

Silas Bronson Library BOOKS AND HAPPENINGS

The Newsletter of Waterbury's Public Library

SUMMER 2020

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COVID-19 UPDATE



Our buildings closed to the public on March 16. Since then, our employees have been busy making improvements to the building, signing up new card holders, launching new online programs, adding to our ebook collection, and helping patrons via email and phone.

At this time (June 1), we do not have a firm reopening date. Gov. Lamont has announced that public libraries can reopen starting on June 20, but we are waiting to make sure that our buildings will be safe for both the public and our employees before we reopen. Please note that there will be significant changes to our operations when we do reopen. More information will be available soon.

Senior citizens who need help with prescription pick up and/or drop off, emergency transportation, supplemental food drop off, or other issues can call the City of Waterbury at 311 to request assistance. Anyone with questions about the city's ongoing response to COVID-19 can also call 311 for more information.

WI-FI



The Wi-Fi at the library on Grand Street remains on, even while the building is closed. You can pick up the Wi-Fi signal while sitting on the lawn or benches in front of the library, on the back patio, or in your car while parked on Grand Street. Look for SBL-WiFi-hotspot. No password is needed.

DUE DATES



All due dates have been extended to June 30. We will begin accepting returns to the bin in front of either the main library or branch library starting June 1, but you are welcome to keep what you have until after we reopen. No late fees will be charged for any items currently checked out of the library.



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LIBRARY NEWS, CONT.

DIGITAL CARDS & RENEWALS

If you need a new library card, you can sign up online for a digital card to start using our online services. Go to bronsonlibrary.org/digital to get started. Most cards which were about to expire have already been renewed. If you need to renew your library card, contact us at bronsonlibrary@waterburyct.org or call us at 203-574-8206 and leave a message.



CHROMEBOOKS AND HOTSPOTS

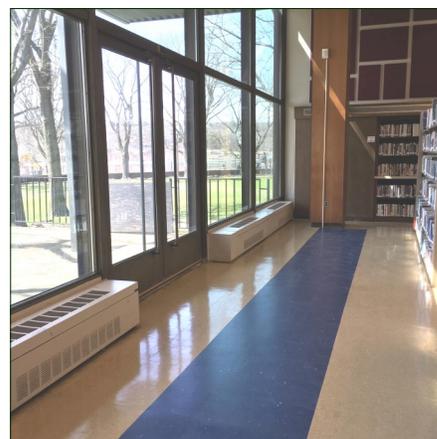
Thanks to funding from the federal CARES Act and the Institute of Museum & Library Services, the Connecticut State Library will be providing us with Chrome books and Wi-Fi hotspots which we will be able to loan out to our patrons. We will send out detailed information when they are ready to be borrowed.



BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

New study areas have been created along the windows in the Main Reading Room. Thanks to a grant from the Connecticut State Library and the Institute for Museum & Library Services, new chairs will replace the old, mismatched chairs on the first floor.

We are making a number of physical changes to reduce the risk of contagion when our buildings reopen. Plexiglas barriers are being installed at the public service desks; public computers have been repositioned to comply with social distancing; seating will be reconfigured to comply with social distancing; and touchless hand sanitizer dispensers are being installed in several locations.



Our maintainers have done a deep cleaning of the building. Tile floors have been scrubbed and waxed, carpets have been shampooed, and fresh paint has gone up in several locations. When we reopen our buildings, all shared surfaces will be disinfected repeatedly throughout the day.

CT 3D PRINT ARMY

In March, we started using our 3D printer to make frames for face shields to help supply area hospitals and other medical facilities in dire need of PPEs. We converted one of our book return bins for use as a 3D printing drop-off site for the hundreds of other groups and individuals participating in this project, which was named the CT 3D Print Army.



SUMMER CREATIVITY CONTESTS



What's your story? We want to know!

This summer, we have several ways for you to share your story. Tell us about life in Waterbury, or imagine a story that takes you beyond everyday life.

You can submit your story or art to one or all of the programs listed here.

For details on the submission process, visit our website at bronsonlibrary.org/summercontests or call us at 203-574-8222.

NEIGHBORHOODS OF THE PRESENT

We've teamed up with our friends at Shakesperience Productions to gather and share stories of life in Waterbury during COVID-19. You can tell your story in any format -- whatever form of creativity you prefer. Your submission may be used in a future theatrical production.



IMAGINE YOUR STORY AS A COMIC

Create an original 3 to 6 panel comic strip telling your story or create a new story using your favorite characters from books you've read.



