

# THE SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY

The Public Library of Waterbury, CT 06702

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## JANUARY 2010

### Books and.....

#### RECENTLY PURCHASED BOOKS

##### ADULT

- "Bicycles: Love Poems".....Nikki Giovanni (811.54 Giobi)
- "Blood and Guts: a History of Surgery"  
.....Richard Hollingham (617 Hol)
- "The Complete Ice Age: How Climate Change Shaped the World"  
.....Brian Fagan (551.792 Fag)
- "Disciple"  
.....Stephen Coonts (Fiction)
- "Dracula the Undead"  
.....Freda Warrington (Fiction)
- "Imperial Cruise: a Secret History of Empire and War"  
.....James Bradley (359.4 Bra)

##### YOUNG ADULT

- "Dark Calling"  
.....Darren Shan (YA Fiction)
- "Hold Still"  
.....Nina LaCour (YA Fiction)
- "Outlaw: the Legend of Robin Hood"  
.....Tony Lee (GN Fiction)
- "Pigling: a Cinderella Story"  
.....Dan Jolley (GN Fiction)
- "Waiting to Score"  
.....J. E. MacLeod (YA Fiction)
- "Waltz with Bashir: a Lebanon War Story"  
.....Ari Folman (GN 956.9204 Fol)

##### JUVENILE

- "The Big Book of Parenting Solutions"  
.....Michele Borba (PC J 649.1 BorBi)
- "Cheech and the Spooky Ghost Bus"  
.....Cheech Marin (JP Marin)
- "Faith, Hope, and Ivy June"  
.....Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (J Fiction)
- "Head-to-Toe Health: Bumps, Bruises, and Scrapes"  
.....Elaine Landau (J 617.1 LanBu)
- "I Call My Grandpa Papa"  
.....Ashley Wolff (JP Wolff)
- "Liberty Porter: First Daughter"  
.....Julia Devillers (J Fiction)

#### RECENTLY PURCHASED DVDS

##### ADULT

- "American Gangster"  
.....FEA Ame
- "American Violet"  
.....FEA Ame
- "Anvil"  
.....781.66 Anv
- "Every Little Step"  
.....782.14 Eve
- "Kabel"  
.....FEA Kab
- "Lemon Tree"  
.....FEA Lem

##### JUVENILE

- "Aussie & Ted's Great Adventure"  
.....FEA Aus
- "The Bracelet of Bordeaux"  
.....FEA Bra
- "Fireman Sam: Saves the Day"  
.....628.9 FirSa
- "First Breath: Harbor Seals and Gray Whales"  
.....599.79 FirHa
- "Sesame Street: 40 Years of Sunny Days"  
.....FEA Ses40
- "Wallace & Gromit: a Matter of Loaf and Death"  
.....FEA WalMa

### Happenings

- Jan 1, 2 The Library will be closed for New Year's .
- Jan 4 Sisters to Sisters 7pm Board Room.
- Jan 12 "The Earth Sings" with Nancy Tucker 6:30pm Children's Room.
- Jan 15 "CT Dept. of Labor Workshop" 10:30 a.m. Auditorium.
- Jan 18 Library closed for Martin Luther King Junior's Birthday.
- Jan 19 "More than one way to escape a courtroom" with Sally Roberts 6:30pm Auditorium.
- Jan 26 Board of Agents meeting 4pm Board Room.

#### Book Store

The Schedule for the Book store to be open will be as follows:

Tuesdays 1:30pm—3:30pm

Thursdays 5:00pm—8:00pm

Saturdays 10:00am—12:00pm

Hardbacks \$1.00 and Paperbacks .50cents children's books .25cents

#### LOBBY DISPLAY CASE

Robin McCahill exhibits wet-felted, nun-felted and needle-felted accessories, sculptures and puppets. Robin is both a fiber artist and puppeteer. She teaches, performs and exhibits locally. Her chosen medium is wool.

#### GALLERY WALL

In celebration of the millennium of Lithuania, Laima Reiss exhibits her photographs. The viewer is be able to see the original nature of Lithuania and the architecture of the capital Vilnius.

#### BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Sisters to Sisters Group features

"Mama Dearest"

by E. Lynn Harris

January 4, 2010

6 p.m. Board Room, Main Library

#### RECENTLY PURCHASED AUDIOBOOKS

- "Black Hills"  
.....Nora Roberts (abk FIC Robe)
- "Inherent Vice"  
.....Thomas Pynchon (abk FIC Pync)
- "Return to Sullivans Island"  
.....Dorothea B. Frank (abk FIC Fran)
- "Under the Dome"  
.....Stephen King (abk FIC King)
- "Unseen Academicals"  
.....Terry Pratchett (abk FIC Prat)
- "Wishin' and Hopin': a Christmas Story"  
.....Wally Lamb (abk FIC Lamb)

