

# Silas Bronson Library BOOKS AND HAPPENINGS

The Newsletter of Waterbury's Public Library

WINTER 2020 - 2021

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## LIBRARY OPEN BY APPOINTMENT

Both the main library and our branch location remain open by appointment for borrowing books, movies, and music. The main library is also open by appointment if you need to use the public computers. See the next page for details on how this works.

## WOWBRARY

See our new arrivals online every week with Wowbrary! Sign up at [wowbrary.org](http://wowbrary.org) for weekly emails highlighting our newest, books, movies, and music, with links to our catalog, making it easy to request the ones you want.



## WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS

Weather-related closings will be announced on our social media and website; closing alerts will also be sent to area news stations.

## EVERYBODY LEARNS INITIATIVE

The library received a grant in November from the State of Connecticut allowing us to purchase the supplies we need to increase our capacity during the pandemic. Once we have everything in place, we will be able to safely reopen the building to the public, giving students a much-needed quiet study space and allowing patrons to once again browse the shelves.



**My mask protects you.**  
**Your mask protects me.**

Pandemic-related safety features will include additional Plexiglas barriers, easy-to-disinfect surfaces, special carts for items that have been handled, and touchless faucets in the restrooms. We will continue to disinfect frequently touched surfaces regularly, and we will continue to provide masks to patrons as needed.

We'll also be adding a new service -- an outdoor popup library! The popup library will travel to different locations in Waterbury, such as city parks, playgrounds and community centers, bringing library services to people who can't come to us. The popup library is designed for use outdoors, where the risk of infection is much lower.



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# SILAS BRONSON TAKEOUT

## HOW TO PLACE YOUR ORDER

### Option 1: Order Online

Request items using our catalog, [silas.biblio.org](http://silas.biblio.org), or the Acorn app

### Option 2: Call Us

Request items over the phone; have your library card ready when you call.

Don't know what you want? Call us! Our librarians will make expert recommendations.

Orders for Adults: 203-574-8225

Orders for Kids & Teens: 203-574-8213

Orders for Bunker Hill: 203-574-8240

## PICKING UP YOUR ORDER

### Pickup Time

We will call you to schedule an appointment for pickup when your order is ready.

### Pickup Details

When you pick up your order, you will need to:

- Wear a mask;
- Bring your library card;
- Use the front entrance.

### Special Notice

If you or someone in your household has COVID symptoms, we offer curbside pickup -- we will place your items in the trunk of your car when you arrive for your appointment. Home delivery is also an option. Call 203-574-8206 for more information.

# COMPUTER APPOINTMENTS

## SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

Call us at 203-574-8225 to schedule a computer appointment.

You will need your library card number to make the appointment.

Don't have a library card? Call us at 203-574-8225 to find out how to get one.

## PRINTING & COPYING

Printing costs will be charged to your library card for payment at a later date.

The copiers are cash only. No appointment is needed to use the copy machines.

# NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

## Update from the Friends

We hope that you and your loved ones are doing well during these difficult times. We have been working on finding new ways to support the library as the pandemic and safety restrictions continue. The Friends will be sharing many of the newest reading challenges to keep you busy during the cold winter months. We will also be sharing some great titles that will fit the prompts that are available from our online sale or to borrow from the library. Please feel free to reach out to us and let us know how your challenge is stacking up!



*Friends of the Library booth at the City's Holiday Marketplace, November 2020*

The book store at the library is temporarily closed. We have launched an online book sale this fall, at the same great prices as always. Visit our page on Facebook ([facebook.com/SBLfriends](https://facebook.com/SBLfriends)) or email us at [silasbronsonfriends@gmail.com](mailto:silasbronsonfriends@gmail.com) for the latest information.

## 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.



### MONTHLY MEETING OF THE FRIENDS

Second Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m.

December 8, January 12, February 9

*Main Reading Room, Silas Bronson Library*

Open to all members of the Friends. Please RSVP to 203-574-8222. Meetings will be held in the library. Masks must be worn while inside the building. Please do not attend if you aren't feeling well or if you have been in contact with someone who has COVID-19.

