

# Silas Bronson Library BOOKS AND HAPPENINGS

The Newsletter of Waterbury's Public Library

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### 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION

Wednesday, April 1, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

*Building-Wide*

Help us celebrate our anniversary! We opened our doors for the first time on April 1, 1870. To celebrate our 150 years of service, we'll be having an open house party. Activities throughout the day will include special tours of the building, crafts and story times in the KidZone, piano music from the 1870s in the Main Reading Room, and light refreshments.



150 YEARS

Silas Bronson Library

1870 - 2020



### LIBRARY AMNESTY DAY

Wednesday, April 1, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

As part of our anniversary celebrations, all late fees will be waived for any overdue Silas Bronson Library item returned on April 1.

### 150 YEARS OF THE SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY

Silas Bronson grew up in Waterbury and went on to become a wealthy merchant in New York City. When he died in 1867, he left \$200,000 to the City of Waterbury



Silas Bronson

for the creation of a public library, "for the promotion of education and intelligence and general information of the inhabitants of the City of Waterbury."

The Silas Bronson Library, named for its founding benefactor, opened on April 1, 1870, with a collection of 11,500 books. Patrons were not allowed to browse the shelves; they had to request books which would then be fetched for them. During our first year, more than 3,000 people signed up to use the library. Patrons were limited to borrowing one book at a time and had to pay a \$5 security deposit to borrow books.

The first library building was a storefront facing the Green on West Main Street. A new building was constructed on Grand Street in 1893, with enough room for 220,000 books. The current library building was constructed during the 1960s, replacing the 1890s building.

Today, our collection has approximately 277,000 physical books, audiobooks, movies, music, and magazines, plus thousands more eBooks and online learning resources. Approximately 25,000 Waterbury residents have library cards and visit the main library and the Bunker Hill branch library more than 225,000 times each year.



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# NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

## A Message from the Friends

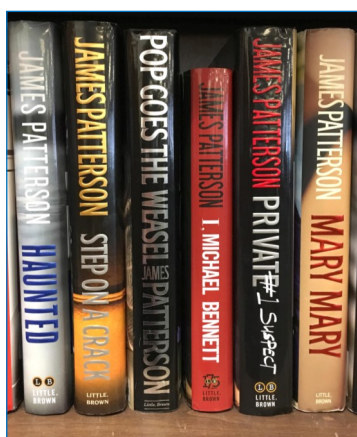
Thanks to your support, 2019 was a great success! We were able to host several fun events, meet lots of new people and bring in funding for programs and clubs held at the Silas Bronson Library.

We are working on planning our annual big book sale as well as a few special sales in between to coincide with the library's 150th Anniversary. In the meantime, our ongoing book sale can be found in the East Wing.

We have several events already planned for Spring including our Make and Take Sugar Scrub, Bath Bomb, and Lip Balm classes. We are also very excited to announce that the Friends of Silas Bronson Library will be collaborating with Literacy Volunteers of Greater Waterbury to host Designer Handbag Bingo at Hawk Ridge Winery on May 8 at 6 p.m.; tickets for Bingo will go on sale in March. You must preregister for all events.

We are aware that many teenagers will need volunteer hours in order to complete their high school graduation requirements. We are always more than happy to take a few volunteers to help us get ready for the book sale. Please have them email us at [silasbronsonfriends@gmail.com](mailto:silasbronsonfriends@gmail.com).

As always, we would love to hear from you; please come to one of our monthly meetings, send us a message or stop by and say hello at one of our events. Be sure to keep an eye out for the Friends table at the library's 150th Anniversary Celebration.



## Readers' Garden Bookstore

Books, movies, and other items for sale can be found in the front lobby and in the East Wing. All proceeds benefit the library and the prices can't be beat -- hardcover books are only one dollar!

## Book Donations

If you would like to donate books, movies, or music, please call the library at 203-574-8222 to schedule a delivery time. Books being donated should be in good or gently used condition, without any mildew, water damage, or missing pages. Movies and music should be playable.



## NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

### MONTHLY MEETING OF THE FRIENDS

Second Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m.

March 10, April 14, May 12

Mezzanine

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

### MAKE & TAKE MONTHLY FUNDRAISER

Third Saturday of the month, 12 p.m.

