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SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGNUP MONTH
Start the school year right—Make sure everyone in the family has their own library card! To get a card for a child, a parent or other legal guardian must bring to the library two forms of ID (such as a driver’s license and a recent bill showing your current Waterbury address).

BANNED BOOKS WEEK
September 22 – 28
Celebrate the First Amendment by reading a banned book! Take a photo with it and we might just share it on our social media (be sure to make your photos public and tag us in them!). Draw a picture or write a brief summary of the book to enter our raffle for a chance to win a prize.

FALL EXHIBITS
Stop by each month for new exhibits in our front lobby display cases and the East Wing gallery wall.

September: Labor-related ephemera from Steve Schrag
Decorative ceramic tiles by Sarah Asplund

October: Western Connecticut State University Art Department

November: Naugatuck Valley Community College Art Department

WATERBURY HALL OF FAME
While we normally hold our annual induction ceremony in the fall for the Waterbury Hall of Fame, no ceremony will be held this year. The library’s Board of Agents has chosen to place the program on a brief hiatus while we revise the nomination form and guidelines. We will continue to accept nominations during this period. All nominations and supporting material are added to our archives for future reference.
New Slate of Officers

At the Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library on July 9, a new slate of officers and directors was elected to lead the Friends. The Friends of the Library meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m.

President: Miki Mackennedy  Secretary: Brenda Brundage  Directors: Barbara Ranando, Alyce Cass, Tricia Bonse  Treasurer: Janet Swift  Janice Hollywood

Message from the President

I am very honored to serve as the 2019-2020 President of the Friends of Silas Bronson Library. The Friends is a very diverse group of people with one important thing in common: a desire to support Silas Bronson Library, its staff and its patrons.

I have volunteered for many things throughout the years, joining friends to knit hats for newborns, doing fundraising walks, co-founding a sock drive for the homeless, and taking part in the city’s Cool Waters mural project. I believe in volunteering because it feels good to do good and it offers an opportunity to make a difference while trying something new and connecting with other people.

When I noticed the opportunity to volunteer take part in the Silas Bronson library book sale last year, I thought it would be the perfect blend of supporting my community and one of my greatest passions: books!

The book sale highlighted the need to attract even more volunteers not only because many hands make light work but also for their ideas, their motivation and their inspiration.

One of my main goals is to grow our group and increase diversity in order to better represent and impact our community. Which is why I’d like to take the opportunity to invite you all to bring your enthusiasm, ideas and organizational skills and join us. While I encourage you to join, you do not need to be a paid member of the Friends to attend a meeting; they are open to the public and all are welcome.

I look forward to a very successful year and hope to have an opportunity to meet many of you.

~ Miki Mackennedy

It was a great experience; I got to know so many of the wonderful people that work at the library, the Friends of the Silas Bronson and many other volunteers. It was also a LOT of work.
Readers’ Garden Bookstore

Hi. Hope everyone had a safe, wonderful summer!

The bookstore continues with books and other items in the front lobby and in the East Wing.

If you are interested in volunteering or helping the Friends, please email bronsonlibrary@waterburyct.org or call (203) 574-8222. You can also connect with us on Facebook (@SBLfriends).

A special Thank you to all our amazing volunteers who dedicate their valuable time and organizational efforts and also to all who continue to support the Friends of the Library Readers Garden Bookstore. All proceeds support the Library’s many programs, services and projects. As always, your support is most appreciated.

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.

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.

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.
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, Google Apps, and general computer skills for beginners.

Sept. 4, 1 p.m. Computer Basics
Sept. 11, 1 p.m. Microsoft Word for Beginners
Sept. 18, 1 p.m. Email & Internet Basics
Sept. 25, 1 p.m. Online learning tutorials

Oct. 2, 1 p.m. Computer Basics
Oct. 9, 1 p.m. Microsoft Word for Beginners
Oct. 16, 1 p.m. Google Apps
Oct. 23, 1 p.m. Save & Share Photos
Oct. 30, 1 p.m. Library Resources Online

Nov. 6, 1 p.m. Computer Basics
Nov. 13, 1 p.m. Microsoft Word for Beginners
Nov. 20, 1 p.m. Email & Internet Basics
Nov. 27, 1 p.m. Bring a topic/questions 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
September 5 - November 21
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 circulation 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.
September 9 & 23, October 28, November 25
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.

