Summer Reading Programs for Children and for Teens

This year's summer reading programs are all about combining physical fitness with reading. Avoid the "summer slide" with our fun-filled summer reading programs and activities.

ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, READ!
Wednesday, June 1 - Friday, August 19

It's time for our children's summer reading club. Registration begins June 1 and can be done at the main library, the branch library, or online. All children from birth to Grade 8 are welcome to join the reading fun!

Children who are not yet readers can still participate if someone reads to them. All children will receive gifts upon registration and will be eligible for great incentives as they progress in their reading.

GET IN THE GAME: SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR TEENS
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Register at the Circulation Desk starting June 7 to participate, or contact our Teen/Young Adult Librarian Mr. Michael at 203-574-8206 for more information.

Email Updates
We now offer email subscriptions to our monthly newsletter, news about upcoming programs, and more. Visit our website, bronsonlibrary.org, to sign up.
Readers’ Garden Bookstore
Hi, Everyone! June is Annual Membership Month. Our thanks to all of you who have renewed your membership, and welcome to all of our new members. If you are not a member, won’t you please consider joining the Friends of the Library. As with the Bookstore, all proceeds support the Library’s many programs and services.

Summer is just around the corner, so it’s time to start stocking up on your summer reads. We will once again be adding many more paperbacks at reduced prices of 10¢ and 25¢. Nonfiction discounted books may be found on our sale tables.

Our featured authors this month are Iris Johansen and Jack Higgins; these books are priced at 50¢ for hardcover, 10¢ and 25¢ for paperback.

Check us out, and please tell your friends about us. There is plenty of time to browse, as the Bookstore is available during library hours. As always, your support is much appreciated.

Corporate Members
A special thank you to NEOPERL, Secor, Cassidy & McPartland, P.C., and TORRCO for their business memberships as Friends of the Silas Bronson Library.

Donate to the Friends of the Library
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. Funds raised by the Friends are used to cover expenses related to the library’s public programs and to provide additional funds for library services. Donations to the Friends may be sent to us at P.O. Box 2853, Waterbury, CT 06723.

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

For every person who loves libraries, there is a story about what the library means to them. We want to collect and share those stories. Is the library important to you? Do you have a story to tell? Share it with us!

LIBRARIES TRANSFORM™

Libraries are about more than just books. Libraries are centers of knowledge and learning, places where everyone is able to seek out information. Whether you’re rich, poor, or somewhere in between, whether you’re young or old, whether you’re at the peak of your career, just starting out, or just starting over, libraries can enrich your life and give you the tools you need to transform your life.

All Waterbury residents, past and present, are invited to share their stories of the Silas Bronson Library having a positive impact on their lives.

How to Share Your Story

Online: bronsonlibrary.org/share

Mail: Share Your Story, Silas Bronson Library, 267 Grand Street, Waterbury, CT 06702

When to Share Your Story

Anytime! There is no deadline; we will keep sharing your stories for as long as you keep sharing them with us.

What Happens to My Story?

We will share your story online and/or in print, and we will save a copy in our archives. We may edit your story for spelling, if needed.

What About My Privacy?

We will use only your first name when we share your story. We will use your image only if you send us a photo of yourself. If you prefer to remain anonymous, just let us know, and we will not share your name or image with the public.

YOUR STORY SHARED

This is less a “story” than a thank you note to the staff of the Silas Bronson Library.

I recently went to the Library to pick up a couple of mystery novels. While waiting in line to take out the books, I witnessed an interaction between one of the front desk staff and a person asking for help in accessing the Library computers. I was totally impressed by the courtesy and professionalism shown to the person asking for help.

I am a frequent user of Library services and have often been the beneficiary of the staff’s kind attention and service so I should not have been surprised to see someone else get the competent service.

I usually thank the staff when they offer me good service but I would like to take the opportunity now to thank them for their excellent service to others.

Here’s hoping that the staff will continue to do a great job of serving our community and that more of us will remember to thank them for their wonderful gift to the Waterbury community.

~ Ron M.

Visited the Silas Bronson Library last week for the first time. I was very impressed. The staff was very friendly and willing to help. They found the books I was looking for in no time, and I even got a very nice bag as a welcome gift! Will definitely be coming to this library often. Highly recommend it!

~ Akmal M.
CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

STORYTIME PLUS
Tuesdays, 10 a.m.
Children’s Room
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 age 5 and under. Groups must register three weeks in advance.

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.

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.

SILAS B.’s STORY HOUR UNDER THE TREE
Fridays, June 3 - July 29, 10 a.m.
Library Park
It’s summer, so let’s go outside! We'll be holding a weekly story hour in the shade of a Library Park tree through the months of June and July. We’ll stay inside if it’s raining that day.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

ZUMBA FITNESS
June 9, July 14, August 18, 6 p.m.
Children’s Room
Jocelyn Rivera will introduce children ages 4 to 12 to the fun of Zumba dance fitness. Registration required: call 203-574-8213 or email ccharlton@waterburyct.org.

BRING THE HOOPLA
June 15, July 20, August 17, 5 p.m.
Children’s Room
Get fit with music and Hula Hoops. For children ages 4 to 12. Registration required: call 203-574-8213 or email ccharlton@waterburyct.org.

ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, YOGA!
June 17, July 8, August 12, 3:30 p.m.
Children’s Room
An introduction to yoga for children ages 4 to 12, led by Brianne Barrett, Yoga Director at Inwelligent. Registration required: call 203-574-8213 or email ccharlton@waterburyct.org.