## Gifts & Bequests

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. Donations and bequests may be made to the Friends to support the library's programs or to assist with building improvements. Donations to the Friends may be sent to us at P.O. Box 2853, Waterbury, CT 06723.

## Book Donations

Please note that we are not accepting any donations at this time.

# BRONSON LIBRARY AT HOME

Staying home to stay safe? There's more to a library than the building it's in!

In this issue of our newsletter, you will find information about all of our online services, from ebooks to databases to Zoom programs.

Need help? Have questions? Call us at 203-574-8225 or email us at [bronsonlibrary@waterburyct.org](mailto:bronsonlibrary@waterburyct.org) and we'll find the answers for you.



## EBOOKS & AUDIOBOOKS

We have increased our collection of online books, both ebooks and downloadable audiobooks. You can access them for free with the barcode number on your library card.

You can adjust an ebook's font size, book layout, and lighting. As you read, you can also add bookmarks, create notes and highlights, and define words.

For audiobooks, you can skip backward or forward, increase playback speed up to 3x, and set a sleep timer until the end of the chapter or for 5, 10, 30 minutes, or more.

To find out more, go to [bronsonlibrary.org/ebooks](http://bronsonlibrary.org/ebooks).

## OVERDRIVE

Access ebooks and audiobooks using the web browser on your computer.



## LIBBY

The Libby app connects you to our OverDrive collection of ebooks and audiobooks on your smartphone or tablet.



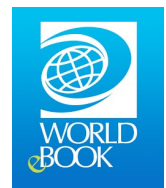
## SIMPLYE

The SimplyE app includes our OverDrive collection, plus titles from the CT State Library and other collections. Download the app to your smartphone or tablet.



## WORLD BOOK EBOOKS

Educational books for kids and teens. Includes classics of fiction and literature, as well as new books on science, social studies, mythology, health, biography, and more. Also includes Read Aloud books.



# BRONSON LIBRARY AT HOME

## DATABASES

Access is free! Your library barcode unlocks the free access.

To log-on to any of our databases, visit our website at [bronsonlibrary.org/research](http://bronsonlibrary.org/research).

### AUTO REPAIR SOURCE

Accurate, authoritative and up-to-date service and repair information for thousands of domestic and imported vehicles. All content comes from the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) and includes step-by-step repair information, diagrams, maintenance schedules, parts and labor estimates, service bulletins and recalls.



### SMALL ENGINE REPAIR REFERENCE SOURCE

The Small Engine Repair Reference Center provides detailed yet user-friendly repair guides for all types of small engines, from lawn mowers to motorcycles.



### LYNDA LEARNING

Increase your current skills, learn a new skill and do much more with Lynda.com (powered by LinkedIn). Learn Excel, PowerPoint, web design and coding, animation, music lessons, drawing lessons, photography, filmmaking, project management, office management, and more! You can learn it.



### MANGO

Learning a new language is a great new hobby that you can start right at home! Mango makes it easy to learn what you need, with dozens of languages to choose from.



### NEWSBANK

Use NewsBank to search for articles from more than 10,000 news sources, or browse more than 30 popular magazines.



### REPUBLICAN-AMERICAN

Search for articles published in the Republican-American from 2004 to the present.



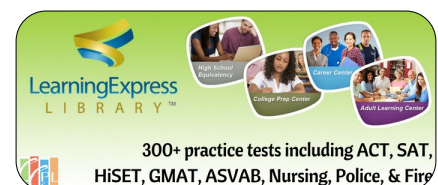
### WORLD BOOK

The World Book is more than just an encyclopedia! Discover activities, ebooks, theater, science, social studies, and more. Research, discover and find answers to your questions.



## COMING SOON!

The **LearningExpress Job & Career Accelerator** will help you find and apply to jobs. The **LearningExpress Library** includes academic skill-building, standardized test prep, career certification test prep and more.





# PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

## ONE-ON-ONE COMPUTER HELP

By Appointment

Zoom or Phone

Need help using your computer, tablet or e-reader? Want to learn more about using our online resources? Our librarians are available to help you with your questions and provide expert recommendations.