SISTERS TO SISTERS BOOK CLUB
First Monday of the month, 6 p.m.
Mezzanine
New members welcome. Two books will be discussed in September.
   Sept. 9: Becoming by Michelle Obama and An American Marriage by Tayari Jones
   Oct. 7: 16 Lighthouse Road by Debbie Macomber
   Nov. 4: The Proposal by Jasmine Guillory

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. Copies of the books will be available at the library.
   Sept. 26: Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman
   Oct. 24: A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles
   Nov. 21: A Piece of the World by Christina Baker Kline

FRIENDS OF THE SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY
Tuesdays, Sept. 17, October 8, November 12, 6 p.m.
Mezzanine
Open to all members of the Friends. Find out how you can get involved and help support the library.

203-574-8200  bronsonlibrary.org
MEET & GREET WITH JOAN JOYCE AND TONY RENZONI

CONNECTICUT SOFTBALL LEGEND JOAN JOYCE
Saturday, September 14, 2 p.m.
Main Reading Room
Meet the legendary athlete Joan Joyce and purchase a copy of Tony Renzoni’s new book about her, Connecticut Softball Legend Joan Joyce. A Waterbury native, Joan Joyce is considered by many to be one of the greatest female athletes of all time.

If you purchase a copy of Renzoni’s book at the event, you will also receive an autographed photo of Joan Joyce; if you purchase more than one book, you will receive two autographed photos. Additionally, if you purchase a copy of the book at the event, Joyce will also sign one item you bring, such as a glove or softball.

RESILIENCE
Friday, September 13, 2 p.m.
Main Reading Room
Local author Carol Gee will discuss her book, Resilience, and her recovery from depression. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

TALL AND SHORT TALES OF MY HOMETOWN
Saturday, September 28, 2 p.m.
Main Reading Room
Actor Carmine Capobianco shares his entertaining stories of life in Waterbury during the 20th century. Copies of his book, Tall and Short Tales of My Hometown, will be available for purchase and signing. Copies of his newest book, The Rude Pen, will also be available.

THE UFO EXPERIENCE
Saturday, October 12, 2 p.m.
Main Reading Room
Stephen Spignesi presents an illustrated program which includes rare photographs of UFOs and other aerial phenomena and is based on his book, The Big Book of UFO Facts, Figures, & Truth.

STEPHEN KING, AMERICAN MASTER
Saturday, November 9, 2 p.m.
Main Reading Room
Celebrate Stephen King with best-selling author Stephen Spignesi, the “world’s leading authority” on Stephen King. Spignesi will present an illustrated lecture about the famed horror writer, based on his book about King’s life, career, and his impact on American Literature.
Note: rescheduled from 9/21.
CLASSICAL PIANO CONCERT
Monday, September 30, 6:30 p.m.
Main Reading Room
Pianist Konstantza Chernov will perform an evening of classical music, playing selections from Rachmaninoff and Schumann. Dr. Chernov is an active soloist and chamber musician who has performed extensively throughout the United States and Europe. She teaches at the Queens College Aaron Copland School of Music.

HOW TO WRITE YOUR RESUME
Monday, September 16, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 8, 2 p.m.
Main Reading Room
Cindy Peterson from the Goodwill Career Center will discuss how to write a resume.

FIESTA DEL NORTE!
Tuesday, September 24, 6:30 p.m.
Main Reading Room
Mariachi band Fiesta del Norte will play a selection of traditional folk and popular Mexican music. Dressed in sombreros and “charro” outfits, their repertoire spans from the Mariachis of Jalisco to the Nortenas of Chihuahua down to the Marimba music of Chiapas. Played on authentic instruments, accompanied by singing, the performance includes song translations, storytelling, and cultural insights.

The Philip V. Benevento Fund for Cultural Programs 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 Library.
CHESS CLUB
First and third Saturday of the month, 2:30 - 4 p.m.
September 21, October 5 & 19, November 2 & 16
Auditorium
Chess players share their love of the game, meet new chess players, or learn the game.

ANIME CLUB
Second and fourth Saturday of the month, 2:30 p.m.
September 14 & 28, October 12 & 26, November 9 & 23
Auditorium
Share your love of anime and manga with this club. Win a prize!
Snacks provided. Suggested age: 13+

JIGSAW PUZZLE CONTEST
Thursday, October 3, 6:30 p.m.
Main Reading Room
Combine your skills with those of your friends to complete a 550 piece jigsaw puzzle. Sign up your team at the reference desk to reserve a puzzle for the contest. Call 203-574-8225 to R.S.V.P.

