



# Silas Bronson Library BOOKS AND HAPPENINGS

The Newsletter of Waterbury's Public Library

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## ELEVATOR UPDATE

Construction of our new elevator is expected to continue through the fall months. All library programs will be held on the first floor or outdoors until the new elevator is completed. If you need something from the second floor and can't climb the stairs, just let us know — we're happy to fetch it for you!

## BANNED BOOKS WEEK

Banned Books Week is being held the first week of October this year, bringing awareness to the growing effort to censor books in libraries all over the country. Now more than ever, we celebrate the right to read whatever you want. We also protect your right to privacy when you use the library's resources. What you read is no one's business but your own.



## 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 a photo ID and proof of Waterbury residency.

Library cards are free for all ages. If you need a replacement card, a small fee will apply. You can also download the free Acorn Catalog app to your phone. After you log into Acorn with your library card number and password, you will always have it available on your phone to use at the library.



**Fire up your imagination with a library card. Get yours today!**

September is **LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH**  
ALA American Library Association OverDrive EBSCO eBooks  
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## HOME DELIVERY SERVICE

If you are a Waterbury resident who is homebound or otherwise unable to visit the library in person, we can bring the library to your home. We now have a home delivery service! You must be a Waterbury resident and have a current, active library card to apply. Applications are available online or can be mailed to you. Contact us at 203-574-8225 or email us at [bronsonlibrary@waterburyc.org](mailto:bronsonlibrary@waterburyc.org) to request an application.



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# COMPUTERS, WIFI, PRINTING, & COPYING

## 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. ID must be shown to use a guest pass.

Parents and guardians — if you need to use one of our computers, and you have your kids with you, please feel free to use the computers in the Children's Room.

## CHARGING STATIONS

The library has small lockers for charging your phone while you go do something else. We also have a number of tables with power outlets and USB outlets for charging laptops, tablets, and phones. You must bring your own USB or power cord for charging your device.

## WI-FI

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.



## WI-FI HOTSPOTS AT HOME

Our Wi-Fi Hotspots let you borrow the internet for free! These small devices let you connect your phone, tablet, computer, or smart television to the internet. Hotspots can be borrowed for one week at a time.

## 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 East Wing Reference Desk if you wish to print in color.

In order to print, you will need to pre-load money on-to your library card or guest pass at the Circulation Desk.

## ONE-ON-ONE COMPUTER HELP

*By 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? What about resume or job search assistance? Our skilled and friendly staff are available to help you!

Schedule your appointment by calling 203-574-8225, visit the Reference Desk at the library or visit the Book a Librarian page on our website.

## B.R.A.S.S. COMPUTER CLASSES

Fridays, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Waterbury Senior Center

Call Debra at 203-574-6746

to reserve a space



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. For more information, call us at 203-574-8225.

# PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

## COMPUTER CLASSES

Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.

*Computer Classroom*

Need help with computers? Come to one of our classes and get the help you need!



- September 12: Basic Computers 1
- September 19: Basic Computers 2
- September 26: Intro to Internet 1
- October 3: Intro to Internet 2
- October 10: no class
- October 17: MS Word 1
- October 24: MS Word 2
- October 31: MS Word 3
- November 7: MS Excel 1
- November 14: MS Excel 2
- November 21: MS Publisher 1
- November 28: MS Publisher 2

## DIGITAL ARTS LAB

Tuesdays, September 12 & 26, October 3 & 17,

November 7 & 21, 4:30 p.m.

*Computer Classroom*

Are you trying to edit photos, compose a song, make a movie, or work on another digital project?

Use one of the library's iMacs with creative suite software to help you with your project! Call the Reference desk to reserve a one hour session on an iMac to work on your projects. Need help with the iMac? Just let us know!



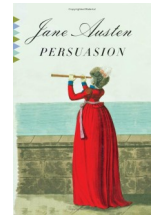
## BRASS BOOK CLUB

Thursdays, September 28, October 26,

November 30, 12:30 p.m.

*Zoom*

Seniors 60+ are invited to join us for a monthly book discussion.



- September 28: *The Vanished Birds* by Simon Jimenez
- October 26 : *Harlem Shuffle* by Colson Whitehead
- November 30: *Persuasion* by Jane Austen

Advance registration is required. Sign up at [bronsonlibrary.org/programs](http://bronsonlibrary.org/programs) or call us at 203-574-8225.

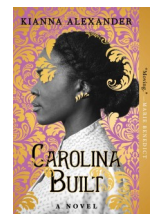
## SISTERS TO SISTERS BOOK CLUB

Thursdays, September 14, October 5,

November 2, 6 p.m.