LET’S GO LEGO!
June 27, July 25, August 29, 6 p.m.
Children’s Room
If you like building with LEGO’s, then you’ll love “Let’s Go LEGO!” The program is held on the last Monday of the month. LEGO’s are provided. For ages 6 to 12. No registration required.
41ST ANNUAL POETRY AWARD CEREMONY  
Wednesday, June 1, 6 p.m.  
Main Reading Room  
Entertainment and refreshments will be provided as part of our ceremony recognizing the winners of our 41st Annual Poetry Competition. RSVP to 203-574-8214.

YARD GOATS MASCOT  
Thursday, June 2, 5 p.m.  
Library Park  
Meet the Hartford Yard Goats mascot during Rod Dixon's Kids Marathon in Library Park.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON MOVIE  
Thursday, June 30, 2:30 p.m.  
Auditorium  
During the summer, we're moving our Saturday morning movies to Thursday afternoons. In June, we'll be watching the 2011 Jim Carrey movie, Mr. Popper's Penguins. Snacks will be provided.

ATHLETES OF THE ANIMAL KINGDOM  
Monday, July 11, 1:30 p.m.  
Children's Room  
An interactive, educational, and entertaining program featuring a diversity of creatures with amazing athletic skills: frogs that furiously unfurl their tongues to catch insects and giant prey; lizards that mark their territory with vigorous push-ups; rabbits that escape predators by sprinting; and birds that fly formidable distances!

TOBE FIT: THE JUGGLING NUTRITION MAGICIAN SHOW  
Thursday, July 21, 3 p.m.  
Children's Room  
A rollicking, fun-filled show featuring fantastic feats of juggling, circus arts, music, magic, and audience participation to help kids take charge of growing up healthy, happy, active, and fit!

THURSDAY AFTERNOON MOVIE  
Thursday, July 28, 2:30 p.m.  
Auditorium  
In July, we'll be watching Chicken Run, the 2000 movie from the creators of Wallace & Gromit. Snacks will be provided. Rated G.

REPTILES!  
Monday, August 8, 4:00 p.m.  
Main Reading Room  
Are reptiles actually slimy? Are they cold blooded? What actually makes a reptile a reptile? Join us for the answers to these questions and many more while we meet some incredible animals from the Live Animal Care Center at the Museum of Science, Boston. For ages 5 to adult.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON MOVIE  
Thursday, August 25, 2:30 p.m.  
Auditorium  
In August, we'll be watching Diary of a Wimpy Kid, the 2010 movie based on the popular books. Snacks will be provided. Rated PG.

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**TEEN/YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS**

**TEEN GAME TIME**
Thursday, June 2, 3 - 5 p.m.
*Auditorium*

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.

Teens only!

**TEEN MOVIE MATINEE**
Thursday, June 16, 3 - 5 p.m.
*Auditorium*


**EXHIBITS IN JUNE**

**“THE NATURE OF ESSENCE” BY JEAN HOSIER**
*Gallery*

Jean Hosier left a career in accounting to study healing and fine art. She has exhibited her paintings at The Artist's Path and Gallery 25.

Several of Hosier's works have been published in *Voices and Visions*, an Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) publication. Her art focuses on summer scenes and floral designs, using acrylics, pastels, and oils. Hosier is based in Naugatuck.

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**THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN CLASSIC CARS:**
**PART I, THE EARLY YEARS**
*Display Cases*

A display of diecast 1:32 scale replica cars, on loan from a private collection, tells the early history of U.S. car manufacturing. This is by no means a definitive collection, but one that car buffs and casual observers alike are sure to enjoy.
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
Third Monday of the month, 6 p.m.
June 20, July 18, August 15
Main Reading Room
Coloring books aren’t just for kids anymore. De-stress at the library with coloring pages featuring beautiful and intricate designs. We provide the pages and the coloring pencils for you to use.

CALLING ALL POETS (...and poetry lovers)
Wednesday, June 1, 6:30 p.m.
Auditorium
This month’s program will feature poet Garrett Phelan, who has taught creative writing under the auspices of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the Washington National Opera, and a variety of other organizations. He presently teaches creative writing in one of Connecticut’s prisons.

“Calling All Poets (...and poetry lovers)” is held regularly on the first Wednesday of the month from February through June and September through November. It is hosted by poet, musician, music therapist, & educator Victoria Muñoz.

SISTERS TO SISTERS BOOK CLUB
Monday, June 6, 6 p.m.
Auditorium
This month’s book is the historical romance Forbidden by bestselling author Beverly Jenkins, The Sisters to Sisters Book Club meets on the first Monday of the month. New members are welcome to join the discussion.

THURSDAY NIGHT MOVIE: BELLE
Thursday, June 30, 6 p.m.
Auditorium
This month’s movie is the 2013 period drama about the mixed race daughter of a Royal Navy Admiral raised by her aristocratic relatives in 18th century England. The film was inspired by a 1779 painting of Dido Elizabeth Belle, the great-niece of the Lord Chief Justice of England. Rated PG.

SCORE BUSINESS MENTORING
Thursdays, 10 a.m.
By appointment only
Volunteer business counselors are available by appointment to mentor entrepreneurs and small business owners. To learn more, visit our website at bronsonlibrary.org/score.

BRASS CITY TOASTMASTERS
Monday, June 13, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Monday, June 27, 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 and are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month.
**Silas Bronson Library**  
**Something for Everyone**

**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.
  *(closed Saturdays from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend)*

**Bunker Hill Branch**
- Tuesday 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- Thursday 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- Friday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- Saturday 1 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
  *(closed Saturdays from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend)*

**Locations**

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

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

**Library Closings**

The main library and branch library are **closed on Saturdays** during the summer.

**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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