Main Reading Room

March 21: Sugar Scrub Wash

April 18: Bath Bomb

May 16: Lip Balm



Make all natural health and beauty products to take home or give as a gift. Suggested donation/materials fee \$15 per class. Space is limited, pre-registration required. RSVP 203-574-8225.

### 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.

### 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. If you would like to donate books, movies, or music, please call the library at 203-574-8222 to schedule a delivery time. Books being donated should be in good or gently used condition, without any mildew, water damage, or missing pages. Movies and music should be playable.

### BOOKSTORE DISCOUNT

During the month of April, in honor of the library's 150th anniversary, all purchases at the Readers Garden Bookstore will be 50% off, including our new canvas tote bag!

### DESIGNER HANDBAG BINGO

Friday, May 8, 6 p.m.

Hawk Ridge Winery

28 Plungis Rd, Watertown, CT



Tickets are \$45 per person and include 10 games of bingo, an official Hawk Ridge Winery wine glass, and one glass of wine. Additional bingo cards available for \$2 per game. Food will be available for purchase. Tickets go on sale in March and must be purchased in advance. For more details, call 203-574-8225 or email [silasbronsonfriends@gmail.com](mailto:silasbronsonfriends@gmail.com).

# COMPUTERS, WIFI, PRINTING, & COPYING

## 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.

## PUBLIC COMPUTERS

Our public computers are available for anyone to use. You can log on with a library card from any public library in the Bibliomation consortium. Not sure if your library is in the consortium? Ask at the Reference Desk for a list of Bibliomation libraries. If you don't have a library card, guest passes are available for one session per day.

## WIFI

Access the internet with your own laptop, tablet, or phone using our free wifi. No password required, just select **SBL-WiFi-hotspot** on your device.



## PRINTING & COPYING

Black-and-white printing and copying is available at 15 cents per page. Color printing is available at 50 cents per page; please ask for assistance at the Reference Desk if you wish to print in color.

In order to print, you will need to pre-load money onto your library card or guest pass at the Circulation Desk.

## COMPUTER CLASSES

Wednesdays, 1 p.m.

Computer Classroom



Drop in for these specific classes and bring any related questions to get help with. Classes will utilize Microsoft Office software and general computer skills for beginners.

March 4, 1 p.m.	Computer Basics
March 11, 1 p.m.	Word for Beginners
March 18, 1 p.m.	Excel for Beginners
March 25, 1 p.m.	PowerPoint for Beginners
April 1, 1 p.m.	Online Learning Tutorials
April 8, 1 p.m.	Post & Sell Your Stuff Online
April 15, 1 p.m.	Computer Basics
April 22, 1 p.m.	Word for Beginners
April 29, 1 p.m.	Publisher for Beginners
May 6, 1 p.m.	SBL Online Resources
May 13, 1 p.m.	Word for Beginners
May 20, 1 p.m.	Excel for Beginners
May 27, 1 p.m.	Bring a topic to explore

*For ages 16 and up. No registration required.*

*Must be able to use a mouse and keyboard.*

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

Thursdays, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Call 203-574-8240 for appointment

December 5 - February 27

Bunker Hill Branch Library

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.



# PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

## CHESS MEETUP

Daily

Main Reading Room

Play a game of chess anytime, daily. A chess set is available at the front desk or bring your own.



## COLORING FOR ADULTS

Daily

Main Reading Room

Coloring for adults is a way to relax and express creativity. We provide the pages and coloring pencils.

## 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.



## BRASS CITY TOASTMASTERS

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

March 9 & 23, April 13 & 27, May 4 & 11

Auditorium

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



## SCORE BUSINESS MENTORING

By appointment

Volunteer business counselors are available by appointment at various locations to mentor entrepreneurs and small business owners. To learn more, visit our website at [bronsonlibrary.org/score](http://bronsonlibrary.org/score).



## SISTERS TO SISTERS BOOK CLUB

First Monday of the month, 6 p.m.

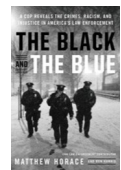
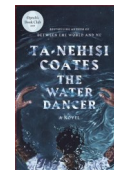
Mezzanine

New members welcome.

