Share Your Story
For every person who loves libraries, there is a story about what the library means to them. We want to collect and share those stories. Is the library important to you? Do you have a story to tell? From happy memories of visiting the Silas Bronson Library during your childhood, to more recent experiences in which our librarians helped you learn how to use a tablet, or in which you were able to find a job using one of our computers, we want to hear about it! For more information about sharing your story, see page 6 of this newsletter.

National Library Week
During National Library Week, April 10-16, we will be offering a robust roster of free public programs, from tours of the library and a workshop on how to use your library card online, to craft demonstrations, to story times for kids. The week-long celebration will culminate on Saturday, April 16, when the library will be buzzing with programs and activities. We hope you will join us for our celebration of the library’s services and resources. See page 5 for the program schedule.

Spring Break Week
During the week of April 17-23, when the Waterbury Public Schools are on Spring Break, our Children’s Services Division will be offering special daily programs to help keep the kids entertained and educated. See page 6 for the program schedule.

eNews
We now offer email subscriptions to our monthly newsletter, news about upcoming programs, and more. Visit our website, bronsonlibrary.org, to sign up.
Readers’ Garden Bookstore

Happy Spring Everyone! What better way to celebrate than to pick up some great sports books at bargain prices. Read about the lives of sports greats DiMaggio, Mantle, and Ruth in beautiful, large books with many photos.

Are you interested in reading about the events that took place the year you were born? We have just that book for you. It is called the World Book year Book, and we have these books from 1964 through 1980. You will find them on our sale table priced at 75¢ each.

Our featured authors this month are Nelson DeMille and Ann Perry; these books are priced at 50¢ for hardcover, 10¢ and 25¢ for paperback. We’ve also added some beautiful, large books of varying subject matter to our sale table. Check us out, and please tell your friends about us. As always, we appreciate your support; all proceeds benefit the library.

Members’ Meeting

All members of the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library are invited to attend our next meeting on Tuesday, April 12, at 3 p.m.

Open House Reception

Please join us (and bring a friend!) for our first Open House Reception on Thursday, April 28, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the library’s auditorium. Library Director Raechel Guest will speak about library programs and services supported by the Friends. We will also be sharing information about membership in and volunteer opportunities with the Friends of the Library. Refreshments will be served. No RSVP required.

Give Local

We will be participating in the Connecticut Community Foundation’s Give Local online fundraising campaign, May 3-4. Every dollar donated will be stretched with bonus funds provided by the Connecticut Community Foundation and their generous sponsors. To donate, visit givelocalccf.org.
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 on the table.

COMMUNITY SCRABBLE GAMES
Saturdays, 1 p.m.
Main Reading Room
Join a team, or bring one of your own. Learn to play, or sharpen your skills. Boards provided.

SISTERS TO SISTERS BOOK CLUB
Monday, April 4, 6 p.m.
Auditorium
This month’s book is Black Orchid Blues, by Persia Walker, The Sisters to Sisters book club meets on the first Monday of the month. New members are welcome to join the discussion.

CALLING ALL POETS (...and poetry lovers)
Wednesday, April 6, 6:30 p.m.
Auditorium
It’s time for our annual Poetry Slam! Ernie Blue, a master teacher in the art of performance poetry, will host this year’s slam.

AN AFTERNOON WITH THE GILLETSES AND SHERLOCK HOLMES
Saturday, April 9, 1 p.m.
Auditorium
Actors Harold & Theodora Niver bring William Gillette and his wife Helen to life in an entertaining and informative performance. Gillette, whose Castle in East Haddam is part of a state park, shaped our image of Sherlock Holmes with his portrayal of the legendary sleuth on stage and in film more than a century ago.

J.A.M. CONCERT
Saturday, April 23, 2 p.m.
Main Reading Room
The Ken Nigro Band and soloist Fran McIntyre treat us to a Jazz Appreciation Month Concert co-sponsored by the American Federation of Musicians Local 186.

SATURDAY MATINEE:
GENTLEMEN PREFER BLONDES
Saturday, April 30, 2 p.m.
Auditorium
In this month’s musical is the classic Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell escapade from 1953, featuring the popular song “Diamonds Are A Girl’s Best Friend.”

DAKOTA NEUMON ART
Gallery
Milford artist Dakota Neumon exhibits examples of her realist art. Neumon is a young, emerging artist in the academic tradition.