IMAGINE YOUR STORY AS A SHORT STORY

Write an original short story about something important to you, or create a new story using your favorite characters from books you've read.



TEEN VIDEO CHALLENGE

The Teen Video Challenge is a national video contest open to all teens. The challenge is for teens to create a public services announcement-type video that show their unique interpretation of the 2020 summer reading slogan "Imagine Your Story." Videos are to be no longer than 60 seconds and should promote libraries and reading.



KIDZONE ART CONTEST

Paint, draw, or color an image of your favorite fairy tale or fable, then send it to us by August 14 and be entered to win a prize! Kids only.



CRAFT CONTEST

Show us your creativity with a craft project and be entered to win a prize! Visit our webpage for craft ideas, or come up with one of your own.



YOUR LIBRARY AT HOME

Our buildings are closed, but there's more to a library than the building it's in.

In this issue of our newsletter, you will find information about all of our online services, from ebooks to databases to Zoom programs.

We're working on developing new ways to bring the library to your home, making it possible for you to stay safe at home while still enjoying the library's services. Stay tuned for updates later this summer!



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 and highlights, 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.

OVERDRIVE

Access ebooks and audiobooks using the web browser on your computer.



LIBBY

The Libby app connects you to our OverDrive collection of ebooks and audiobooks on your smartphone or tablet.



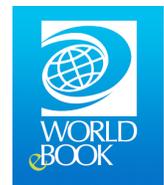
SIMPLYE

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



WORLD BOOK EBOOKS

Educational books for kids and teens. Includes classics of fiction and literature, as well as new books on science, social studies, mythology, health, biography, and more. Also includes Read Aloud books.



YOUR LIBRARY AT HOME

DATABASES

Use the barcode from your library card to access these databases for free.

To log on to any of our databases, visit our website at 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

Lynda features thousands of tutorials to get the skills you need for work or creativity. Topics include Excel, PowerPoint, web design and coding, animation, music lessons, drawing lessons, photography, filmmaking, project management, office management, and more!



MANGO

Ready to learn a new language? 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.



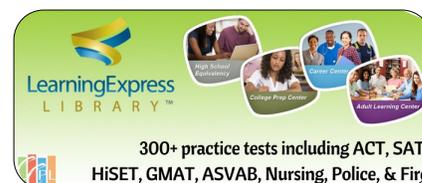
WORLD BOOK

The World Book is more than just an encyclopedia! Log on to discover activities, ebooks, theater, science, social studies, and more -- all geared towards helping kids and teens find answers to their questions.



COMING SOON!

We will be adding two new resources to our online collection this summer. 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.



PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS



ZOOM PROGRAMS

We have started offering our programs using the Zoom platform. Anyone with a computer or a phone (even an old landline phone) can participate.

Zoom functions like a conference call, letting multiple people speak to one another. When used on computers, you can see one another, share images from each computer, and send typed messages.

HOW IT WORKS

1. You must register for each program by visiting our website, bronsonlibrary.org, or by calling 203-574-8225 (leave a message with your name and phone number if we don't answer).
2. After you register for the program, you will receive the information you need to join the Zoom session when it starts.
3. You can join the session by either clicking the link in the email we send you, or by calling the designated phone number and entering the code number we provided to you.

Questions? Call us at 203-574-8225 and we will be happy to help you learn how to Zoom!

LEARN TO USE ZOOM

Weekly - Times Vary

Zoom Program

Learn how to use Zoom like a pro! One of our librarians will help you figure out how to use this new technology to stay connected and participate in our programs during the era of social distancing.

Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/programs or call us at 203-574-8225.



ONE-ON-ONE COMPUTER HELP

Weekly - Times Vary

Zoom Program

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.

Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/programs or call us at 203-574-8225.



OPEN SOURCE A/V APPS

Wednesday, June 17, 6:30 p.m.

Zoom Program

Looking for ways to edit images, video, and audio files? One of our librarians will show you how to use three free, open source apps to help you with your creativity.

Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/programs or call us at 203-574-8225.



NEW! - GOODREADS BOOK GROUP

Stay connected with our librarians from home with our new Silas Bronson Library Book Group on Goodreads. Chat about what you're reading, or ask our librarians for recommendations about what to read next.



PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

SISTERS TO SISTERS BOOK CLUB

First Monday of the month

June 1, July 6, August 3, 6:30 p.m.

Zoom Program

New members welcome. July's book:

The Black & The Blue by Matthew Horace and Ron Harris.

Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/programs or call us at 203-574-8225.



BOOK LOVERS BOOK CLUB

Last Tuesday of the month, 2 p.m.

