

Picture Book Room

A special story time with a special guest reader, presented by United Way. For ages 4 and under.

BUILD A BETTER WORLD CULTURAL DAY

Tuesday, August 8, 5:30 p.m.

Main Reading Room



Experience the diverse cultures of greater Waterbury. Community members are encouraged to participate: share your culture, and together we can build a better community and world.



SHAKESPERIENCE PRESENTS FOLKLORE INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP

Friday, July 7, 3 p.m.

Children's Room

Explore the international world of folklore with this interactive theatrical workshop. All ages welcome!

THE BUILD A BETTER WORLD MAGIC SHOW

Thursday, August 10, 6 p.m.

Children's Room

Magician Debbie O'Carroll's magic wand is on the fritz! Where in the world can she find a new one? Help Debbie solve the problem of the misbehaving wand.



BUILD A BETTER COMMUNITY

Thursday, July 20, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Library Park

You're invited to drop in at Library Park and meet your local community first responders, the people who are constantly building a better community. Meet EMT, Police, Firefighters, National Guard, K-9 unit and more!



BUILD A BETTER BEEHIVE

Thursday, July 27, 6 p.m.

Children's Room

Beekeeping 101 with the Bee Lady! Try on a Beekeepers' suit and get all your bee questions answered. Raffle prizes, door prizes, and coloring books. Registration is strongly encouraged: call 203-574-8213.



BUILD A FOREST COMMUNITY

Friday, August 18, 3:30 p.m.

Children's Room

Live animal show brought to us by White Memorial Conservation Center. Meet a snake, a turtle, and a salamander! You'll have the opportunity to touch the animals and to build a structure made entirely from sticks. Registration is strongly encouraged.



CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING CLUB

BUILD A BETTER WORLD™

Registration starts Thursday, June 1
and ends Friday, August 11.

Completed reading logs are due by Friday, August 18.



SUMMER READING KICK-OFF DAY!

Thursday, June 1

Children's Room

Storytime with Chuck E. Cheese, 12 p.m.

Our Summer Reading Club starts with a special story time from Mr. Chuck E. Cheese. Come chuckle with Chuck! No registration required, just drop in.



Prinkles the Clown, 5 p.m.

The Summer Reading Club Kick-off continues with face painting, sing-a-long and magic. Get your face painted by Prinkles & sign up for Summer Reads.

Registration forms are available at the main library and the Bunker Hill Branch; online registration is available at www.bronsonlibrary.org/kids.

All children from birth to 8th grade 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 incentives upon registration and will be eligible for raffle prizes as they progress in their reading.

New! We now have a summer reading program for adults, too!
See page 7 for more information.
Teen Summer Reading is on page 11.



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TEEN/YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

BUILD A BETTER WORLD TEEN SUMMER READING

June 5

Sign up at the Circulation Desk or
Bunker Hill Branch

Read at least 25 hours over the summer and qualify to win big prizes! This year's prizes include donations by The Palace Theater, The Boston Red Sox, The Big E, Hair by Jennifer Marie, Ski Mount Southington and dozens of other organizations.



ANIME CLUB

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 4 - 5:30 p.m.

June 14 & 28, July 12 & 26, August 9 & 23

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 GAME TIME

1st Thursdays, June 1, July 6, August 3, 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 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1st Fridays, 4 p.m.

June 2, July 7, August 4,

Teen/YA Area

Bring your ideas to a brainstorming session on what YOU want at the library.

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



K-9 FOR TEENS

Monday, June 5, 4 p.m.

Auditorium

Kick off summer reading with the Waterbury Police K9 Unit. Learn the ins & outs of police working dogs and sign up for our 2017 Teen Summer Reading Program.



TEEN MOVIE MATINEE: MASTERMINDS

Thursday, June 22, 3 p.m.

Auditorium

Join us for this action comedy based on real events. David Ghatt, driver of an armored vehicle gets lured into a scheme of a lifetime. Rated PG-13.



TEEN MOVIE MATINEE: OUIJA: ORIGIN OF EVIL

Thursday, July 20, 3 p.m.

Auditorium

Fans of horror are in for a treat with this terrifying sequel about a game of Ouija that brings on supernatural activity. Rated PG-13.



TEEN MONEY MANAGEMENT II

Wednesday, July 26, at 6:30 p.m.

Mezzanine

Erik Anthony of FD Community Federal Credit Union presents a workshop with tips on budgeting for teens and young adults.

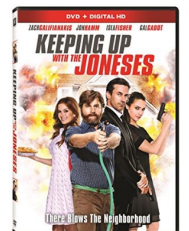


TEEN MOVIE MATINEE: KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES

Thursday, August 17, 3 p.m.

Auditorium

In this action comedy, the Gaffney family meets their new sophisticated neighbors and learns the Joneses are not who they claim to be. Rated PG-13.



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LIBRARY HOURS

Main Library

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

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

(Saturday hours return 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 hours return Sept. 9)

LOCATIONS

Main Library

267 Grand Street
Waterbury, CT 06702

Bunker Hill Branch

192 Bunker Hill Avenue
Waterbury, CT 06708

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Bunker Hill Branch: 203-574-8240

Circulation Desk: 203-574-8206

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Director's Office: 203-574-8222

Reference Desk: 203-574-8225

TTY/TDD: 203-574-8226

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Independence Day, Tuesday, July 4

Labor Day, Monday, September 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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