MOVIES @ THE LIBRARY
Last Wednesday of the month, 4 p.m.
Auditorium
September 25: Avengers End Game
October 30: Godzilla: King of Monster
November 27: The Public

All movies are rated PG-13 and may not be suitable for young children.

HORROR MOVIE MARATHON
Wednesday, October 9, 2 p.m.
Auditorium
Get in the mood for Halloween with these recent horror movies: Escape Room, Happy Death Day 2U, and Brightburn. Not suitable for children.
Please note that Brightburn is rated R.
The four-part Netflix series, When They See Us, tells the story of five boys wrongly convicted of raping a jogger in Central Park in 1989. The series has launched a public discussion about racism and the criminal justice system.

Join the Silas Bronson Library and The Ungroup Society in September for a series of community conversations about criminal justice reform happening today in Connecticut.

We will screen each episode before the conversation.

**Thursday, September 5**
5:30 p.m. Episode One
6:30 p.m. Racial Profiling and “Fair & Impartial Police” Training

**Thursday, September 12**
5:30 p.m. Episode Two
6:45 p.m. Criminal Justice Reform

**Thursday, September 19**
5:30 p.m. Episode Three
6:45 p.m. Rebuilding Your Life After Prison

**Thursday, September 26**
5:00 p.m. Episode Four
6:30 p.m. Prison Reform in Connecticut

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**WATERBURY ROUNDTABLE: HISTORIC PRESERVATION**
Thursday, October 24, 6:30 p.m.
Auditorium
Learn what you can do to save Waterbury’s historic buildings and monuments from destruction. Light refreshments will be served.

**HOLIDAY MAGIC SHOW**
Wednesday, November 20, 6:30 p.m.
Auditorium
Join us for the magic of Elac Aviles. A Waterbury firefighter by day, Elac turns illusionist at night with electrifying magic and balloon tricks.

**ANIME MOVIE MATINEE**
Saturday, November 30, 2:30 p.m.
Auditorium
Join us for some popcorn and Dragon Ball Super: Broly. Rated PG.
TEEN/YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Second Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.
September 11, October 9, November 13
Teen Zone
Bring your ideas to a brainstorming session on what YOU want at the library. Snacks provided.

TEEN BOOK TO SCREEN CLUB
Last Thursday of the month, 5 p.m.
Teen Zone
Read the books that inspired the movies & TV shows. For ages 13-19 only. Snacks provided.

Sept. 26: The Golden Compass by Philip Pullman
Oct. 24: Shadow and Bone by Leigh Bardugo
Nov. 21: The Perfectionists by Sara Shepard

TEEN CHOC-OLYMPICS
Wednesday, September 11, 6:30 p.m.
Auditorium
Bring your A game to the Silas Bronson Library Choc-Olympics. Events include Oreo Stacking, Bowling for Chocolate and the Kit Kat Slide.

MAKE YOUR OWN MUSIC VIDEO
Monday, October 7, 6 p.m.
Teen Zone
Create your own 30-second music video! Perfect for future filmmakers. Registration is required.

ADULTING 101
Thursday, October 10, 6 p.m.
Teen Zone
Learn how to be an adult, with tips on how to stay organized, send a letter, write a check, and more!

TEEN PUMPKIN PAINTING
Wednesday, October 16, 6 p.m.
Teen Zone
Make your own fall decoration and paint a pumpkin! Ages 14+.
Registration is required.

SPOOKY LANTERNS
Saturday, October 26, 10 a.m.
Mezzanine
Using just a few household items (provided by us), make your own spooky lantern to take home just in time for Halloween. Registration is required.

MARDI GROSS / HALLOWEEN COMICFEST
Saturday, October 26, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Building-Wide
It’s not just for little kids -- come in costume and have some Halloween fun at the library!