Call us at 203-574-8225 to schedule an appointment.

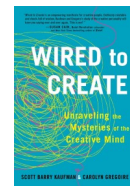
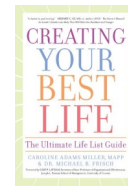
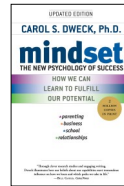


## MASTERMIND BOOK CLUB

Second Thursday of the month, 6:30pm

Zoom

Explore themes of personal growth, creativity, goal setting, and leadership. Books are available to borrow from the library.



December 10: *Mindset* by Carol Dweck

January 14: *Creating Your Best Life*

by Caroline Adams Miller

February 11: *Wired to Create* by Scott Barry

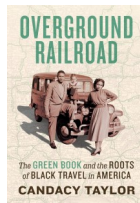
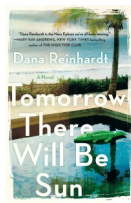
Kaufman and Carolyn Gregoire

## SISTERS-TO-SISTERS BOOK CLUB

First Monday of the month, 6 p.m.

Call 203-574-8225 to join

New members welcome. Books are available to borrow from the library.



December 7: *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng

January 4: *Tomorrow There Will Be Sun*

by Dana Reinhardt

February 1: *Overground Railroad*

by Candacy A. Taylor

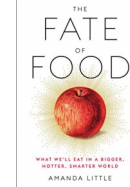
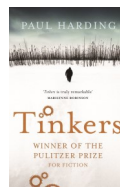
Advance registration required. Sign up at [bronsonlibrary.org/programs](http://bronsonlibrary.org/programs) or call us at 203-574-8225.

## BRASS BOOK CLUB

Fourth Thursday of the month, 12 p.m.

Zoom

Seniors 60+ are invited to join us for a monthly book discussion. Books are available to borrow from the library.



December 17: *Tinkers* by Paul Harding

January 28: *I Was Anastasia* by Ariel Lawhon

February 25: *The Fate of Food* by Amanda Little

## GENEALOGY TIPS

First Wednesday of the month, 1:30 p.m.

December 2, January 6, February 3

Zoom

Join one of our librarians and learn about a different genealogy tool each week and share your own genealogy research!



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# PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

## COMING SOON!

Take the internet home with you! We will have chrome books, tablets, and Wi-Fi hotspots available for our patrons to borrow starting this winter.

## ONLINE TUTORIALS

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

Zoom

Join one of our librarians and learn how to best use our online resources, including our library website, databases, job search tips and much more. A different topic will be featured each month.

December 9: Improve your job skills with Lynda.com

January 13: Become a Library Power User

February 10: Write a Better Resume

*Advance registration required. Sign up at [bronsonlibrary.org/programs](http://bronsonlibrary.org/programs) or call us at 203-574-8225.*

## SEAT OF THE PANTS COOKING WITH CHEF BILL

Fourth Thursday of the month, 7 p.m.

December 17, January 28, February 25

Zoom

Join Chef Bill as he demonstrates a delicious recipe each month! Learn food prep tips, tricks and hints. Ideal for cooks of all skill levels!



*Advance registration required. Sign up at [bronsonlibrary.org/programs](http://bronsonlibrary.org/programs) or call us at 203-574-8225.*

## HEALTHY HOUSEKEEPING

Friday, January 15, 11 a.m.

Zoom

Mary Ellen Welch from UConn Extension will share COVID-19 cleaning tips, best methods and new routines to help us keep each other safe. Find out how to keep your house clean and healthy.

*Advance registration required. Sign up at [bronsonlibrary.org/programs](http://bronsonlibrary.org/programs) or call us at 203-574-8225.*

## PHILIP V. BENEVENTO CULTURAL PROGRAM FOR ADULTS

### HOLIDAY MUSIC WITH JOHN CHARLES THOMAS

Wednesday, December 16, 6:45 p.m.