March 2: *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead

April 6: *The Water Dancer* by Ta-Nehisi Coates

May 4: *The Black and The Blue: A Cop Reveals*  
by Matthew Horace & Ron Harris



## BRASS BOOK CLUB @ THE BRANCH

Fourth Thursday of the month, 12 p.m.

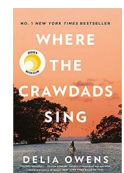
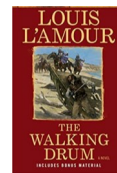
Bunker Hill Branch, 192 Bunker Hill Avenue

Seniors 60+ are invited to join us for a monthly book discussion.

March 26: *The Walking Drum* by Louis L'Amour

April 23: *The Stranger in the Woods*  
by Michael Finkel

May 28: *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens



## MASTERMIND BOOK CLUB

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

Auditorium

Explore themes of personal growth, creativity, goal-setting, and leadership through reading and group discussion.

April 8: *Big Magic*  
by Elizabeth Gilbert

May 13: *Dare to Lead*  
by Brené Brown



# PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

## VALIANT WOMEN OF THE VOTE

Saturday, March 7, 12 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Presented by the Greater Waterbury National Congress of Black Women, this program honors the brave women who fought to win suffrage rights for women, and for the women who continue to fight for the voting rights of others.



## WHEN: POEMS BY ELAINE NADAL

Thursday, March 12, 6:30 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Pushcart prize nominee Elaine Nadal will read from her second book of poems, *When*. Copies of her book will be available for purchase and signing.



## AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

Saturdays, March 21 – April 25, 1 - 3 p.m.

OR

Wednesdays, March 25 – April 29, 5 - 7 p.m.

Mezzanine

Leonid Johnson from CommUnity of the Deaf, Inc. returns to teach a six-week American Sign Language course. Choose either Wednesdays or Saturdays when you register. Participants will receive a certificate of completion at the end of the six-week course. Each 6-week course is limited to 10 participants. To register, call 203-574-8225 or email [leonidjohnson1@gmail.com](mailto:leonidjohnson1@gmail.com) (pre-registration is required).



## KNITTING CLUB

Saturdays, March 21, April 18, May 16, 2 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Bring your knitting (or crochet) project and enjoy an hour of crafting and conversation.



## VISION BOARD WORKSHOP

Wednesday, March 25, 6:30 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Create a poster of your dreams and aspirations in this combination craft and inspirational workshop.

Materials will be provided, however feel free to bring in any glue-able personal items you'd like to add to your vision board!



## CENSUS DAY— EVERYONE COUNTS!

Wednesday, April 1, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Public Computers

Bring your census information and fill out the census on one of our computers. You can also complete the census at the library on any other day after receiving your official U.S. Census invitation in the mail.



## WATERBURY GENEALOGY

Saturday, April 11, 11 a.m.

Main Reading Room

Tim De Carlo will show you how to research your Waterbury family history using the library's resources. Participants should bring questions they'd like to research about a grandparent or parent from Waterbury. To register, call 203-574-8225 or email [bronsonlibrary@waterburyct.org](mailto:bronsonlibrary@waterburyct.org).



## THE OPIOID CRISIS: COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

Tuesday, April 28, 6:15 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Jennifer L. DeWitt, Prevention Coordinator for the Waterbury

Health Department, will lead a discussion of the opioid crisis in Waterbury. Share your concerns for your family, your neighborhood, or your business, and have your questions answered by panelists at this event. Learn about current and new initiatives underway.



# PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

## BUSINESS PROGRAMS

### SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING

Wednesdays, March 4 - April 22, 6 p.m.

Computer Classroom

Having trouble creating and growing your brand awareness?

Brass City Gamers will lead this

8-week social media marketing course to help get your message across on your social media platforms. Seats are limited. Sign up at [brasscitygamers.com](http://brasscitygamers.com)



### ELIMINATE THE 10 BUSINESS PROFIT DRAINS

Thursday, March 19, 6 p.m.

Auditorium

Is your business not as profitable as you would like it to be? This seminar will help you identify the 10 most common profit drains and provide tips on how to plug them. Presented by Judi Otton, founder of GrowthCast.



### ONLINE RESOURCES

Use your Silas Bronson Library card to get free access to online resources that will help your business or career. Visit [bronsonlibrary.org/research](http://bronsonlibrary.org/research) to get started.