*Auditorium*

New members welcome!



- September 14: *Finding Me* by Viola Davis
- October 5: *The Bookshop of Second Chances* by Jackie Fraser
- November 2: *Carolina Built* by Kianna Alexander

# PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

## LEARN CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH

Saturdays, September 30 - November 18,

10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Zoom

Want to speak Spanish in everyday conversation? Carlos Gonzalez will help you learn conversational Spanish in this eight-week program.



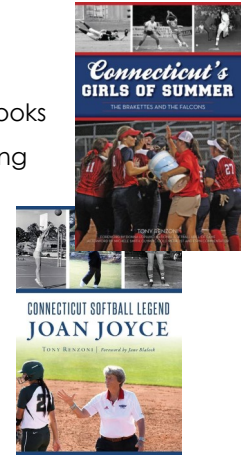
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## MEET THE AUTHOR: ANTHONY RENZONI

Wednesday, September 27, 6:30 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Author Tony Renzoni will be at the library to talk about and sign his books about Connecticut history, including *Connecticut Softball Legend Joan Joyce* and his newest book, *Connecticut's Girls of Summer: the Brakettes and the Falcons*.



## RESOURCES FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Tuesday, September 26, 6 p.m.

Main Reading Room

UR Community Cares will share information and resources for the visually impaired. They have created a 100-page directory to equip individuals with the latest resources. Come learn about the many resources available to you.



## FIND YOUR FAMILY TREE

Thursday, September 28, 6 p.m.

Computer Classroom

Learn how to research your family tree using Ancestry.com, a powerful tool available for free at the library. You're welcome to bring a research question, or simply observe as our librarian shows you how to navigate the site.



## HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

Saturday, October 14, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Front Plaza

We're celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with a grand finale celebration featuring music, dance, art, community vendors, and food trucks. Organized in collaboration with the Afro Caribbean Cultural Center, Latinos Unidos, Hispanic Coalition, Rivera Memorial Foundation, Ms. Dominican Republic Pageant, Polanco & Cabrera Foundation, Pa'lante Theater Company, and more!

Sponsored by the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library and the Hispanic Coalition.



# PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

## BENEVENTO PROGRAM

### PIZZA: A LOVE STORY

Wednesday, October 25, 5:45 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Join us for a screening of the documentary *Pizza: A Love Story* with director and writer Gorman Bechard, who grew up in Waterbury. Learn about the history, the families, the love and the craft that goes into making New Haven's great pizzas, then learn about the documentary process after the film. We'll also tackle the toughest question: who has the best pizza, New Haven or Waterbury?



Sponsored by the Philip V. Benevento Fund for Cultural Programs for Adults and the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library.

## ORGANIZE & DECLUTTER YOUR HOME

Thursday, October 12, 6 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Do you need help with a cluttered home, downsizing, or using your space more effectively? Get tips from professional organizer Jan Baltrush on how to tame your paper piles and organize your closets, kitchen, home office, and garage.



## GET READY FOR COLD & FLU SEASON

Tuesday, October 24, 6:30 p.m.

Main Reading Room

The Waterbury Health Department will help you prepare for the illnesses that come upon us in the fall and winter. Learn about boosters, vaccinations, and keeping your home or workplace germ free and get the latest information in flu, covid, and other diseases.



## CHOOSING THE RIGHT MEDICARE PLAN

Thursday, November 2, 2 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Get tips on making informed choices among Medicare plans, including Medicare Advantage, Medigap, and the Medicare Savings Program. Presented by the CHOICES program of the Western Connecticut Area Agency on Aging.



## BEADED JEWELRY CLASS

Saturday, November 4, 1 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Come enjoy a relaxing afternoon of creativity. Make a bracelet, earrings, or necklace you can wear or give as a gift. Or bring something you'd like to repair! We'll provide beads, supplies, and tools.



## FALL PREVENTION & AWARENESS

Wednesday, November 15, 6 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Learn what you can do to help prevent falls, who is at risk for falls, and ask questions. Presented by Joseph DeMayo, MD, MPH. Dr. DeMayo practiced Internal Medicine and Geriatrics in Waterbury for many years and currently teaches medical students at Yale University School of Medicine.



# GEEKDOM PROGRAMS

## CHESS MEETUP

Tuesdays, September 5 & 19, October 3, 17 & 31,  
November 14 & 28, 6 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Chess players are welcome to join us to share their love of the game, meet new chess players, or learn the game. All ages and skill levels welcome.



