Books and Happenings
The Newsletter of the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library

See you in September
Calling All Poets ( . . . and poetry lovers) hosted by Victoria Muñoz
Sisters to Sisters Book Club
Resumes  Monday, September 8 – 6:00 p.m
During the summer, Sisters to Sisters will be reading Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese

July & August 2014

Calendar of Events

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  10 a.m.  Children’s (JP Room)
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NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS BOOKSTORE

Hi, Everyone - Summer has finally arrived!
For your summer reading pleasure, we’ve added more books to our sales section and mini book sale cart. Check us out. Stock up on your beach reads: hardcovers, 50 cents; paperbacks, 25 cents, and on our cart hardcovers 25 cents and paperbacks 10 cents. Have a safe and happy 4th of July, and thank you for your support.

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The Way We Worked
In conjunction with the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibit and Lecture Series & The Mattatuck Museum

Farms, Factories and Families: Italian American Women of Connecticut
Book Talk & Signing by Anthony Riccio
Wednesday, July 2 - 6:30 p.m.

Anthony Riccio presents the story of Italian American women through oral history interviews and photographs, revealing their behind-the-scenes roles as the glue of Italian American culture. As quietly heroic figures, they stood behind their husbands, managed the family economy, invested in real estate, saved for their children’s education, cooked meals, nurtured large families and - when times were tough, as they often were from the 1920’s to the 1950’s - joined men on production lines where they held their own.

Brass Valley - 30 Years Later
Film & Lecture by historian Jeremy Brecher
Tuesday, July 8 - 6:30 p.m.

Scovill’s brass mill has been replaced by a mall, Chase’s headquarters is an extension of City Hall, and Anaconda American Brass head-quarters now houses Superior Court.

Although the “Big Three” left town decades ago, Waterbury’s industry still survives in small businesses - from screw machine companies to garment factories.

How has Waterbury weathered the change? What lies ahead? Historian, author, educator and filmmaker Jeremy Brecher presents segments of his 1984 film (also available in book form):

Brass Valley: The Story of Working People’s Lives and Struggles in an American Industrial Region
and comments on the changes in working Waterbury. Join the discussion of the past - and plans for the future.

RECENTLY PURCHASED BOOKS

**JUVENILE**

“Dreamwood” .......................Heather Mackley (J Fic)
“Five Kingdoms: Sky Raiders”.............Brandon Mull (J Fic)
“Jackpot” .............................Gordon Korman (J Fic)
“The Last Wild” .............................Piers Torday (J Fic)
“Seven Wonders: Lost in Babylon” ...Erin Hunter (J Fic)
“What the Moon Said” ...............Gayle Rosengren (J Fic)

**Young Adult**

“Brutal Youth” ......Anthony Breznican (YA Fic)
“I Become Shadow”.............Joe Shine (YA Fic)
“Gasp” .........................Lisa McMann (YA Fic)
“Hungry” ............................H.A. Swain (YA Fic)
“The Merciless” ............Danielle Vega (YA Fic)
“My Best Friend Maybe” ..Caela Carter (YA Fic)
FREE COMPUTER CLASSES @ Silas Bronson Library

The Library offers free computer classes weekdays from 2:00 - 3:15 p.m. There is no registration required just walk in, but there will be a limit of fifteen students. Classes will be held in the classroom A/B in the East Wing.

NO CLASS
Introduction to Internet   Aug 1 (Fri)
Introduction to Microsoft Excel   Aug 6 (Wed)
Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint   Aug 8 (Fri)
Introduction to Microsoft Publisher   Aug 13 (Wed)
Introduction to Microsoft Excel   Aug 15 (Fri)
Computer Basics   Aug 20 (Wed)
NO CLASS   Aug 22 (Fri)
NO CLASS   Aug 27 (Wed)
NO CLASS   Aug 29 (Fri)

ADVANCED CLASSES
Advanced Microsoft Excel   Aug 5 (Tues)
Advanced PowerPoint   Aug 7 (Thr)
Advanced Microsoft Excel   Aug 12 (Tues)
Advanced PowerPoint   Aug 14 (Thr)
Advanced Microsoft Excel   Aug 19 (Tues)
Advanced PowerPoint   Aug 21 (Thr)
NO CLASS   Aug 26 (Tues)
NO CLASS   Aug 28 (Thr)

Silas Bronson Library
Teen Choc-Olympics
17 July 2014

Events Include:
* Oreo Stacking
* Speed Kiss Contest
* Bowling for Chocolate
* Chocolate Trivia
* M&M Toss

267 Grand Street, Auditorium, 3-4pm
Sign up at The Circulation Desk!

For Teens 8th–12th Grade
CHILDREN’S SERVICES PROGRAMS

“Mother Goose”
Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Auditorium

Nursery rhymes, visual and audio technology are used in this modern Mother Goose program for infants ages four and under.

Groups must register 3 weeks in advance

“Story Time AT THE LIBRARY”

Every Tuesday
10 am in the Children’s Room

ALWAYS SOMETHING SPECIAL TO DO: STORIES, TOYS, CRAFTS AND LOTS OF FUN.

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“Fairy Tale Fridays”
Fridays 4-4:45 p.m.
Silas Bronson Library Auditorium
Grades K - 3

Fairy Tales, Audio Visual Technology, Acting and Crafts

“After School Bunch”
Thursdays 4 - 5 p.m., Library Auditorium
Ages 9 - 14

Stop in after school for some fun at the Library! Every week will bring on a different activity, from getting crafty to karaoke, Wii Bowling tournaments and board games! A light snack will be provided.

“Lunchtime Lapsit”
Every Wednesday in the (Picture Book Room) Children’s Dept.
12:30 - 1:00pm

Enjoy lullabies, finger plays, bounces, sign language & so much more!

An early exposure is good for a baby’s brain development
For ages 24 months and younger
Works best with one child per adult
No preregistration required; drop in

“The Crew”

4 – 4:45 p.m.
Tween Reading Group, Ages 9 - 12
First and third Tuesdays of the Month
Begins May 6th - August 19th, 2014

Come join “The Crew”, whet your appetite with reading, nurture your love of cool books, and meet new friends who enjoy reading too.
“It’s Book Time with Ronald McDonald”

July 11th, 2014
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

This is an entertaining and inspirational show that addresses the topic of reading in a fun and relevant way for elementary school students. Through the use of magic, music, puppets, student participation, and of course, lots of laughter, Ronald McDonald brings a very powerful message to the children around the world about the value of books and the enjoyment that comes from reading.

“Costumes for Kids”

With Author Holly Cleeland
Wednesday, July 16th, 2014
6 – 7pm

Holly Cleeland is an author of the book “Glue and Go Costumes for Kids”. She teaches parents and kids how to create prize winning costumes out of household items. She will be giving away three costumes at the end of the performance that the kids can keep and parade them through the library.

“Jester Show Goes Boom”

With Alex the Jester
Wednesday, July 22nd, 2014
1 – 2pm

Alex the Jester packs many facets of “audience appeal” into one show: daring stunts, mind-bending sight gags, dazzling visual spectacles, musical capers and physical feats!

“Dragons and Dreams”

With Science Tellers
Wednesday, August 13th, 2014
12-1pm

Includes castles, kings, a dragon keeper, an Ice Sorceress, A Horn of Fire, two villagers, and a daring journey to save the entire kingdom. Enjoy this spectacular adventure as we’re swept away to a world where dragons are real, dreams come true, and only the most daring of people will survive to tell the tale!

“Summer Reading Finale Party”

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