Thank You to Our Volunteers

The library had several major programs and projects this fall, from the Waterbury Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony to Mardi Gross to moving the books out of the Children’s Room. We are grateful to all of the volunteers who helped make them possible: the library’s Board of Agents; Friends of the Silas Bronson Library; the library’s Anime Club; realtors from the Greater Waterbury Board of Realtors; John Bale Book Company; Literacy Volunteers of Greater Waterbury; UnGroup Society; and Rivera & Hughes South End Cheerleaders.

Winter Weather Closings

The library and the Bunker Hill Branch are normally still open when there is a school cancellation or delay. We are closed only when the Mayor closes City offices due to weather, or if there is extremely severe weather after 5 p.m. or on Saturday. Weather closings will be posted on our website and social media accounts. You can sign up for email alerts for weather-related closings at www.bronsonlibrary.org/emailsignup.

Renovation Updates

The Children’s Room project will be finished in early January. Funding for the project was provided by the Elisha Leavenworth Foundation, the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library, the Silas Bronson Fund, and the City of Waterbury Document Preservation Fund.

Work on renovating the front plaza continues and should be finished in January. Funding has been provided by a Community Development Block Grant, the CT Department of Economic & Community Development, and the Bronson Fund.

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Readers’ Garden Bookstore

Hi, Hope everyone had a safe and healthy autumn and enjoyed the very warm weather. Please browse our bookstore to view the many holiday items now available for sale - hard covers, paperbacks, holiday crafts books and cookbooks as well as CDs.

Winter has arrived and our thoughts turn to indoor projects; it’s also a great time to catch up on our reading. During January, our sales tables will feature books on the Civil War, biographies, and some lovely large, coffee table books, as well as featured authors and books on woodworking. And what would February be without a celebration of Valentine’s Day? So, romance novels will share the sales tables with books on travel, history, and general non-fiction. In addition, our sales tables always include books on various subject matters as a result of book donations made to the Friends.

Bookstore Survey

We are very interested in your opinion of our bookstore, so look for our suggestion box which will be available in the near future. The box will contain cards where you can write your suggestions, views, requests, etc. We will respond on the back of the card; after you have viewed our response, simply remove the card. This process offers privacy as there is no need to sign the cards. Thanks to all who continue to support the Friends of the Library Readers Garden Book Store. Proceeds support the Library’s many programs, services and projects.

Book Donations

If you would like to donate books, please call the library at 203-574-8222 to schedule a delivery time.

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, such as the recent refurbishment of the library’s second floor. Donations to the Friends may be sent to us at P.O. Box 2853, Waterbury, CT 06723.
Friends of the Library Winter Book Sale

Thursday, December 14, 9 a.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Friday, December 15, 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Saturday, December 16, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Main Reading Room

Stock up on books for the winter at this special three-day sale, and buy a vintage library chair to sit in while you read! The Friends of the Library will be selling hundreds of former library books to raise funds for the Silas Bronson Library. Included in the sale are Midcentury Modern armchairs by famed designer Jens Risom, originally acquired by the library in 1964. The sale will be held during regular library hours. Cash and check only.

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.

Volunteers Welcome!

Volunteer activities include assisting with the bookstore, public outreach, advocacy, and serving on the Friends’ Board. Call the library at 203-574-8222 to find out more.
**WATERBURY B.R.A.S.S. CLASSES**

The Silas Bronson Library offers computer classes for Waterbury seniors through the B.R.A.S.S. program at the Waterbury Senior Center on East Main Street and at the Mount Olive Senior Center. All Waterbury seniors ages 60 and over are welcome to participate.

For more information about the Senior Center, call (203) 574-6746.

The library also offers B.R.A.S.S. computer classes at the Bunker Hill Branch, thanks to a grant from the Connecticut Community Foundation.

Waterbury B.R.A.S.S. is a collaboration between the City of Waterbury, Connecticut Community Foundation, New Opportunities, Inc., and Western Connecticut Area on Aging, working together to engage residents ages 60 and over. B.R.A.S.S. offers a range of opportunities and programs to help Waterbury become a great place to grow older.

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

Tuesdays, 2 p.m. December 5 – February 27

Bunker Hill Branch

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.

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**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.

**INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT OFFICE 2010**

Wednesdays, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
December 6 - February 28

Computer Classroom

Learn to enter data and format Microsoft Office documents. This weekly class will feature instruction on using Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

Learn to navigate MS Word tabs on the ribbon to create sophisticated documents with a few clicks.

Create and format extraordinary slide presentations using PowerPoint.

Learn to use Microsoft Excel, a powerful spreadsheet program and a plus in the business world. Learn the basics – including inputting, formatting, manipulating data and formulae, and spreadsheet design.

Excellent mouse and keyboard skills are required for all Microsoft classes. No registration required.
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.

COLORING FOR ADULTS
Every Saturday, 10 a.m. -12 p.m.
Main Reading Room
Coloring for adults is a way to relax and express creativity. We provide the pages and coloring pencils. Participants take their work home to enjoy and show their friends!

SISTERS TO SISTERS BOOK CLUB
First Monday of the month, 6 p.m.
Mezzanine
Celebrating 20 years, the Sisters to Sisters Book Club welcomes new members.

December 4: Before I Forget by Leonard Pitts
January 8: The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

February Movie Night: Belle
Thursday, February 1, 5:30 - 8 p.m.
Snow Date: Thursday, February 15

BRASS CITY TOASTMASTERS
Monday, December 11, January 8 & 22, February 12 & 26, 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.

FRIENDS OF THE SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY
Second Tuesday of the month, 4 p.m.
December 12, January 9, February 13
Mezzanine
Open to all members of the Friends. Find out how you can get involved and help support the library.

SCORE BUSINESS MENTORING
Thursdays, 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 p.m.
By appointment only
Mezzanine
Volunteer business counselors are available by appointment to mentor entrepreneurs and small business owners. To learn more, visit our website at bronsonlibrary.org/score or call 203-574-8225.

CHESS MEETUP
Third Thursday of the month, 6 p.m.
December 21, January 18, February 15
Auditorium
Chess players are invited to come to the library to share their love of the game, meet new chess players, and play chess. All ages welcome.
**BRASS BOOK CLUB @ THE BRANCH**
Fourth Thursday of the month, 11:30 a.m.
Bunker Hill Branch, 192 Bunker Hill Avenue

Seniors 60+ are invited to join us for a monthly book discussion. Please call us at 203-574-8225 to R.S.V.P. by the Tuesday before we meet. Copies of the books will be available at the library.

December 28: *The Welcome Committee of Butternut Creek* by Jane Myers Perrine
January 25: *The Shoemaker’s Wife* by Adriana Trigiani
February 22: *Big Little Lies* by Liane Moriarty

**WINTER PUZZLE CONTEST**
Saturday, January 20, 1-3 p.m.
Snow Date: January 27
Main Reading Room

Teams of up to 6 people compete to see how much of a 550-piece puzzle they can finish in 2 hours. Pre-registration required. Call 203-574-8225 to R.S.V.P.

**IN THE TRADITION...**
Tuesday, February 6, 7:00 pm
Snow Date: February 13
Main Reading Room

Silas Bronson Librarian Tanya Jackson-Smith tells the story of “The Woman in the Snow,” a story of segregation in the 1950s from *The Dark-Thirty: Southern Tales of the Supernatural*, a Newbery Honor Book and Coretta Scott King Award Winning book by Patricia McKissack.

The daughter of a storyteller and musician, Jackson-Smith became interested in storytelling herself when she studied African Drum and Dance during her undergraduate years at SUNY-Purchase. A lifelong member of the National Association of Black Storytellers, Inc., she has performed with The Akosua African Drum and Dance Troupe of Mount Vernon, NY; Children of the African Diaspora of Las Vegas, NV; and Sounds of Africa Drum & Dance Troupe of the Tri-State area.

**WATERBURY IN WORDS AND PICTURES: POETRY, PROSE AND MUSIC**
Wednesday, January 3, 6:30 p.m.
Main Reading Room

Nicaraguan-born, New York transplant Gus “Ghost” Useda presents some of his thousands of poems in both English and Spanish, intermingled with Latin, Gaelic, Hindi and Greek. Useda will also be exhibiting his artwork at the library during the month of January.

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**Adult Programs**

**CALLING ALL POETS (...and poetry lovers)**
Wednesday, February 7, 6:30 p.m.
Auditorium

Black History poetry and music experiential, hosted by Victoria Muñoz. Poets and musicians are welcome to perform their work on this theme during open mic. Sign-up for spoken word and open mic at 6:20 p.m.