### GETTING A SMALL BUSINESS LOAN

Thursday, May 14, 6 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Frederick Welk, a CEDF business advisor, will help you learn how to get a small business loan from the Community Economic Development Fund or from a bank or credit union.



## VITA TAX PREPARATION

### FREE TAX PREPARATION

January 28 - April 14, 2020

Tuesdays, 6 - 8 p.m.

Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

By Appointment Only

Call 211 or visit [211ct.org/taxhelp](http://211ct.org/taxhelp) to schedule an appointment at the library or at any other service location.

VITA is made possible through a partnership with United Way, the Connecticut Association for Human Services, and the Internal Revenue Service.



### TAXATHON - FREE TAX PREPARATION

Saturday, March 7, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Computer Classroom

Walk-ins welcome — appointments encouraged.

Call 211 or visit [211ct.org/taxhelp](http://211ct.org/taxhelp)

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax help to people who make \$56,000 or less who need assistance in preparing their tax returns. IRS certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing of Federal and State returns.

# PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

## PHILIP V. BENEVENTO CULTURAL PROGRAM FOR ADULTS



### KRIS JENSEN AND THE JAZZ ALL STARS

Saturday, April 25, 2 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Join us for a celebration of Jazz Appreciation Month with an afternoon performance by Kris Jensen and the Jazz All Stars. Jensen has performed with the Allman Brothers Band and continues to tour regularly with Jaimoe's Jassz Band, performing monthly at the Iridium jazz club in New York City.

*The Philip V. Benevento Fund for Cultural Program for Adults at the Silas Bronson Library was established in 2016 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.*

## SPRING EXHIBITS

### MARCH



### RIGHTFULLY HERS

Main Reading Room

Created by the National Archives Foundation, this "pop-up" exhibit tells the story of the 19th Amendment.

### NOTABLE WOMEN IN BROADWAY HISTORY

Display Cases

Featuring items from the collection of Dr. Stuart Brown, host of a weekly "On Broadway" radio show.



### WORLD WAR I

Exhibit Wall

Created by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service and the National Museum of American History.

### APRIL

### SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY

Display Cases & Exhibit Wall

Images and artifacts from the library's 150 years of service to Waterbury.



### MAY

### WATERBURY GARDEN CLUB

Display Cases

Get in the mood for spring with this exhibit!



### CHASE COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

Exhibit Wall

Learn about Waterbury's historic private school, dating back to 1865.





# ALL-AGES PROGRAMS

## CHESS CLUB / LEARN TO PLAY

Tuesdays, 4 - 6 p.m.

Auditorium

Chess players — share your love of the game and your skills with new players. All levels welcome to learn and enjoy the game. Hosted by instructor Billy Graham.



## GAMING CLUB

Wednesdays, March 4 & 18, April 1 & 15,

May 6 & 20, 3:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Join us for video games, Yu-Gi-Oh!, Magic, and board games. Anyone who loves games of any type is welcome. Games may contain mature content.



## ANIME CLUB

Saturdays, March 14 & 28, April 11 & 25, May 9, 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 27, 4 p.m.

Auditorium

Share your love of anime and manga with this club. Win a prize! Snacks provided. Suggested age: 13+



## NOT YOUR PARENTS' BOARD GAMES

Saturdays, March 7, April 4, May 2, 2 p.m.

Auditorium

Join us to learn a new generation of board games like Pandemic, and discover what all the fun is about!



## MOVIES @ THE LIBRARY

Third Saturday of the month, 2:15 p.m.

Auditorium

March 21: *Gemini Man* (PG-13)

April 18: *Frozen 2* (PG)

May 16: *Knives Out* (PG-13)



## SOAR INTO SPRING WITH BLUE MOON RAPTORS

Thursday, March 19, 6 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Perch on our library branch and meet a few birds of prey. Learn the important roles these raptors have in our ecosystem.



## GROWING FROM SEEDS

Tuesday, March 24, 6:30 p.m.

Main Reading Room

UConn Master Gardener

Coordinator Eric Larsen will teach you how to grow vegetables or flowers from seeds. Free seed packets will be handed out to program participants.



## JIGSAW PUZZLE CONTEST

Thursday, April 2, 6 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Teams of up to six people compete to see how much of a 550-piece puzzle they can finish in two hours. Pre-registration required.

