

# Silas Bronson Library BOOKS AND HAPPENINGS

The Newsletter of Waterbury's Public Library

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## LIBRARY OPEN BY APPOINTMENT

Both libraries are now 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--call 203-574-8225 to schedule a computer appointment.

## How To Borrow Items From the Library

### Option 1

Log into your account at [silas.biblio.org](http://silas.biblio.org) and request the items you wish to borrow.

### Option 2

Request items over the phone; have your library card ready when you call. Don't know what you want? Our librarians can make recommendations.

Orders for Adults: 203-574-8225

Orders for Kids & Teens: 203-574-8213

Orders for Bunker Hill Library: 203-574-8240



## Picking Up Your Items

We will call you to schedule an appointment to pick up your items when they are ready. Please note that all newly returned items are placed into quarantine for 72 hours--this may cause a delay in scheduling your appointment.

Questions? Call us at 203-574-8225.

## When You Arrive At the Library

Please wear a mask, bring your library card, and use the front entrance. A greeter in the lobby will verify your appointment and ask you to use our hand sanitizer.



My mask protects you.  
Your mask protects me.

## SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGNUP MONTH

It's never been easier to get a library card! Anyone who lives in Waterbury is eligible for a free Silas Bronson Library card.

Sign up online at [bronsonlibrary.org/digital](http://bronsonlibrary.org/digital) or call us at 203-574-8225 to schedule an appointment to get a card in person.



[bronsonlibrary@waterburyct.org](mailto:bronsonlibrary@waterburyct.org)

203-574-8200

[bronsonlibrary.org](http://bronsonlibrary.org)

# YOUR 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 finding information? 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.



# YOUR LIBRARY AT HOME

## DATABASES

Use the barcode from your library card to access these databases for free.

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.



### MANGO

Ready to learn a new language? Mango makes it easy to learn what you need, with dozens of languages to choose from.



### 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.



### NEWSBANK

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



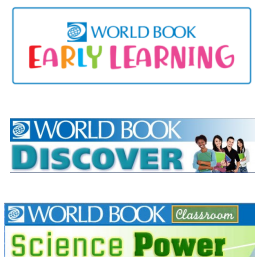
### LYNDA LEARNING

Lynda features thousands of tutorials to get the skills you need for work or creativity. Topics include Excel, PowerPoint, web design and coding, animation, music lessons, drawing lessons, photography, filmmaking, project management, office management, and more!



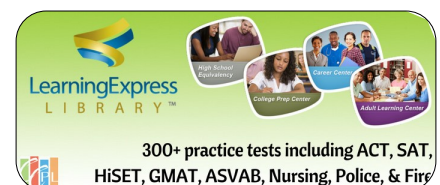
### WORLD BOOK

The World Book is more than just an encyclopedia! Log on to discover activities, ebooks, theater, science, social studies, and more -- all geared towards helping kids and teens find answers to their questions.



## COMING SOON!

We will be adding two new resources to our online collection this summer. 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 or tablet? Want to learn more about using our online resources? Our librarians are available to help you with your questions. Please note that we are unable to provide in-person assistance at this time. Call us at 203-574-8225 to schedule an appointment.



## UPDATE ON THE OPIOID CRISIS

Tuesday, September 29, 6:15 p.m.

Zoom Program

The Waterbury Health Department will present an update on the opioid crisis in Waterbury and answer any questions you might have.

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



## GENEALOGY TIPS

Alternating Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.

September 9 & 23, October 7 & 21, November 4 & 18

Zoom Program

Join one of our librarians as she teaches you about a different genealogy tool each week. Share your own genealogy research, and feel free to ask questions!

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



## REAL ID

Thursday, October 1, 6:30 p.m.

Zoom Program

Find out what REAL ID is, who should get it, and how to get it. Presented by AAA Northeast.

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

September 24, October 22, November 19

Zoom Program

Join Chef Bill as he demonstrates a new recipe each month. You can also watch previous demonstrations on our YouTube channel.



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

## AVOIDING SCAMS DURING COVID-19

Thursday, October 29, 6:30 p.m.

Zoom Program

Join us for a presentation by AARP with tips on how to avoid being victimized by scammers during COVID-19.

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



## ON THE GO IN ICE AND SNOW

Thursday, November 5, 6:30 p.m.

Zoom Program

Winter is coming! Get safe driving tips for bad weather from AAA Northeast.

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# PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

## SISTERS TO SISTERS BOOK CLUB

First Monday of the month, 6 p.m.

September 14, October 5, November 2

Zoom Program

New members welcome. Books will be available to borrow from the library.

Call us at 203-574-8225 to reserve a copy.



September: *Second Time Sweeter* and  
*On The Corner of Hope and Main*

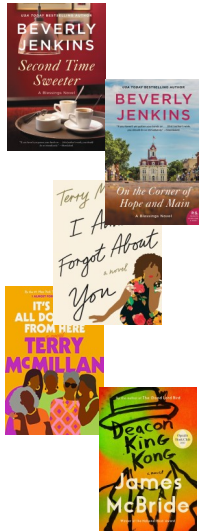
by Beverly Jenkins

October: *I Almost Forgot About You* and  
*It's Not All Downhill From Here*

by Terry McMillan

November: *Deacon King Kong*

by James McBride



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or call us at 203-574-8225.