Zoom - *Advance registration required; sign up at [bronsonlibrary.org/programs](http://bronsonlibrary.org/programs) or call us at 203-574-8225*

Join us for an evening of holiday music with the Waterbury Symphony Orchestra's Principal Trumpet, John Charles Thomas, who will perform some of his favorite holiday music for us as well as discuss the history of brass instruments and answer your questions.

For more than 20 years, Thomas was a member of the Grammy Award winning *Chestnut Brass Company* in Philadelphia. He has performed in the premieres of works in Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center, and appeared in the U.S., Canada, Europe and Asia as soloist and chamber musician. Thomas has performed with the Waterbury Symphony since 2010 and is also a member of the Hartford Symphony and the Ridgefield Symphony.



# SILAS BRONSON GEEKDOM



## CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Tuesdays, 6 p.m.

[Twitch.tv/sbgeekdom](https://www.twitch.tv/sbgeekdom)

We'll play Story Adventure games like Detroit: Become Human or Life is Strange, and The Walking Dead. Your vote will decide what choices we make in the game.



## CHESS MEETUP

Alternating Wednesdays, 4 p.m.

December 2, 16 & 30; January 13, 27; February 10 & 24

[Zoom and Chess.com](#)

For all skill levels. Play against our chess master, learn new techniques or just come to have fun.

*Advance registration required.*

*Sign up at [bronsonlibrary.org/geekdom](https://bronsonlibrary.org/geekdom)*

## ANIME CLUB

Alternating Wednesdays, 4 p.m.

December 9 & 23; January 6 & 20; February 3 & 17

[Zoom](#)

Watch the latest YA Anime coming out of Japan and talk about it in the chat option.

*Advance registration required.*

*Sign up at [bronsonlibrary.org/geekdom](https://bronsonlibrary.org/geekdom)*

## WORLD OF VR

Alternating Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.

December 2, 16 & 30; January 13 & 27;

February 10 & 24

[Twitch.tv/sbgeekdom](https://www.twitch.tv/sbgeekdom)

Explore new, classic, and unknown VR games on Twitch. Get your headset ready!

## WORLD OF GAMING

Saturdays, 2 p.m.

[Twitch.tv/sbgeekdom](https://www.twitch.tv/sbgeekdom)

Explore new and classic games with us on Twitch, such as, Final Fantasy 7, and Devil May Cry.



# TEEN/YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

## FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Wednesday, January 20, 6 p.m.

Zoom



High School Juniors and Seniors, this program is for you! College entry can be a complex and daunting process. Join us for the evening and learn all that you can about the financial aid process, including how to apply for scholarships, important deadlines and the best-kept financial aid secrets.

*Advance registration required.*

Sign up at [bronsonlibrary.org/teenprograms](https://bronsonlibrary.org/teenprograms)

or call us at 203-574-8225.

## HOLIDAY MAGIC SHOW

Tuesday, December 1, 6:30 p.m.

Zoom

Professional close up card magician Ari Bisk will perform an interactive 45 minute Zoom magic show. The show will include plenty of audience participation and provide entertainment for all!



*Advance registration required.*

Sign up at [bronsonlibrary.org/teenprograms](https://bronsonlibrary.org/teenprograms)

or call us at 203-574-8225.

## CAN YOU SOLVE THE PUZZLE? ALL THE WORDS ARE FOUND WITHIN THE PAGES OF THIS NEWSLETTER!

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HOUSEKEEPING  
TRUMPET  
TAKEOUT  
GENEALOGY  
HOTSPOT  
TUTORIALS

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## LEGO CREATIONS

Last Monday of the month, 6 p.m.  
December 28, January 25, February 22  
Zoom

Share your LEGO creations with the group on Zoom! With one brick at a time, we can create anything!



Advance registration required. Sign up at [bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms](http://bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms) or call 203-574-8213.

## BRONSON BOOKWORMS

Last Tuesday of the month, 5 p.m.  
December 29, January 26, February 23  
Zoom

Read the book, then talk about it with us on Zoom.  
For ages 9 to 12.



In December, we'll be joined by Waterbury's very own London Carter Williams, a 7th Grader at Brass City Charter School, who will talk about her book, *Our 1st Protest*.