DREAM CATCHERS AND BEADWORK
Display Case
Canadian-born Mohawk Robert Kasparek displays Tribal Nation and Canadian artworks, and his original beadwork designs, dream catchers, and jewelry.

EXHIBITS IN APRIL
### Adult Programs, cont.

**AARP Free Tax Prep**  
Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
*East Wing Computer Classroom*  
AARP volunteers offer their services to answer questions and prepare tax returns for seniors and low-income taxpayers. First come, first serve. Ends April 12.

**SCORE Business Mentoring**  
Thursdays, 10 a.m.  
*By appointment only*  
Volunteer business counselors are available by appointment to mentor entrepreneurs and small business owners. To learn more, visit our website at bronsonlibrary.org/score.

**Brass City Toastmasters**  
Monday, April 4, 6 - 7:30 p.m.  
Monday, April 18, 6 - 7:30 p.m.  
*Auditorium*  
The Brass City Toastmasters’ mission is to empower individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders. Meetings are open to all interested parties.

**Foreclosure Prevention Clinic**  
Thursday, April 21, 5 - 7 p.m.  
*Auditorium*  
Neighborhood Housing Services of Waterbury (NHSW) will lead this free workshop at the library. Call NHSW to register at 203-753-1896, x10. Walk-ins also welcome.

### Museum Pass Program

Free and reduced price admissions to more than a dozen cultural attractions are available to our library patrons. Visit our website to print passes at home, or visit the Reference Desk at the library.

- American Clock & Watch Museum  
- Barker Character Comic & Cartoon Museum  
- Barnum Museum  
- Beardsley Zoo  
- Connecticut Science Center  
- Connecticut State Parks & Forests  
- Connecticut's Old State House  
- EverWonder Children's Museum  
- Imagine Nation  
- Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk  
- Mark Twain House  
- Mattatuck Museum Art & History Center  
- Mystic Aquarium  
- New Haven Museum  
- Peabody Museum of Natural History  
- Wadsworth Atheneum  
- White Memorial Conservation Center

*More passes will be added soon. Check our website for details.*

### Teen/Young Adult Programs

**Teen Game Time**  
Thursday, April 7, 3 - 5 p.m.  
*Auditorium*  
Bring a friend, or come alone and make new friends. A variety of popular board games, card games, and more will be provided, along with snacks. Teens only!

**Teen Movie Matinee**  
Thursday, April 28, 3 - 5 p.m.  
*Auditorium*  
Join us for an afternoon showing of *The Maze Runner* (2014). This is the first in a series based on the series of young adult science fiction books by James Dashner.
**LIBRARY TOURS**
Monday, April 11
*Front Lobby*
Join our Librarians for a tour of the library at 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., or 6 p.m.

**ALICE IN WONDERLAND**
Tuesday, April 12, 6 p.m.
*Children’s Room*
The Hampstead Stage Company presents a theatrical adaptation of Lewis Carroll’s immortal classic.

**COME SEE WHAT I SAW**
Wednesday, April 13, 3 p.m.
*Auditorium*
Local craft artist Ken Killer demonstrates his use of a scroll saw to create wood ornaments out of Christmas tree trunks.

**TEEN BOOK SPEED DATING**
Thursday, April 14, 3 - 5 p.m.
*Teen/YA Corner*
Looking for a good book? Don’t want to take one home, only to find out you don’t like it? Try our speed dating event to match teens with books you’ll want to read.

**JAMMING IN YOUR PJS**
Thursday, April 14, 6 p.m.
*Children’s Room*
“Pajama” story time for ages 3 - 7; bring your favorite teddy bear, wear your PJs, and jam with music, songs, & stories!

**LUNCH & LEARN: HISTORY OF THE LIBRARY**
Friday, April 15, 12 p.m.
*Auditorium*
Library Director Raechel Guest presents an illustrated history of the Silas Bronson Library. Bring a bag lunch; coffee will be provided.

**CHILDREN’S ROOM CELEBRATION**
Saturday, April 16, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Children’s Room*
Waterbury’s civic & community leaders will read their favorite children’s books. Crafts, face painting, and other fun activities will also be available.

**COLORING BOOKS FOR GROWNUPS**
Saturday, April 16, 10 a.m.
*Main Reading Room*
Coloring books aren’t just for kids anymore! Join us for the launch of our newest program.

**DIRECTOR’S TOUR**
Saturday, April 16, 11 a.m.
*Front Lobby*
Library Director Raechel Guest leads a tour of the library’s resources and artwork.