Call 203-574-8225 to R.S.V.P.



# TEEN/YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

## TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Second Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

March 11, April 8, May 13

Teen Zone

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

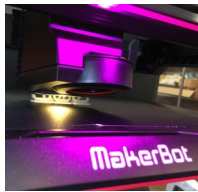


## TEEN 3D PRINTING

Tuesdays, April 28 and May 26, 6:00 p.m.

Computer Classroom

Learn how to use our new 3D printer, then start designing and printing your own creations! Sign up at the Circulation Desk or Teen Zone.



## KAHOOT TRIVIA CONTEST

Monday, April 13, 3 p.m.

Auditorium

Come test your trivia skills! Participants must have a mobile device to access Kahoot. For ages 12-18.

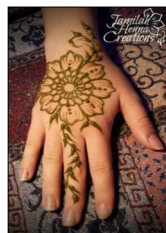


## TEEN HENNA TATTOOS

Wednesday, April 22, 6:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Learn about henna tattoos with Jamilah Henna Creations. The first 10 participants will receive a free henna tattoo as part of the program.



## MEET THE AUTHOR: J.C. LOGAN

Wednesday, May 6, 6:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Stop in to meet J.C. Logan (a.k.a. Joe Christiano) and hear a reading from his book, *The Raven Queen*. Joe grew up in Waterbury, writing his first short story at the age of ten. Books will be available for purchase and signing.



## BOOK END PAINTING

Tuesday, May 19, 4 p.m.

Mezzanine

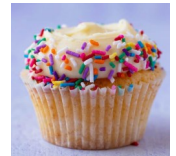
Personalize a set of bookends for your home library! Sign up at the Circulation Desk or Teen Zone.

## CUPCAKE DECORATING

Tuesday, May 26, 4 p.m.

Mezzanine

Put your decorating skills to the test during this fun program. For ages 12-18. Sign up at the Circulation Desk or Teen Zone.

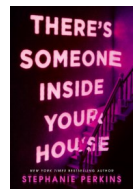


## TEEN BOOK TO SCREEN CLUB

Thursday, May 28, 5 p.m.

Teen Zone

Tell us what you think about Stephanie Perkins' *There's Someone Inside Your House*, a horror novel currently being adapted for Netflix. For ages 13-19 only. Snacks provided.



## Volunteers Needed!



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Looking for volunteer hours? The Friends of the Silas Bronson Library needs your help! Volunteer activities include sorting books and helping to set up for a giant book sale at the beginning of May. To find out more about volunteering with the Friends, send an email to [silasbronsonfriends@gmail.com](mailto:silasbronsonfriends@gmail.com)

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

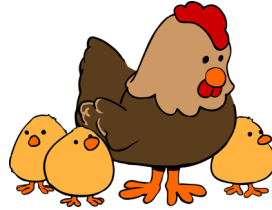
## WEEKLY PROGRAMS

### FAMILY MEETUP

Daily, 11:30 a.m.

Children's Room

Parents and children meetup and socialize. An informal playdate where all can get a chance to meet new friends and socialize.

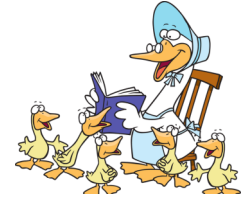


### MOTHER GOOSE

Thursdays, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Children's Room

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.



### STORYTIME PLUS

Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11:30 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.

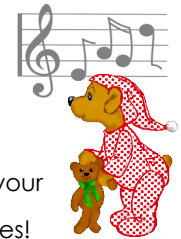


### JAMMIE JAMS

Thursdays, 6 - 7 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!



### BABIES AND BOOKS

Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11 a.m.

Picture Book Room

Enjoy lullabies, nursery rhymes, finger plays, bounces, and sign language. Works best with one child per adult. For children age 24 months and under. No registration required, just drop in.



### ROBLOX CLUB

Fridays, 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

Computer Classroom

Roblox players can access games created by other users or create games themselves. Ages 5 to 14.



### CODING CLUB FOR KIDS

Thursdays, 4:00 - 4:45 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.

New Time!



### 45TH ANNUAL POETRY CONTEST

Submissions Due by March 31, 8 p.m.