**AFRICAN AMERICAN THEATER**
Thursday, February 8, 6:30 p.m.
Snow Date: February 22
Main Reading Room

Waterbury native Robert B. Laney presents various noteworthy monologues representative of the experiences which have affected the lives of African Americans.

**A BLACK AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR EXPERIENCE**
Saturday, February 17, 2:00 p.m.
Snow Date: February 24, 10 a.m.
Main Reading Room

In this all-ages performance, Kevin Johnson of the Connecticut State Library reenacts the life and times of Jordan Freeman, an African American born in 1732 in Old Lyme, who served during the Revolutionary War.

**BLACK BRASS: “THESE HILLS RAISED ME”**
Wednesday, February 21, 6:30 p.m.
Snow Date: February 28
Main Reading Room

Waterbury native and recently-published illustrator Earl Womack discusses his technique and his evolution as an artist as well as the history of print in Waterbury. Womack’s art will be on view during the month of February.

**Philip V. Benevento Cultural Program for Adults**

**GOING FORTH - BLACK HISTORY MONTH CONCERT**
Saturday, February 24, 2:00 p.m.
Main Reading Room

Jazz pianist Fred Simmons & Friends hook up with Waterbury’s Fran McIntyre, who returns to the Silas Bronson stage for another great performance! Simmons, a jazz piano teacher at Wesleyan University for many years, will present some of his original works along with African American jazz standards.

Fran McIntyre “was singing before she was talking,” according to her dad, Rev. Dewey McIntyre. Having grown up in a musical family, the multitalented singer of Gospel, Jazz, Blues and Pop, educator and humanitarian took voice lessons from an early age and sang in five church choirs, the Waterbury Glee Club and Connecticut Choral Society.
**CAPTURING THE MOMENT: ART BY ANITA GREGORSKI**

*Gallery and Display Cases*

Award-winning artist Anita Gregorski has presented numerous solo exhibits, working in watercolors, oils and acrylic. Her paintings have been accepted in prestigious juried art shows.

A lifelong Connecticut resident, Gregorski paints works that successfully reflect the colors and atmosphere that are so much a part of this landscape. She has also captured both city and rural scenes that have since changed or disappeared.

**DECEMBER EXHIBITS**

**JANUARY EXHIBITS**

**POETIC WATERBURY**

*Gallery*

Mixed media sketches of Waterbury locations as well as surrealistic works by Gus Useda.

**THEOREM ART**

*Display Cases*

Theorem artist Jean Hansen’s trading cards and other works on canvas, velvet and various other fabrics.

**FEBRUARY EXHIBITS**

**ILLUSTRATIONS AND SEQUENTIAL ART**

*Gallery*

Waterbury native and recently published illustrator Earl Womack exhibits his illustrations of prominent African Americans such as Boston Celtic basketball great Bill Russell, jazz singer Nina Simone, and award-winning actor Denzel Washington.

**SIGHTS OF SENEGAL**

*Display Cases*

Woodwork, sculpture, sand paintings, butterfly photos, musical instruments and traditional clothing from the collection of Laverne Campbell, from her five visits to Senegal.
TEEN/YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

TEEN GAME TIME
First Thursdays, December 7, January 4, February 1
4 - 5 p.m.
Mezzanine
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.

TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
First Saturdays, December 2, January 6, February 3, 10 - 11 a.m.
Teen/YA Zone
Snacks will be served. All teens are welcome to join!

ANIME CLUB
Second & Fourth Saturdays,
December 9 & 23, January 13 & 27,
February 10 & 24, 2:30 – 4 p.m.
Auditorium
Teens! Share your love of anime and manga with this new club. Win a prize! Ages 14+ are welcome to join. Snacks will be provided.

TEEN MOVIE MATINEE: THE MARTIAN
Wednesday, December 13, 4 p.m.
Auditorium
In this 2015 film, an astronaut becomes stranded on Mars and must rely on his ingenuity to survive until he can be rescued. Rated PG-13.

TEEN MOVIE MATINEE: WONDER WOMAN
Wednesday, January 17, 4 p.m.
Auditorium
In this 2017 superhero movie, an Amazonian warrior in training leaves her home to fight in World War I. Rated PG-13.