## CHESS ON ZOOM

Thursdays, September 7 & 21, October 5 & 19,  
November 2, 16 & 30, 4:30 p.m.

Zoom

Our chess master will be available to play against you, teach new techniques, and answer questions.

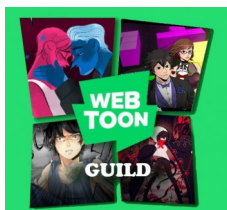


## WEBTOON GUILD

Wednesdays, September 13,  
October 18, November 8, 6 p.m.

Zoom

Join us on Zoom for our Webtoon Book Club where we read and discuss chapter 1-10 of popular webcomics and dive into favorite characters, art style and theme of the webcomic.



September: *unOrdinary* by uru-chan

October: *Urban Animal* by Justin Jordan &  
John Amor

November: *Morgana and Oz* by Miyuli

## ANIME CLUB

Saturdays, September 9 & 30, October 14,  
November 11 & 25, 2:30 p.m.

Computer Classroom

Watch the latest YA Anime coming out of Japan and have fun with trivia challenges.



## SCRABBLE MEETUP

Saturdays, September 23, October 21,  
November 18, 1:30 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Come play Scrabble at the library. Bring a friend, or meet new friends. We'll have all the supplies you need.



## NOT YOUR PARENTS' BOARD GAMES

Saturdays, September 23, October 21,  
November 18, 2:30 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Discover a whole new world of board games beyond traditional choices and see what all the fun is about!



## DND 101

Wednesdays, September 27,  
October 25, November 29, 6 p.m.

Computer Classroom

Join us to learn the basics of DND 5th Edition from making character, standard combat, and even participate in brief one shot scenarios.



# TEEN/YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

## NEVER ENDING STORY: TEEN BOOK CLUB

Wednesdays, September 6, October 4,  
November 1, 6 p.m.

TeenZone

Join us for snacks and some good books. Copies of the books are available to borrow from the library.



September: *LegendBorn* by Tracy Deonn

October: *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder*  
by Holly Jackson

November: *Cinder* by Marissa Meyer

## TEEN GAME NIGHT

Thursdays, 6 p.m.

TeenZone

Relax at the library with a weekly game night.



## WRITING CIRCLE

Fridays, September 15, October 20,  
November 17, 3 p.m.

TeenZone

Bring in your original works to share or get help with character development, magic systems, or world building.



## MARDI GROSS

Saturday, October 28, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Front Plaza, Patio, Main Reading Room, TeenZone

Come in costume for some spooky fun at the library.

Our all-ages Halloween event will include green screen photography, creepy crafts, a costume contest, free books and comics, and candy.

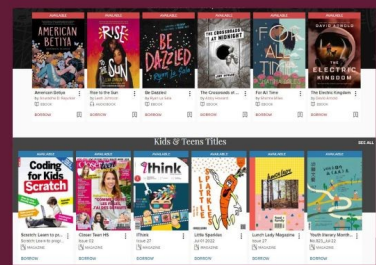
## TEENZONE STUDY AREA

The library's TeenZone is a great place for teens to study or meet up to work on projects. Use of the room and computers is restricted to teens only.



Borrow ebooks,  
audiobooks &  
magazines

Libby.  
The library reading app





# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## BABIES AND BOOKS

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

Patio

Enjoy lullabies, nursery rhymes, and finger plays. Works best with one child per adult. For children age 24 months and under.



*Program will be canceled in bad weather.*

## WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY STORIES

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

Patio

Join us outdoors every Wednesday and listen to wonderful stories that can transport you to far away places. For ages 2 - 5.



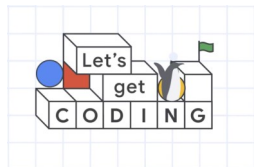
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## CODING CLUB

Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m.

Computer Classroom

Learn the basics of coding with our librarians. Younger children may require adult assistance. For ages 5 and up.



## LITTLE MOVERS STORY TIME

Thursdays, 10 a.m.

Patio

Join us outdoors for a story time with music, dance, nursery rhymes, and fables. For ages 2-4.



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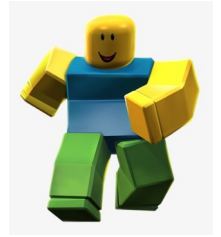
## ROBLOX

Fridays, 3:30 p.m.

Computer Classroom

Come play Roblox at the library on your own or with friends.

For ages 5 - 14. Starts September 8.



## BILINGUAL STORYTIME

Fridays, September 1, October 6, November 3, 10 a.m.