**YOUR LIBRARY CARD ON-LINE**
Saturday, April 16, 12 p.m.
*Computer Classroom*
Find out how to access eBooks, research databases, and more online using your Silas Bronson Library card.

**JIGSAW PUZZLE COMPETITION**
Saturday, April 16, 1 - 4 p.m.
*Main Reading Room*
Teams of up to 6 can compete to see how much of a 550 piece puzzle they can finish in 3 hours. Register at the Reference Desk.

**DAILY ACTIVITIES**
Community Jigsaw Puzzles
Scavenger Hunt
Library Card Signup
**Share Your Story**

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**Libraries Transform**

Libraries are about more than just books. Libraries are centers of knowledge and learning, places where everyone is able to seek out information. Whether you’re rich, poor, or somewhere in between, whether you’re young or old, whether you’re at the peak of your career, just starting out, or just starting over, libraries can enrich your life and give you the tools you need to transform your life.

All Waterbury residents, past and present, are invited to share their stories of the Silas Bronson Library having a positive impact on their lives.

**How to Share Your Story**

**Online:** bronsonlibrary.org/share

**Mail:** Share Your Story, Silas Bronson Library, 267 Grand Street, Waterbury, CT 06702

**When to Share Your Story**

Anytime! There is no deadline; we will keep sharing your stories for as long as you keep sharing them with us.

**What Happens to My Story?**

We will share your story online and/or in print, and we will save a copy in our archives. We may edit your story for spelling, if needed.

**What About My Privacy?**

We will use only your first name when we share your story. We will use your image only if you send us a photo of yourself. If you prefer to remain anonymous, just let us know, and we will not share your name or image with the public.

**Children’s Programs: Spring Break Week**

**LEGO Special**

Monday, April 18, 3 - 5 p.m.

Children’s Room

Build and display your own LEGO creation, using the Library’s LEGO collection.

**The All-American Boy: Lessons and Stories on Life from Wrestling Legend Bob Backlund**

Tuesday, April 19, 5 p.m.

Children’s Room

Bob Backlund, former WWE Hall of Fame Wrestling Champion, will speak about his life and his book.

**Bookmark Art**

Wednesday, April 20, 3 - 5 p.m.

Children’s Room

Show your bookmark-making skill by creating your own unique bookmark. Materials will be provided.

**Games Day**

Thursday, April 21, 3 - 5 p.m.

Children’s Room

Are you a gamer? Don’t stay home playing video games by yourself; put down the console and come play some classic board games at the Library.

**Magitricity**

Friday, April 22, 3 p.m.

Main Reading Room

An Earth Day Magic Show about energy and climate change for all ages.

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**Children’s Programs, cont.**

**STORYTIME PLUS**  
Tuesdays, 10 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.

**Babies and Books**  
Wednesdays, 10 a.m.  
*Picture Books Room*  
Enjoy lullabies, nursery rhymes, finger plays, bounces, and sign language. Best with one child per adult.  
For children age 24 months and under.  
No registration required.

**Mother Goose**  
Thursdays, 10 a.m.  
*Auditorium*  
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.

**41st Annual Poetry Contest**  
March 2 - April 16  
Open to all children in Grades 1 to 8 who live in Waterbury or attend school in Waterbury. Entries are due by 4 p.m. on April 16.

Registration forms and contest rules are available in our Children’s Room, at the Bunker Hill Branch, at the Waterbury Public Schools, and on our website, bronsonlibrary.org/kids.

**Let’s Go LEGO!**  
Monday, April 25, 6 p.m.  
*Children’s Room*  
If you like building with LEGO’s, then you’ll love “Let’s Go LEGO!” The program is held on the last Monday of the month. LEGO’s are provided. For ages 6 to 12.  
No registration required.

**Saturday Morning Kids’ Movie**  
Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m.  
*Auditorium*  
This month’s movie is *Happy Feet*. Snacks for the kids and coffee for the adults will be provided.

**Class Visits to the Library**

The Children’s Services Division offers programs, resources, and experiences that encourage and support children’s growth, development, and education from birth to 8th grade. Our Librarians welcome Waterbury teachers, daycare providers, and homeschool tutors.

To arrange a date and time for your class visit to the library, please call the Children’s Services Division at 203-574-8212. Please register at least 3 weeks in advance. The program runs from September through June.
**Silas Bronson Library**

**Library Hours**

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**Library Closings**

There are no scheduled Library Closings in April.

**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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