Zoom Program

Each month, we will talk about our favorite books and why we love them.

Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/programs or call us at 203-574-8225.



GENEALOGY TIPS

Wednesdays, June 3, 10, 17, 1:30 p.m.

Zoom Program

Join one of our librarians as she teaches you about a different genealogy tool each week. Share your own genealogy research, and feel free to ask questions!

Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/programs or call us at 203-574-8225.



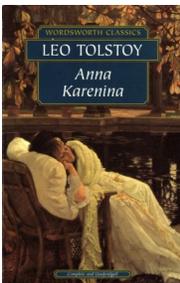
BRASS BOOK CLUB

Thursdays, 12 p.m.

Zoom Program

Seniors 60+ are invited to join us for a weekly book discussion using the Zoom platform. Each week, we'll discuss part of a classic novel. In June, we'll be reading *Anna Karenina* by Leo Tolstoy.

Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/programs or call us at 203-574-8225.



ORGANIZING DURING THE PANDEMIC

Monday, June 8, 6:30 p.m.

Zoom Program

Professional organizer Ellen

Madere will discuss the organizing challenges we face during the pandemic. Get help with being

realistic and setting goals that are attainable. Madere is a columnist with the magazine *Real Simple* and principal consultant for *Ellen Gets It Done*.

Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/programs or call us at 203-574-8225.



SEAT OF THE PANTS COOKING WITH CHEF BILL

Second and fourth Thursday of the month

June 11 & 25, July 9 & 23, August 6 & 20, 7 p.m.

Zoom Program

Join Chef Bill as he demonstrates a new recipe. Share your own recipes, get new ideas for cooking and shopping while social distancing.

Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/programs or call us at 203-574-8225.



GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

Second and fourth Thursday of the month

June 25, July 9 & 23, August 6 & 20, 4 p.m.

Zoom Program

The library has a collection of federal documents, and even more resources are available online. At each meeting, we will learn about a different resource and how you can use it.

Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/programs or call us at 203-574-8225.



SILAS BRONSON GEEKDOM



Our all-ages programming is now Silas Bronson Geekdom.

Follow us on Facebook, or visit our webpage at bronsonlibrary.org/geekdom.

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.

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

We'll play Story Adventure games like Detroit: Become Human, Life is Strange, and The Walking Dead. Your vote will decide what choices we make in the game.

CHESS MEETUP

Wednesdays, 4 p.m. Starts June 17

Zoom Program

For all skill levels. Our chess master will be available to play against you using a physical board or using the Lichess website. Register in advance on our website at bronsonlibrary.org/geekdom.

WORLD OF VR

Thursdays, 4:30 p.m.

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

Explore new, classic, and unknown VR games on Twitch, including The TWD: Saints and Sinners, Moss, and Blood & Truth.

WORLD OF GAMING

Saturdays, 6 p.m.

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

Explore new and classic games with us on Twitch, including God of War, Final Fantasy 7, and Devil May Cry.

YA ANIME

Wednesdays & Fridays, 4:30 p.m.

Saturdays, 2 p.m.

Kast program - link at bronsonlibrary.org/geekdom

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

ANIME FOR ADULTS

Wednesdays & Fridays, 6 p.m.

Saturdays, 4:30 p.m.

Kast program - link at bronsonlibrary.org/geekdom

Join us on Kast to watch Rated MA Anime such as Attack on Titan, Overlord, and Castlevania.

TEEN/YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

NOTE: Sign up for Zoom programs on our website at bronsonlibrary.org/teenprograms or email bronsonlibrary@waterburyct.org.

TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Second Wednesday of the month
June 10, July 8, August 12, 4 p.m.
Zoom Program

Bring your ideas to a brainstorming session on what YOU want at the library.



MAGIC SHOW

Monday, June 22, 4 p.m.
Zoom Program

Professional close up card magician Ari Bisk will be performing an interactive 30 minute Zoom magic show. The show will include plenty of audience participation and provide entertainment for all!

TEEN BOOK CHAT

Monday, June 29, 3 p.m.
Zoom Program

Talk about what you're reading and hear about what's coming out this summer.

KAHOOT TRIVIA

Wednesday, July 15, 12 p.m.
Zoom Program

BOOK TO SCREEN NETFLIX PARTY

Thursday, July 30, 2 p.m.
Netflix Watch Party

Join us for an online viewing of *All the Bright Places*.

VIRTUAL ESCAPE ROOM

Starts Wednesday, August 5
bronsonlibrary.org/teens
See if you have what it takes to escape!