December 29: *Our First Protest*  
by London Carter Williams  
January 26: *Everything My Parents Taught Me in 6 Steps* by Shelby Davis  
February 23: *Class Act* by Jerry Craft

Advance registration required. Sign up at [bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms](http://bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms) or call 203-574-8213.

## WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY STORIES

Wednesdays, 11 a.m.  
Zoom

Stories to help you through the week! For ages 2-6.

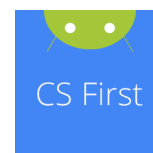


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## KIDZONE CODING CLUB

Fridays, 4 p.m.  
Zoom

Join us as one of our Children's Librarians helps you learn how to code using Google CS First. For ages 5+, adult assistance recommended.



Advance registration required. Sign up at [bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms](http://bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms) or call 203-574-8213.

## PROJECT CS GIRLS

Monday, December 28, 2 p.m.  
Tuesday, December 29, 2 p.m.  
Zoom

Join us for a special two-day introduction to ProjectCSGIRLS, which runs technology workshops and an annual technology and computer science competition for middle school girls. This international program is run by high school and college students from around the country.



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# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## YOGA FOR KIDS

Thursdays, December 3, January 7 & 21,  
February 4 & 18, 6 p.m.

Zoom

Yoga can relieve stress, aid in mindfulness and ease anxiety. Join us while we move, breathe and pose towards less stress and anxiety! For ages 6-12.



Advance registration required. Sign up at [bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms](https://bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms) or call 203-574-8213.

## MEET THE AUTHOR: SHELBY DAVIS

Wednesday, January 13, 5 p.m.

Zoom Program

Shelby Davis returns to the Silas Bronson Library to lead discussion based on his book, *6 Ways To Live*. For ages 10-16.



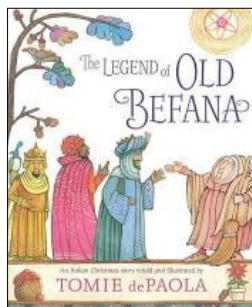
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## THE LEGEND OF LA BEFANA

Saturday, January 9, 1 p.m.

Zoom

Join Angela Buzzelli as she enchants us with *The Legend of Old Befana* by Tomie DePaola. Come learn about the legend of *La Befana*, an Italian folklore tale about an old woman who delivers gifts to children on Epiphany Eve. After the story, we'll enjoy a musical performance. For ages 3+.



Program sponsored by UNICO.

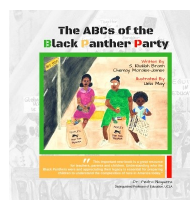
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## CELEBRATE LOCAL AUTHORS

Thursday, February 25, 5 p.m.

Zoom

Meet local authors and ask them questions about their work. We'll be joined by Chemay Morales-James, Chase Taylor, London Carter Williams, Shelby Davis, and more!

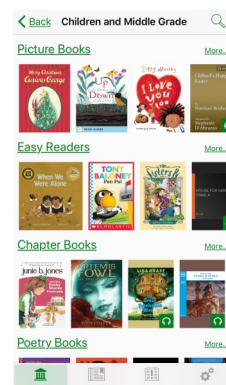
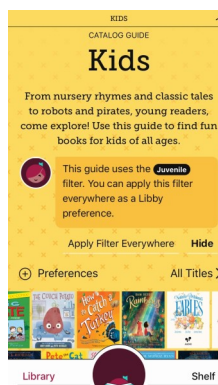


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## EBOOKS FOR KIDS

There's plenty of books for kids of all ages to read or listen to with our digital collections, from World Book Read Alouds to challenging novels on Libby or SimplyE.

Find out more at [bronsonlibrary.org/digital](https://bronsonlibrary.org/digital)



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## SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY

*Something for Everyone*

### 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.

#### Bunker Hill Branch

Tuesday 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Thursday 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Friday 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

#### SPECIAL NOTES:

For weather closings, please check our social media or website.

The library will close at 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 24 and on Thursday, December 31.

### 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

Christmas Day, December 25  
New Year's Day, January 1  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 18  
Presidents Day, February 15 & 16

### 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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