Children's Room

Open to all children in Grades K to 8 who live in Waterbury or attend school in Waterbury. All poems must be the original work of the individual child. Only one poem per child is permitted. Registration forms and the poem themes for each grade level are available at the library, on our website, and at the Waterbury schools.



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## MONTHLY PROGRAMS

### LET'S GO LEGO!

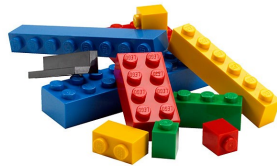
Last Monday of the month, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

March 30, April 27, May 18

Children's Room

If you like building with LEGOs, then you'll love "Let's Go LEGO!" LEGOs are provided.

For ages 6 to 12.



### ALPHABET EXPLORERS

First Saturday of the month, 11 a.m.

March 7, April 4, May 2

Children's Room

A fun and interactive program for children ages 3-5 with a parent/grandparent or guardian. Each month features a new letter and theme. Families will receive a free book at each session. Space is limited. To register, call 203-574-8213.



## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

### CAT IN THE HAT STORYTIME

Monday, March 2, 10:30 a.m.

Children's Room

Join us for stories, music and rhymes.

All ages are welcome.



### ST. PATRICK'S DAY CRAFT AND GAMES

Tuesday, March 17, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Children's Room

Please join us for a wee bit 'o fun.

Stop by for Saint Patrick's Day crafts and activities for kids ages 3-14.

Wear something green!



### HOMESCHOOLING 101

Wednesday, March 11, 6 p.m.

Children's Room

Meet homeschooling parents, ask questions, make connections, and learn how the library supports the homeschool community.



### WORLD WATER DAY

Monday, March 23, 5 p.m.

Children's Room

Come meet the water sorcerer.

Learn how to use water more efficiently. Let magic be your guide.



### BRAVE GIRL OF THE AMISTAD

Saturday, March 14, 2 p.m.

Children's Room

Join us as Sarah Margu, portrayed by storyteller and actress Tammy Denease, tells the story of her role in the takeover of the *Amistad*, which led to her freedom in Connecticut.



### SO YOU WANT TO ACT!

Saturday, March 28, 1 p.m.

Children's Room

Join us for a fun and excitement as Seven Angels Theatre brings children's theatre to the Library!

Experience some of Waterbury's youngest actors in action. Ages 5-12.



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS, CONT.

### LIBRARY AMNESTY DAY

Wednesday, April 1, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

As part of the library's 150th anniversary celebration, all late fees will be waived for any overdue Silas Bronson Library item returned on April 1.



### SPRING INTO READING

Friday, April 17, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Patio

Meet community organizations, listen to stories, and grab a free book at our literacy appreciation event.



### MONEY SMART WEEK

Monday, April 6 – Thursday, April 9, 6 p.m.

Children's Room

Join us for special activities every evening to help kids get smart about money.

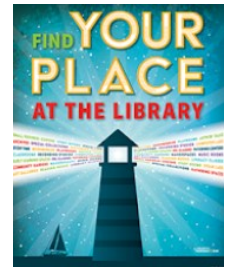


### NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 20 – April 24

Children's Room

Sign up for a library card, then stop by the KidZone for a free book!



### MEET THE AUTHOR: BRANDON GARCIA

Monday, April 6, 6 p.m.

Children's Room

Listen to *Mr. Pig Bought Me Ice Cream*, stay for Q & A, and you might leave with a free autographed book!



### MOTHER GOOSE DAY

Friday, May 1, 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., & 2:30 p.m.

Picture Book Room

Stop by for nursery rhymes celebrating National Mother Goose Day!



### EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 11, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

KidZone

The Hunt Is On! Join us for an Easter egg hunt upstairs in the KidZone. Don't forget to bring your basket!



### "MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU"

Monday, May 4, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Children's Room

LEGOs, crafts, and more.

Wear something Star Wars!



### SPRING BREAK

April 13 – April 17, all day

KidZone

Movies, crafts, and games all week!



### MOTHER'S DAY CRAFTS

Friday & Saturday, May 8 & 9, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Children's Room

Stop by to make a card or other craft for Mother's Day.



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*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.  
Saturday 12 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Saturday hours end May 23 and return in September.

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

## 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

Good Friday, Friday, April 10  
Memorial Day, Monday, May 25  
Saturday, May 23 & May 30

## 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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