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.

Due to the ongoing health crisis, we do not anticipate holding a large book sale at this time. The Readers Garden Book Store will reopen with the library as conditions permit.

We are active on Facebook, so please feel free to reach out to us there.

Book Donations

Please note that we are not accepting any donations at this time.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

MUNCH & BRUNCH WITH MR. C

Monday, June 8, 11 a.m.

Zoom Program

Bring a brunch to munch on while Mr. C reads a story, then do a craft.

Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms or call us at 203-574-8213.



IMAGINE YOUR LEGO CREATIONS

Last Monday of the month

June 29, July 27, August 31, 11 a.m.

Zoom Program

Share your LEGO creations with the group on Zoom!

Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms or call us at 203-574-8213.



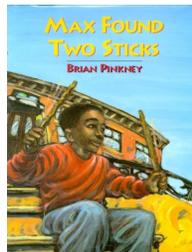
MUSICAL READERS: PERCUSSION

Thursday, July 9, 10:30 a.m.

Zoom Program

The Waterbury Symphony Orchestra will bring the music to your home with a special performance combining story time and music. Lee Caron will read *Max Found Two Sticks* and demonstrate percussion instruments.

Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms or call us at 203-574-8213.



BRONSON BOOKWORMS

Last Tuesday of the month

June 23, July 28, August 25, 4 p.m.

Zoom Program

Read the book, then talk about it with us on Zoom.

Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms or call us at 203-574-8213.



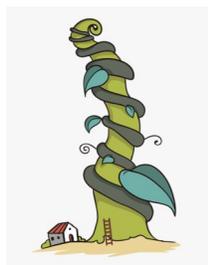
MUSICAL READERS: DOUBLE BASS

Thursday, July 23, 10:30 a.m.

Zoom Program

The Waterbury Symphony Orchestra will bring the music to your home with a special performance combining story time and music. Ed Allman will read *Jack and the Beanstalk* and demonstrate the double bass.

Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms or call us at 203-574-8213.



IMAGINE YOUR STORY HOUR

Wednesdays, 11 a.m.

Starts June 23

Zoom Program

Join us for an online story time at the end of every month this summer.

Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms or call us at 203-574-8213.



COMING SOON!

Coding Club and Typing Club online.

READ WITH ME, MR. C

Story times on YouTube with our very own Mr. C -- search for Read with me, Mr. C to find the channel.



SUMMER READING



SUMMER READING FOR KIDS

June 4 - August 14

All children from birth through 8th grade are invited to join our Imagine Your Story Summer Reading Program. Children who are not yet readers can participate if someone reads to them.

Register online at bronsonlibrary.org/kids.

You can also register by calling us at 203-574-8213.

Completed reading logs are due by 3 p.m. on Friday, August 14.



SUMMER READING FOR TEENS

June 4 - August 14

Read 25+ hours this summer and qualify to win prizes! Sign up at the Teen Zone, Circulation Desk, or Bunker Hill Branch, then start reading.

Register online at bronsonlibrary.org/teens.

You can also register by calling us at 203-574-8213.

This year's prizes include donations from Berlin Batting Cages, Bertucci's, Boston Red Sox, Essex Steam Train & River Boat, Frank Pepe Pizza, Mohawk Mountain, New York Giants, On Track Karting, Riverfront Miniature Golf, Safari Golf, Ski Mount Southington, Sonny's Place, Waterbury Fire Marshal, and Friends of the Silas Bronson Library.

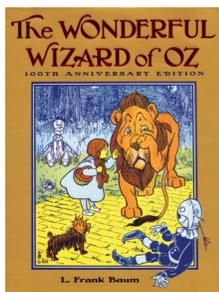
ONE READ: THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ

Wednesday, August 12, 6 p.m.

Zoom Program

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, first published in 1900, is a classic children's book that has inspired movies and Broadway musicals.

All ages are invited to join us this summer in reading (or re-reading) this influential book.



We'll have ongoing discussions in our Goodreads group (Silas Bronson Library Book Group) all summer.

On Wednesday, August 12, we'll host a Zoom program to discuss the book. Feel free to wear a Wizard of Oz themed costume to the discussion.

Register for the Zoom program on our website at bronsonlibrary.org/programs or call 203-574-8225.

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SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY

Something for Everyone

LIBRARY HOURS

Both libraries will remain closed until further notice. When we do reopen, our hours of operation may be different from what is listed here. Please call or check our website before visiting.

Main Library

Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. - 5 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.

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

Buildings closed until further notice
Independence Day, Friday, July 3

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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