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT
Wednesday, January 24, 6 p.m.
Snow Date: January 31
Auditorium
Find out how to apply for some of the largest scholarship programs; learn important deadlines; and gain key info about financial aid. Presented by America Savings Foundation and Connecticut Community Foundation.

VALENTINE’S CANDY HUNT
Tuesday, February 13, 4 p.m.
Teen/YA Zone
Got Candy? Sign up at the circulation desk to participate in our Teen Valentine’s Candy Hunt. Players will have one-minute intervals to find as much hidden candy as they can.

TEEN MOVIE MATINEE: WHEN WE WERE KINGS
Wednesday, February 21, 4 p.m.
Auditorium
Documentary about the 1974 heavyweight championship boxing match dubbed the “Rumble in the Jungle” between George Foreman and Muhammad Ali. Rated PG.
CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

STORYTIME PLUS
Tuesdays, 10 a.m.
Children’s Room or Auditorium
Children and caregivers will enjoy storytime, 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.

ROBLOX CLUB
Begins January 2
Tuesdays, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Computer Classroom
Roblox players can access games
created by other users or create
games themselves. Ages 5 to 14.

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.

CODING CLUB FOR KIDS
Wednesdays, 3:30 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.

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.

JAMMIE JAMS
Thursdays, 6 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!

TYPING 4 KIDS
Begins February 2
Fridays, 3:30 p.m.
Computer Classroom
Kids of all ages: Learn a valuable
skill - and have fun doing it!

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

LET’S GO LEGO!
Monday, January 29, 6 p.m.
Monday, February 26, 6 p.m.
Children’s Room
If you like building with LEGO,
then you’ll love “Let’s Go LEGO!”
LEGOs are provided. For ages 6 to 12.

SATURDAY MATINEE MOVIES
Second Saturday of the month, 1 p.m.
Children’s Room
December 9: Santa Clause
January 13: The Emoji Movie
February 10: White Water
**Children’s Programs**

**Bronson Bookworms**

Last Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.
Mezzanine
Book club for tweens.
- December 27: *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
- January 31: *The Borrowers* by Mary Norton
- February 28: *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor

**Three Kings Day**

Saturday, January 6, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Children’s Room
Get creative and design a Three Kings Day craft. Come in anytime and be crafty. Design a crown, or make a Three Kings Day card.

**Alphabet Explorers**

Saturday, February 3, 10 - 11 a.m.
Auditorium
This program is for children ages 3-5 with a parent/grandparent or guardian. Families will receive a free book at each session. Space is limited. Call to register: 203-574-8213.

**Take Your Child to the Library Day**

Saturday, February 3, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Children’s Room
Join us for a celebration of the library! We’ll have special activities in the Children’s Room all day. It will be a fun day for the whole family!

**Let Your Voice Be Heard 2**

Saturday, February 10, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Children’s Room
A day for youths to have their voices heard. We will watch a movie and share our thoughts and discover new perspectives. Spoken word, songs are encouraged.

**Valentine’s Day Crafts**

Wednesday, February 14, 10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Children’s Room
Stop in and create a special Valentine’s Day card for someone you love!

**Winter Recess at the Library**

Tuesday, December 26 - Friday, December 29
Children’s Room
No need to stay home all week: stop by the library any time we’re open during the Waterbury Public School’s Winter Recess and enjoy crafts, coloring, LEGO's, and more!

**Winter Reading Club**

December 1 - January 31
Children’s Room
Chill out and read this winter with “Snowball Readers” the Children’s Winter Reading Program for all children from birth through 8th grade. All children who return their completed scorecards by Wednesday, January 31st will be entered into a raffle and receive a free book. Sign up starting Friday, December 1 through Wednesday, January 24 in the children’s room.

**Santa Claus Visits Silas Bronson**

Saturday, December 9, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Children’s Room
Santa Claus will be visiting the Children’s Room! For ages 1 to 12.

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**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 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Friday 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- Saturday 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

*Weather closings will be announced on our website, social media, eblasts, and local news networks.*

**Locations**

**Main Library**
- 267 Grand Street
- Waterbury, CT 06702

**Bunker Hill Branch**
- 192 Bunker Hill Avenue
- Waterbury, CT 06708

**Library Closings**

- Monday, December 25
- Monday, January 1
- Monday, January 15
- Monday & Tuesday, February 19 & 20

**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.

**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

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