

# Silas Bronson Library BOOKS AND HAPPENINGS

The Newsletter of Waterbury's Public Library

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## LIBRARY REOPENING SOON

Thanks to a grant from Governor Lamont's Everybody Learns Initiative, we have been making upgrades to our buildings which will allow us to safely reopen all spaces to the public. Touchless faucets and dryers have been installed in public bathrooms, easy-to-disinfect tables with electrical and USB outlets have been installed in the Main Reading Room, and Plexiglas barriers have been installed to increase safety. Additionally, we have a large supply of hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes for patrons to use at the library, as well as extra surgical masks for those in need of one.

As of late February, we are still waiting for a few more supplies to arrive. Once everything is in place, we will make a public announcement that we are fully open. Until then, you may still pick up books and use the computers by appointment. Call us at 203-574-8225 to schedule your appointment.

## 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.



## VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) PROGRAM

Free tax prep is available through VITA for individuals who generally make \$57,000 or less, persons with disabilities, and limited English speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. Free tax prep assistance is also available for individuals who are self-employed and should have business expenses less than \$25,000. IRS-trained volunteers are certified to prepare simple tax returns and screen customers for special tax credits and savings plans.



Due to the pandemic situation, multiple appointments may be required for individuals to drop off their documents and then to return to receive their completed tax returns. Appointments for free tax prep assistance at the library or at any other location must be scheduled by calling 211, press option 3 and then press option 6.

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



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203-574-8200

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

# SILAS BRONSON TAKEOUT

## HOW TO PLACE YOUR ORDER

### Option 1: Order Online

Request items using our catalog, 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

### ACORN APP

Access the library catalog from your smartphone or tablet. Request items, view account information, access your digital card and more all from your smartphone or tablet.



## 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. Bring your card with you when you come to the library. Masks must be worn while inside the building.

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.

### BRING THE INTERNET HOME

Take the internet home with you! WiFi hotspots are available for our patrons to borrow starting immediately. Borrow a hotspot today and get online tonight!



# 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. We have launched an online book sale with 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.



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

## 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.

March 9, April 13, May 11

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! Our online services are open 24/7.

Need help? Have questions? Call us at 203-574-8225 or email us at [bronsonlibrary@waterburyct.org](mailto:bronsonlibrary@waterburyct.org). 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, highlight passages, 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 to millions of ebooks and audiobooks using the web browser on your computer or read directly from your phone!



## LIBBY

The Libby app connects you to our OverDrive collection of ebooks and audiobooks. You can read directly on the app or link to your Amazon Kindle account and read from your preferred device!



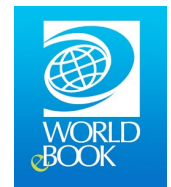
## SIMPLYE

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



## WORLD BOOK EBOOKS

World Book Ebooks are more than another encyclopedia. The selection includes educational books for kids and teens, classics of fiction and literature, as well as new books on science, social studies, mythology, health, biography,



# 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, coding, animation, music lessons, drawing lessons, photography, filmmaking, project management, office management, and more! Lynda.com—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

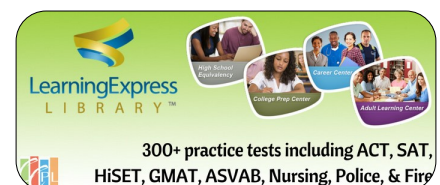
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## STATE LIBRARY DATABASES

Use your Silas Bronson Library card to access State Library databases! 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.

Visit [bronsonlibrary.org/research](http://bronsonlibrary.org/research) to get started.



# 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.



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

## SISTERS-TO-SISTERS BOOK CLUB

First Monday of the month, 6 p.m.

Call 203-574-8225 to join

Zoom or Phone

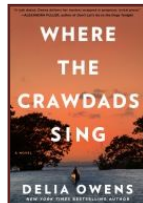
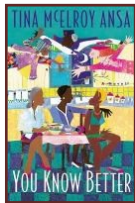
New members welcome. Books are available to borrow from the library.



March 1: *You Know Better* by Tina McElroy

April 5: *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett

May 3: *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens



## GENEALOGY TIPS

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

March 2, April 6, May 4

Zoom

Are you stuck in your genealogy research? Join one of our librarians and learn about a different genealogy tool each week and share your own genealogy research!



Advance registration required. 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.

Zoom

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

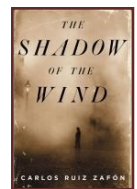
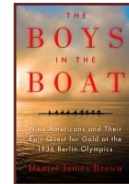
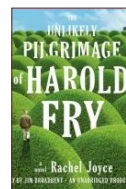
March 25: *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*

by Rachel Joyce

April 29: *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown

May 27: *The Shadow of the Wind*

by Carlos Ruiz Zafón



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## SEAT OF THE PANTS COOKING WITH CHEF BILL

Last Thursday of the month, 7 p.m.