Patio

Español o Ingles, It's okay with Mr. K. Hear stories in Spanish and English. Great for Spanish speakers learning English and English speakers learning Spanish. For ages 2-7.



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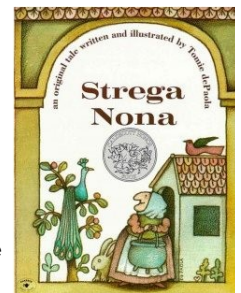
## STREGA NONA

Wednesday, October 4, 10 a.m.

Patio (TeenZone if it rains)

Join storyteller Angela Buzzelli as she immerses us in a captivating Italian folktale, where strength and honor come to life through Tomie de Paola's depiction of Strega Nona.

For ages 5 and under.



**Dive into learning  
with a library card.  
Get yours today!**

September is  
**LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH**



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## SOLAR ECLIPSE VIEWING

Saturday, October 14, 12 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Front Plaza

There will be a partial eclipse of the sun during our Hispanic Heritage Celebration, and we're ready to help you view it with special solar-viewing glasses to keep your eyes safe while you stare at the sun. The glasses were donated to the library by NASA and the Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation.



## AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

Wednesday, November 15, 4 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Celebrate America Recycles Day with magic from the Wizard of Basura. It's all about the three Rs: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle with the Master of Mystery. For ages 2 and up.

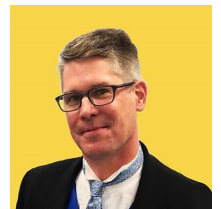


## HOLIDAY MAGIC SHOW

Wednesday, November 29, 6:30 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Magician Jeff Horton presents a high-energy, interactive magic show for all ages.



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and

# HALLOWEEN

# ComicFest

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Free Candy

Costume Contest

Outdoor Activities

Food Truck

Our building-wide Halloween event returns! Bring the kids in costume for a fun-filled day. We'll have activity stations throughout the library, indoors and outdoors.

Free Books and Comic Books

Scary Stories for Kids

Spooky Crafts

Green Screen Photography



# KIDZONE RESOURCES

## SPARKLER WITH BRIDGE TO SUCCESS

Help Connecticut Children Get a Strong Start! Sparkler is now available to all families with children age 5 and younger and is available to use in English or Spanish, iOS or Android, smartphone or tablet. Link up with local resources and experts, learn about your child's development, play and spark learning with fun, off-screen activities to use together, and reading tips for parents.



## PUBLIC COMPUTERS FOR PARENTS & KIDS

The KidZone features six computers for use by children and their caregivers. The computers have filtered access to the internet and include Microsoft Office. Adults, feel free to use these computers when you bring your children to the library.



## EARLY LEARNING STATIONS

The AWE Early Learning Stations are designed for younger children to use. Loaded with educational games and activities, the Early Learning Stations are not connected to the internet.

## MUSEUM PASS PROGRAM

Save money when you take the kids to a museum or zoo. Our museum pass program features free or reduced price admission to a dozen museums and zoos. Find out more at [bronsonlibrary.org/museums](http://bronsonlibrary.org/museums) or ask us about it when you're at the library.



## WORLD BOOK ONLINE

The World Book is more than just an encyclopedia. Their online resource includes biographies, science projects, research guides, tools for teachers, puzzles, games, and craft ideas. The World Book is available in English and in Spanish.

## EBOOKS FOR KIDS

The Libby app connects you to our ebooks and audiobooks on your smartphone or tablet. The app includes special filters to help you find books for kids.



## PARENT & TEACHER COLLECTION

Whether you're a parent looking for how-to books, or a teacher in need of extra resources, we have a special collection of books just for you. Educators are invited to apply for a special Teacher's Library Card, allowing you to check out these resources for eight weeks at a time.

## GRADE-LEVEL READING LISTS

Wondering what books are best for your child's reading level? We have recommended reading lists organized by grade level which you can download from our website or pick up in the KidZone. We also keep special carts in the KidZone with a selection of books organized by grade level.

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WATERBURY, CT 06702  
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**SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY**

*Something for Everyone*

## LIBRARY HOURS

### Main Library

Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

*Saturday hours start September 9*

### Bunker Hill Branch

Tuesday 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Thursday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For weather closings, please check our social media or website.

## 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

Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 4  
Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 9  
Veterans Day, Friday, Nov. 10  
Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 23

## PARKING INFORMATION

### Main Library

Kiosk parking is available on Grand Street. Additional parking is available in the Buckingham Garage.

*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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