# More Than One Way to Escape from a Courtroom

Finding Balance in Life through the Great Outdoors

**A presentation by Sally A. Roberts, Esq.**

**Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2010  
6:30 p.m.**

**Silas Bronson Library  
Auditorium  
267 Grand St., Waterbury, CT**

**203 574-8233  
<http://www.bronsonlibrary.org>**



**Sally A. Roberts, Esq., a civil litigator with a firm in Hartford, will share how she manages to escape from her rewarding, but very demanding, career in the courtroom, by immersing herself in the natural world. An avid hiker kayaker, snowshoer, and cross-country skier, Ms. Roberts will present a display of various kinds of sports equipment, as well as a slideshow of her numerous excursions.**



**The library is handicapped accessible. Ample free parking after 6:00 p.m.**

# BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM

**Wednesday, Feb. 3 - 6:30 p.m. - Auditorium - The Poetry of Kate Rushin**

**Calling All Poets (and Poetry Lovers) Series hosted by Victoria Muñoz**

**Kate Rushin** is the author of *The Black Back-Ups*. Her "The Bridge Poem" appears in *This Bridge Called My Back: Writings by Radical Women of Color*. She is a recipient of the Rose Low Rome Memorial Poetry Prize and the Grolier Poetry Prize. Her work has appeared in numerous anthologies and journals such as *Callaloo*. Ms. Rushin has read at poetry festivals, judged poetry for contests and led workshops for the Omega Institute for Holistic Studies and Cave Canem Foundation.

She was an adjunct professor and visiting writer at Wesleyan University, where she also directed the Center of African-American Studies. She currently teaches creative writing at the Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts. She received her B.A. from Oberlin College and her M.F.A. from Brown University and is a former fellow of The Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown and a graduate fellow of Cave Canem Foundation.

**Also: Open Mike: Poetry of or about African-Americans**



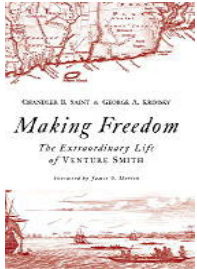
**Saturday, Feb. 6 – 2:00 p.m. - Main Reading Room "Images of African-American Art"** presented

by students (children and adults) of **Goldsmith's Gallery** of Waterbury. Each participant will present a brief illustrated talk on a selected artist and show his or her own interpretation of that artist's style. The students' work (roughly 10 to 12 examples) will be left on display in the library.

**Thursday, Feb. 11 - 6:00 p.m. – Auditorium Sisters to Sisters Book Discussion Group** – Reading and discussion of *The Wake of the Wind* - J. California Cooper, *The Someday List* - Stacy Hawkins Adams, *Saved Folk in the House* - Sonnie Beverly, *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust* - Immaculee Ilibagiza, *The Pursuit of Happiness*; Chris Gardner

**Tuesday, Feb 16 - 6:30 p.m. - Auditorium – Book Talk and Signing : *Making Freedom: The***

***Extraordinary Life of Venture Smith* by Chandler B. Saint and George A. Krimsky.**



Chandler B. Saint is an historian and preservationist who has documented the life and times of Venture Smith and preserved his farmstead. While a studio art major at Wesleyan University in the 1960's, he met Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; Malcolm X and James L. Farmer. Influenced by these giants, he later served with Pete Seeger in the civil rights movement in the New England.

With a Connecticut family legacy dating back more than 300 years, Mr. Saint has devoted his life to preserving historic sites and artifacts. In 1997 he led the effort to save the Litchfield birthplace of Harriet Beecher Stowe and her brother Rev. Henry Ward Beecher from the wrecking ball and to establish their homestead as the core of the Beecher House Center for the Study of Equal Rights of which he is president.

He has also served as a consultant in art fraud and authenticity to the U.S. Justice Department and other law

enforcement

agencies in the United States and Europe.

**George A. Krimsky** began his career at the *Waterbury Republican* in 1966 and rejoined the paper after a distinguished career in international journalism. He spent 16 years with the Associated Press, capping his work in the Middle East and Soviet Union by serving as head of AP World Services in New York from 1979 to 1985. He co-founded the Center for Foreign Journalists and served as its president for 11 years, helping develop a free press in the four former Soviet republics of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. Mr. Krimsky was cited for the Yankee Quill Award as a stellar foreign reporter and bureau chief for the Associated Press, advocating for free press principles around the world, and for his contributions to local journalism.