March 25, April 22, May 27

Zoom

Join Chef Bill in his kitchen 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](https://bronsonlibrary.org/programs) or call us at 203-574-8225.

# PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

## TAKE & MAKE

March 27, 1 p.m.

Zoom



Come to the library and take a kit, then join one of our librarians on Zoom to learn how to make the craft! We will be using paper to create beads and turn them into jewelry, just in time for Mother's Day.

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

## FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT

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

March 18 & April 15

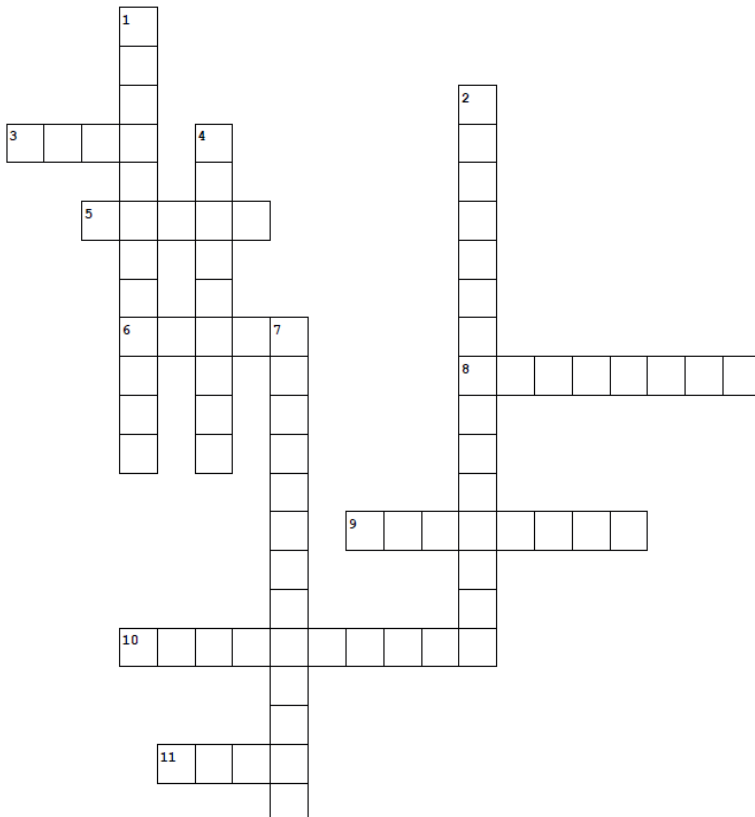
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Join our librarians and test your knowledge on fun topics such as pop trivia, history, science and more. Play with or against your friends and family. "Quaran-Teams" are recommended.

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

## LET'S PLAY!



### Across

3. Acronym for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
5. The Bronson Library catalog app
6. Ebook app that connects to the Overdrive collection
8. Kidzone Coding Club platform
9. May the force (4th) be with you
10. Author of From the Desk of Zoe Washington
11. Bronson at \_\_\_\_

### Down

1. Another name for a college scholarship
2. A new database that includes standardized test prep and career certification test prep
4. "More than just an encyclopedia"
7. Book by Tina McElroy

# TEEN/YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS



## CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Tuesdays, 6 p.m.

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

Ready? We have a new player. Join us while we play story adventure games like Detroit: Become Human or Life is Strange, and The Walking Dead. Vote in real time to decide what choices we make in the game.

## CHESS MEETUP

Alternating Wednesdays, 4 p.m.

March 10 & 24, April 7 & 21, May 5 & 19

[Zoom](https://www.zoom.us) and [Chess.com](https://www.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)*



## SB GEEKVERSE TRIVIA

May 20, 6 p.m.

[Zoom](https://www.zoom.us)

For all skill levels. Play against other teams to compete for bragging rights. The team with the most points may be eligible for a prize!

Topic: Mythology

*Advance registration required.*

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



## ANIME CLUB

Alternating Wednesdays, 6 p.m.

March 3, 17 & 31, April 14 & 28, May 12 & 26

[Zoom](https://www.zoom.us)

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

March 31: *Weathering With You*

*Advance registration required.*

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

## 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.

## WORLD OF VR

Alternating Wednesdays, 6 p.m.

March 10 & 24, April 7 & 21, May 5 & 19

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

Explore new, classic, and unknown VR games on Twitch. Get your headset ready! Reality called—it's time to go virtual!



# TEEN/YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

## FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Wednesday, March 10, 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](http://bronsonlibrary.org/teenprograms) or call us at 203-574-8225.