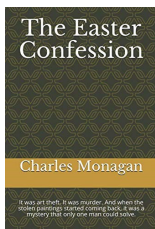
## BOOK LOVER'S BOOK CLUB

Last Tuesday of the month, 2 p.m.

September 29, October 27, November 24

Zoom Program

Find out what our librarians are reading, and share your favorites too!



In September, we'll be joined by local author Charles Monagan, who will discuss his latest novel, *The Easter Confession*, which takes place in Waterbury during the 1950s. A copy is available to borrow from the library.

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or call us at 203-574-8225.

## MASTERMIND BOOK CLUB

Third Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m.

September 17, October 15, November 12

Zoom Program

Our newest book club focuses on themes of personal growth, creativity, goal setting, and leadership. Books will be available to borrow from the library.

September: *Big Magic: Creative Living Beyond Fear*

by Elizabeth Gilbert

October: *Dare to Lead* by Brené Brown

November: *The Power of Habit*

by Charles Duhigg

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



## BRASS BOOK CLUB

Fourth Thursday of the month, 12 p.m.

September 24, October 22, November 19

Zoom Program

Seniors 60+ are invited to join us for a monthly book discussion using the Zoom platform. Books will be available to borrow from the library. Call us at 203-574-8225 to reserve a copy.

September: *Where the Crawdads Sing*

by Delia Owens

October: *Educated* by Tara Westover

November: *Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer

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



## GOODREADS BOOK GROUP

Stay connected with our librarians any time with our Silas Bronson Library Book Group on Goodreads.



# SILAS BRONSON GEEKDOM



Our all-ages programming is now Silas Bronson Geekdom.

Follow us on Facebook, or visit our webpage at [bronsonlibrary.org/geekdom](http://bronsonlibrary.org/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, Life is Strange, and The Walking Dead. Your vote will decide what choices we make in the game.



## WORLD OF GAMING

Saturdays, 2 p.m.

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

Explore new and classic games with us on Twitch, including God of War, Final Fantasy 7, and Devil May Cry.



## CHESS MEETUP

Alternating Wednesdays, 4 p.m.

September 2, 16 & 30, October 7 & 21, November 4 & 18

Zoom Program

For all skill levels. Our chess master will be available to play against you using the Lichess website.



Signup at [bronsonlibrary.org/geekdom](http://bronsonlibrary.org/geekdom)

## YA ANIME

Alternating Wednesdays, 6 p.m.

September 2, 16 & 30, October 28, November 25

Kast program - link at [bronsonlibrary.org/geekdom](http://bronsonlibrary.org/geekdom)

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



## ANIME FOR ADULTS

Alternating Wednesdays, 6 p.m.

September 9 & 23, October 7 & 21, November 4 & 18

Kast program - link at [bronsonlibrary.org/geekdom](http://bronsonlibrary.org/geekdom)

Join us on Kast to watch Rated MA Anime such as Attack on Titan, Overlord, and Castlevania.



# TEEN/YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

## TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 9, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, October 14, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, November 10, 4 p.m.

Zoom Program

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



## HOLIDAY MAGIC SHOW

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

Zoom Program

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!



**NOTE:** Sign up for Zoom programs on our website at [bronsonlibrary.org/teenprograms](http://bronsonlibrary.org/teenprograms) or email [bronsonlibrary@waterburyct.org](mailto:bronsonlibrary@waterburyct.org).

## LOCKED IN THE SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY

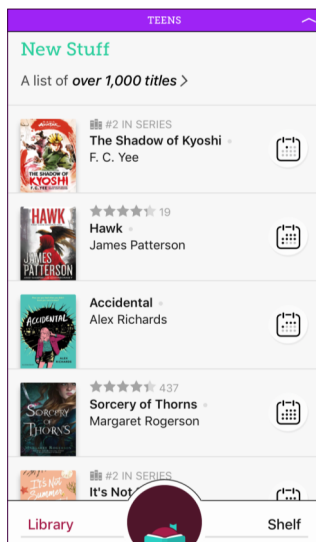
See if you have what it takes to escape!