TEEN 3D PRINTING
Monday, November 25, 5:30 p.m.
Computer Classroom
Learn how to use our new 3D printer, then start designing and printing your own creations! Registration is required.
## Children's Programs

### Weekly Programs

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<td>Family Meetup</td>
<td>Daily, 11:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Children’s Room</td>
<td>Parents and children meetup and socialize. An informal playdate where all can get a chance to meet new friends and socialize.</td>
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<td>Storytime Plus</td>
<td>Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Children’s Room</td>
<td>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 ages 5 and under. Groups must register three weeks in advance.</td>
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<td>Babies and Books</td>
<td>Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11 a.m.</td>
<td>Picture Book Room</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Coding Club for Kids</td>
<td>Wednesdays, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Computer Classroom</td>
<td>Children of all ages are welcome to join in this club activity. Come learn coding, including HTML and how to program robots.</td>
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<td>Mother Goose</td>
<td>Thursdays, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Children’s Room</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Jammie Jams</td>
<td>Thursdays, 6 - 7 p.m.</td>
<td>Picture Book Room</td>
<td>“Pajama” story time for ages 3 - 7. Bring your favorite teddy bear, wear your PJ's, and jam with music, songs, &amp; stories!</td>
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<td>Roblox Club</td>
<td>Fridays, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Computer Classroom</td>
<td>Roblox players can access games created by other users or create games themselves. Ages 5 to 14.</td>
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### World Book Online

Access World Book for free with your library card! Go to our website, bronsonlibrary.org and click on the links at the bottom left.

The online resource includes an atlas, dictionary, timeline of world events, biographies, science projects, research guides, life skills information, and tools for teachers. The World Book is also available in Spanish as the Enciclopedia Estudiantil Hallazgos.
## Monthly Programs

### Let's Go LEGO!
Last Monday of the month, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
September 30, October 28, November 25
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.

### Movie Time
Second Wednesday of the month, 5 p.m.
Children's Media Room

- September 11: *The Kid Who Would Be King*
- October 9: *The LEGO Movie 2: The Second Part*
- November 13: *Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation*

### Alphabet Explorers
First Saturday of the month, 11 a.m.
October 5, November 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.

### Amazing Math Wizards
Thursday, September 5, 6 p.m.
Children's Room
Explore numbers and shapes in this musical journey through storyland where children will explore math skills based on Common Core Standards.
Ages 8 - 13 yrs.

### Hip Hop Workshop with Tiger
Saturday, September 14, 2 p.m.
Children's Room
Tiger will engage participants in the art of “breakin.”
He provides a positive image and sends a message of healthy living through his fun Hip Hop Workshop.
Learn about the elements of hip-hop culture and its relation to the world today. Funded in part by Arts for Learning CT.

### Connecticut’s Kid Governor
Saturday, September 28, 11 a.m.
Children's Room
Stop by to meet and greet Ella, Connecticut’s Kid Governor, who will do a presentation about her platform on LGBTQ kids, followed by an opportunity to ask her questions.
SURCARI: MUSIC WITH A LATIN BEAT
Thursday, October 10, 6 p.m.
Children’s Room
Learn interactive games and songs in Spanish, based on musical styles and traditions of the Andes, the Spanish Caribbean, Central and South America, Spain and Mexico. Participants will explore diverse carnival traditions through musical instruments and dance.

TALLER DEL DIA DE LOS MUERTOS
DAY OF THE DEAD WORKSHOP
Saturday, October 26, 3 p.m.
Children’s Room
Explore the rich culture of this unique Mexican Holiday hosted by Susan Striker. Hear an engaging story that expresses the heart of the holiday and follow-up with a hands-on activity. Registration is required, call 203-574-8213. Funded by Arts for Learning CT.

HALLOWEEN and ComicFest
15th Annual Mardi Gross
Saturday, October 26
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Free Comic Books
Waterbury Reads StoryMobile
Free Candy
Costume Contests for Kids & Teens
Outdoor Activities
Food Trucks
Scary Stories for Kids
Spooky Crafts
Green Screen Photography
Halloween Movie Marathon
...and More!
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<td><strong>Main Library</strong>&lt;br&gt;267 Grand Street&lt;br&gt;Waterbury, CT 06702&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Bunker Hill Branch</strong>&lt;br&gt;192 Bunker Hill Avenue&lt;br&gt;Waterbury, CT 06708</td>
<td>Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 2&lt;br&gt;Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 14&lt;br&gt;Veterans Day, Monday, Nov. 11&lt;br&gt;Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 28</td>
<td>Main Library&lt;br&gt;Kiosk parking is available on Grand Street and in the parking lot between the Library and City Hall.&lt;br&gt;Handicapped spaces are available in the parking lot. Parking rates apply.&lt;br&gt;Parking rates: $1 per hour; free after 6:30 p.m.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Bunker Hill Branch&lt;br&gt;Free parking is available in our lot on Aurora Street.</td>
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