## KAHOOT TRIVIA

Tuesday, April 27, 6 p.m.

Zoom

Beep, boop, beep it's trivia time! Bring your buzzers and your brains, for a fun, fast-paced online trivia game that is going to test your skills and knowledge. Prizes awarded for the participant with the most points at the end of the game.



*Advance registration required.*

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

## TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Last Wednesday of the month

March 31, April 28, May 26

4 p.m.

Zoom

Are you tired of the same books and activities? Need to break up the usual school/internet routine? Join Ms. Christine and discuss some ideas for new and exciting things to our library! Free food certificates to local eateries to all who participate. Teens unite!

For ages 11+

*Advance registration required.*

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



## TAKE - N - MAKE

May 7, all day

Pick up at front desk

Learn to turn a few simple items into a beautiful terrarium. Simply "take" a kit from the library and then join one of our librarians and learn how to "make" the craft! Keep it for yourself or give it as a gift for a special person, just in time for Mother's Day.

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

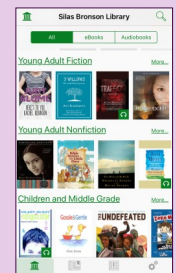
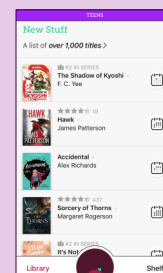


## EBOOKS FOR TEENS

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

## 46TH ANNUAL POETRY CONTEST



Submissions Open: February 2, 2021  
Submissions Close: April 6, 2021  
Award Ceremony: May 27, 5:30 p.m.

The Silas Bronson Library Children's Poetry Contest is open to all Waterbury-area students who are in Kindergarten through Eighth Grade.

Complete rules and entry forms are online at [bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms](http://bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms).

## Topics for 2021

### Grades K-3

1. Animals
2. My favorite Thing
3. Make a Haiku

### Grades 4-6

1. Spooky, Scary Things
2. Make a Haiku
3. What's Your Ideal World?

### Grades 7-8

1. Make a Haiku Hero or Zero?
2. Social Media -
3. What Empowers you to be Fierce?

Please contact us for at 203-574-8213 or by email at [bronsonkids@waterburyct.org](mailto:bronsonkids@waterburyct.org) for more information.

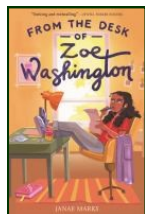
## BRONSON BOOKWORMS

Last Tuesday of the month, 5 p.m.

March 30, April 27, May 25

Zoom

Join Ms. Anne in a lively book discussion. Read the book, then talk about it with local students and us. For ages 9 to 12.



March 30: *From the Desk of Zoet Washington*

by Janae Marks

April 27: *Efrén Divided* by Ernesto Cisneros

May 25: *Aru Shah & The Tree of Wishes*

by Roshani Chokshi

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

Join Mr. C. for a story to help you through the week! For ages 2-6.



Advance registration required.

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

## KIDZONE CODING CLUB

Fridays, 4 p.m.

Zoom

Interested in coding? There are many places to start, so come and join us as one of our Librarians and learn all about coding and 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.

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## MONDAY MATH MAYHEM

Monday, April 12, 5 p.m.

Zoom

Join us for a high-energy game of skill and speed.

The fastest math whiz with the most correct answers will win a prize! Get your calculator and pencil ready!

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: BRANDON GARCIA

Wednesday, April 14, 4 p.m.

Zoom

Join "Mr. Pig" author Brandon Garcia as we learn all about saving and the power of perseverance. For ages 3+



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

## KIDZONE MAGIC IN MAY

### MAY THE 4<sup>TH</sup> BE WITH YOU

Tuesday, May 4, 4 p.m.

Zoom

Join Mr. C for a story from a galaxy far, far, away! After the story, Cyril the Sorcerer will dazzle us with some Jedi-level magic! For ages 3+



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

### MAGIC WITH ARI

Wednesday, May 26, 7 p.m.

Zoom

Join illusionist Ari Bisk as he delights, astounds and confounds us with some spring-time magic! For ages 3+.



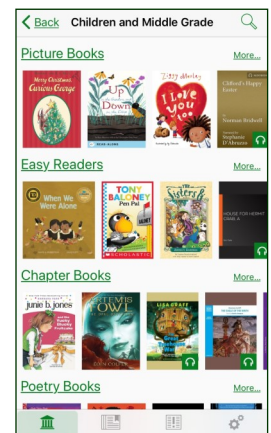
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## EBOOKS FOR KIDS

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.

Summer Hours 2021 will start May 29 until September 6.

## 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, April 2  
Memorial Day, May 31  
Closed Saturdays from May 29  
through 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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