*It's a quiet, stormy evening, and you're up in a corner of the Children's department reminiscing through old books of your childhood. The entire floor is empty except for you and the librarian, who's in the other room. The dreary gloom outside is deepening in hue from grey to nearly black. What had been a light drizzle was quickly turning into a downpour. You could hear thunder rumbling in the distance, slowly getting closer.*

*Suddenly, there's a bright flash of lightning and you feel the electricity buzzing in the air. The bolt must have struck close to the building because the lights go out, and the security doors start to close. You run to the closest door, but it closes before you can reach it!*

*"Hello?" you call out, hoping to see the librarian, but he is nowhere to be found. You look at your phone, but there's no service. You start to panic, how will you ever get out of here!?!"*

Continue the story at [bronsonlibrary.org/teenprograms](http://bronsonlibrary.org/teenprograms)

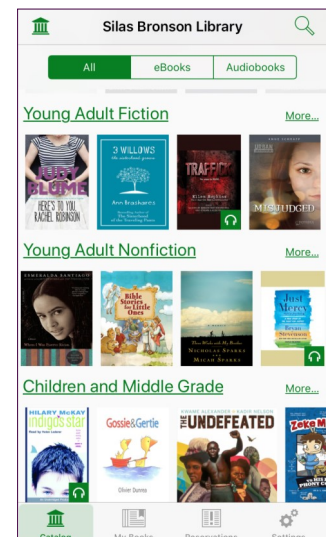


## EBOOKS FOR TEENS

Whether you prefer Libby or SimplyE, we have plenty of books for you to read!

Get started at [bronsonlibrary.org/digital](http://bronsonlibrary.org/digital)

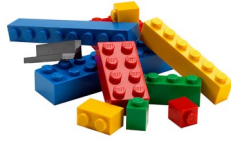
Don't see what you want? Let us know! You can request specific ebooks on our website at [bronsonlibrary.org/requests](http://bronsonlibrary.org/requests)



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## LEGO CREATIONS

Last Monday of the month, 6 p.m.  
September 28, October 26, November 30  
Zoom Program  
Share your LEGO creations with  
the group on Zoom!

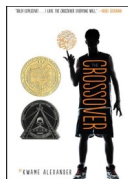


Sign up at [bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms](https://bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms)  
or call us at 203-574-8213.

## BRONSON BOOKWORMS

Last Tuesday of the month, 5 p.m.  
September 29, October 27, November 24  
Zoom Program  
Read the book, then talk about it with us on Zoom.  
For ages 9 to 12.

September: *Hello Universe* by Erin Entrada Kelly  
October: *When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead  
November: *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander



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or call us at 203-574-8213.

## READ WITH ME, MR. C

Story times on YouTube with  
our very own Mr. C -- search  
for Read with me, Mr. C to  
find the channel.



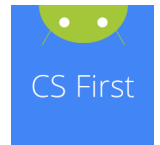
## WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY STORIES

Wednesdays, 11 a.m.  
Zoom Program  
Stories to help you through the week!  
For ages 2-6.  
Sign up at [bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms](https://bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms)  
or call us at 203-574-8213.



## KIDZONE CODING CLUB

Fridays, 4 p.m.  
Zoom Program  
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.  
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or call us at 203-574-8213.



## CELEBRATE NATIONAL RECYCLING DAY

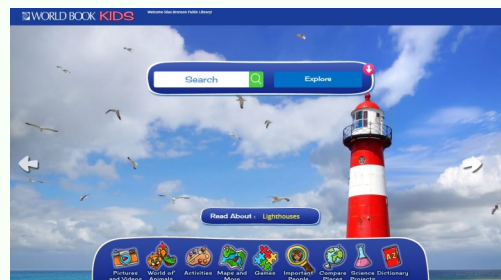
Friday, November 13, 4 p.m.  
Zoom Program  
Join us on Zoom for magic from the  
Wizard of Basura.



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or call us at 203-574-8213.

## WORLD BOOK ONLINE

Use your library card number to explore the world!  
Get started at [bronsonlibrary.org/digital](https://bronsonlibrary.org/digital).





# 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 book store at the library is temporarily closed, but we will be launching online book sales this fall, at the same great prices as always. Visit our page on Facebook for the latest information.

## MONTHLY MEETING OF THE FRIENDS

Second Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m.

September 8, October 13, November 10

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.



## DESIGNER BAG BINGO

Friday, September 25, 5:30 p.m.

Hawk Ridge Winery, 28 Plungis Road, Watertown

Join us at Hawk Ridge Winery for a fundraiser to support the Silas Bronson Library and Literacy Volunteers of Greater Waterbury.

Tickets are \$45 per person and must be purchased in advance.

To order tickets, call Miki at 203-565-7572 or Jessica at 203-754-1164.

The event will be held outdoors. Attendance is limited to 100 people.

A preview of the designer bags will be held from 5:30 to 6 p.m.

Bingo starts promptly at 6 p.m.

Cash bar.

Included in the ticket price:

- ◆ 10 games of bingo and a dauber (every game has a corresponding designer bag to win).

- ◆ Hawk Ridge Winery wine glass and one glass of wine.

Additional bingo cards will be available for \$2 per game.

Reserve a table for eight and get ten extra Bingo cards for the table.



## Book Donations

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

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**SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY**

*Something for Everyone*

## LIBRARY HOURS

Both libraries are open by appointment only. Call us at 203-574-8225 for details.

### 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.

*\*Saturday hours start on September 12.*

## 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, September 7

Columbus Day, Monday, October 12

Veterans Day, Wednesday, Nov. 11

Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 26

## 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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