**Saturday, Feb. 20 - 2:00 p.m. - Main Reading Room - Tribute to Paul Robeson Concert - Michael Butler, soloist**



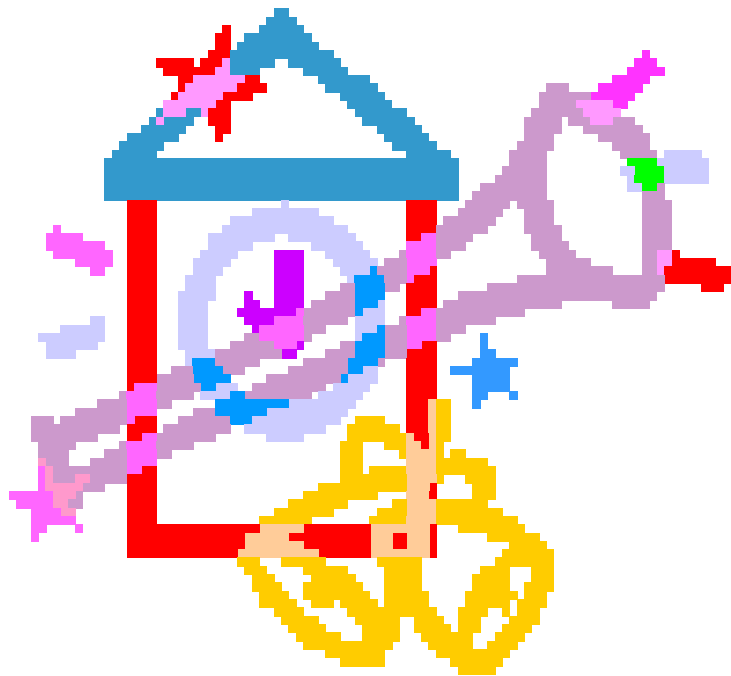
**Michael Butler** has sung with Mt. Olive Zion AME Church Choir over the last 30 years, having rendered his first solo performance there in 1977. He gave solo performances with the Fundamental Baptist Tabernacle, in Los Angeles, CA (1982-87) and on tour in Southern California with the Jazz Gospel Ensemble of San Diego Mesa College (1978-79). He is well-known for his solo performances at private functions and various events throughout Connecticut, including the David English Tribute, celebrating Mr. English's 40-year career of promoting Gospel music in the Northeast.

Having earned a diploma from the Connecticut School of Broadcasting and a certificate in Broadcast Communications from New York University, Mr. Butler has worked as a documentary voice-over artist for various MacArthur Foundation films

produced by the Broadcast Department of NYU.

**Tuesday, Feb. 23 - 6:30 p.m. - Auditorium - Black Veterans Program** – Speakers to be announced.

**HAPPY**



**NEW YEAR**

# “The Earth Sings”

January 12, 2010

Tuesday - 6:30 p.m.

Silas Bronson Library  
Children’s Room 2nd Floor



with  
**Nancy Tucker**

This award-winning recording artist, former biology teacher and veterinary nurse, blends squeaky clean comedy, guitar melodies, and songs in a celebration of the Earth’s beauty. The audience learns fun facts from the “Insect Whisperer” and takes on a natural stewardship applying knowledge, imagery, and laughter.

Performances are recommended for children four and up.  
All programs are free, but registration is requested.

Stop by the second floor or call Children’s Services  
at 203-574-8212 to register.

Funding for all Children’s programs is provided by the Friends of the Library.

# SUPPORT YOUR LIBRARY JOIN THE FRIENDS

The Friends are dedicated to promoting Library services by providing equipment and programs, especially those for children.

New members are most welcome. Friends meet February, April, June, August, October, and December at the Main Library on the second Tuesday, at 3:30 p.m.

Individual membership: **\$25.00** per year; patrons **\$50.00**; seniors **\$15.00**

Mail application plus check to :

The Friends of the Silas Bronson Library

P.O. Box 2853

Waterbury, CT 06723



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# Happy Happy 2010

## \*Upcoming Attractions at the SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY\*

February 1	Sisters to Sisters Book Club 7pm Board Room	February 16	“Making Freedom: The Extraordinary Life of Venture Smith” Book Talk and Signing with Chandler B. Saint 6:30pm Auditorium.
February 3	“Calling all poets” hosted by Victoria Munoz 6:30pm Auditorium.	February 20	“Tribute to Paul Robeson Concert” with Michael Butler soloist 2:00pm Main Reading Room.
February 6	“Images of African Art” by Students of Goldsmith Gallery of Waterbury 2:00pm Main Reading Room.	February 23	“Black Veterans Program” 6:30pm Auditorium.
February 9	Friends of the Library meeting 3:30pm Board	February 23	Board of Agents meeting 4:00pm Board Room
February 11	Sisters to Sisters Book Club 6:00pm Auditorium	February 23	“Having Fun with Fossils and Dinosaurs” featuring Paulette Morin 6:30pm Children’s Room.
February 12	Library Closed for Abraham Lincoln’s Birthday		
February 15	Library Closed for President’s Day		

*Books & Happenings*  
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**WATERBURY, CT 06702**  
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### Hours

<b>Main Library Hours</b>	<b>Bunker Hill Branch</b>
203 574-8225	203 574-8240
203-574-8226 TTY/TDD	Tues. 1pm – 8pm
Mon. thru Thurs. 9am - 8pm	Thurs. 10am - 5:30pm
Friday 9am - 5:30pm	Saturday 10am - 2:00pm
Saturday 10am - 2pm	