FREE TAX PREPARATION
The library has joined the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program to provide free tax preparation for individuals and families earning less than $55,000 a year. VITA is offered at the library on Tuesdays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The service is available by appointment only; call 211 to schedule your appointment at the library or any other service location.

VITA is made possible through a partnership with United Way, the Connecticut Association for Human Services, and the Internal Revenue Service.

SPRING BOOK SALE
The Friends of the Library will be holding a special three-day book sale this spring in downtown Waterbury. Included in the sale are autographed books, best sellers, gently used books, and ex-library books. We’ll be announcing more details as we get closer to April -- check our website and social media for online updates, or keep an eye out for flyers at the library.

SPRING EXHIBITS
In March, our display cases in the front lobby will feature an exhibit from the Hispanic Coalition celebrating the diversity and accomplishments of the Hispanic population in the Waterbury area.

In April, we will feature silk flower arrangements from Fleurish by Michelle, a West Haven decorator specializing in floral arrangements, and a collection of teacups and related memorabilia courtesy of Librarian Dana Lucisano.

In May, our exhibit cases will showcase the Waterbury Garden Club, celebrating their 85th anniversary this year.

NEW RELEASES
Wondering what’s new at the library? You can check our list of new arrivals for movies and music on our website at bronsonlibrary.org/newmovies and you can now follow us on Goodreads where we post highlights of the 800+ books that we add to our collection each month. You can also search our online catalog by publication date to browse new items.
Hi. Hope everyone had a safe and happy winter.

Coming up this spring, our new volunteers will be holding a special three-day book sale in downtown Waterbury. Once the date is set, we will promote the event at the library and online.

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

We now have a display area in the front lobby for featured items, as well as new bookstore space in the East Wing. We will be working on settling into our new space in March and April. The bookstore, which is open whenever the library is open.

Thanks 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, please call the library at 203-574-8222 to schedule a delivery time. Please note that we may not be able to accept all book donations at this time.

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.

Mar. 6, 1 p.m. Computer Basics for Beginners
Mar. 13, 1 p.m. Word for Beginners
Mar. 20, 1 p.m. Excel for Beginners
Mar. 27, 1 p.m. Lynda.com

Apr. 3, 1 p.m. eBooks on Your Device
Apr. 10, 1 p.m. Word for Beginners
Apr. 17, 1 p.m. Excel for Beginners
Apr. 24, 1 p.m. Library Resources Online

May 1, 1 p.m. Gmail & Google Drive
May 8, 1 p.m. Word for Beginners
May 15, 1 p.m. Excel for Beginners
May 22, 1 p.m. PowerPoint for Beginners
May 29, 1 p.m. Lynda.com

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
March 7 - May 30
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**

**Philip V. Benevento Cultural Program for Adults**

**Kris Jensen and the Jazz All Stars**
Saturday, April 13, 2 p.m.
Main Reading Room
Join us for a celebration of Jazz Appreciation Month with an afternoon performance by Kris Jensen and the Jazz All Stars. Jensen has performed with the Allman Brothers Band and continues to tour regularly with Jaimoe’s Jasssz Band, performing monthly at the Iridium jazz club in New York City.

The Philip V. Benevento Fund for Cultural Program 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 Silas Bronson Library.

**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.

**Friends of the Silas Bronson Library**
Second Tuesday of the month
March 12, April 9, May 14, 4 p.m.
Mezzanine
Open to all members of the Friends. Find out how you can get involved and help support the library.

**Calling All Poets (...and poetry lovers)**
First Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m.
March 6, April 3, May 1
Auditorium
All are welcome to attend, whether you are a poet or just love poetry. Bring five copies of your work to share for a constructive criticism workshop. Sign-up for open mic poetry and spoken word starts at 6:20 p.m. Hosted by Victoria Muñoz.

**Annual Poetry Slam:** Hosted by Ernie Blue on Wednesday, April 3, at 6:30 p.m. Sign-up starts at 6:20 p.m.
**Programs for Adults**

**Sisters to Sisters Book Club**
First Monday of the month, 6 p.m.
Mezzanine
New members welcome. Copies of the books will be available at the library.

March 4: *An American Marriage*  
by Tayari Jones

April 1: See below

May 6: *The Woman in the Window*  
by A.J. Finn

**Sisters to Sisters Author Visit**
Monday, April 1, 6 p.m.
Main Reading Room
Author Ken Harge will join Sisters to Sisters for a discussion of his book, *You Are Here for Something Great*. Copies of the book will be available for purchase & signing.

**Brass with Xhenet Aliu**
Saturday, March 9, 3 p.m.
Main Reading Room
Acclaimed author Xhenet Aliu returns to her childhood library to discuss her novel, *Brass*, which takes place in the Brass City.

**Movie and a Book**
Third Saturday of the month, 11 a.m.
Auditorium
Read the book and join us to watch the movie! We’re pairing up classic books with their film adaptations. Copies of the books will be available to borrow from the library. Light refreshments will be served.

March 16: *Wuthering Heights*  
by Emily Bronte

April 20: *The Book Thief*  
by Markus Zusak

May 18: *The Picture of Dorian Gray*  
by Oscar Wilde

**Resilience with Carol Gee**
Tuesday, March 19, 2 p.m.
Main Reading Room
Local author Carol Gee discusses her book about her journey through mental illness. Copies will be available for purchase and signing.

**Preserving Family Treasures**
Thursday, May 2, 6 p.m.
Main Reading Room
Lizette Pelletier, State Archivist at the Connecticut State Library, will teach you how to preserve family photos, documents, and other memorabilia for future generations.

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SCORE BUSINESS MENTORING
Mondays, 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m.
Thursdays, 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 p.m.
By appointment only, call 203-574-8225
Mezzanine
Volunteer business counselors are available by appointment to mentor entrepreneurs and small business owners. To learn more, visit our website at bronsonlibrary.org/score.

AMERICAN JOB CENTER
Thursday, March 21, 2 p.m.
Main Reading Room
Pamela LaRosa, Director of One-Stop Workforce Operations, will provide an overview of the American Job Center and discuss some of the services offered with the CT Department of Labor.

INTERVIEW SKILLS
Thursday, April 11, 2 p.m.
Main Reading Room
Cindy Peterson from the Goodwill Career Center will help you prepare for a job interview. She will tell you how to prepare yourself before the interview, what to expect during the interview, how to answer difficult questions, and how to follow up afterwards.

BRASS CITY TOASTMASTERS
Second and Fourth Monday of the month, 6 p.m.
March 11 & 25, April 8 & 22, May 13
Auditorium
The Brass City Toastmasters’ mission is to empower individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders. Meetings are open to all interested parties.

JOB TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES
Thursday, April 18, 2 p.m.
Main Reading Room
Missing the skills you need for the job you want? Find out about the free training opportunities and funding available at the American Job Center.

HOW TO FIND A JOB
Thursday, March 14, 2 p.m.
Main Reading Room
Cindy Peterson from the Goodwill Career Center will talk about ways to search for a new job, how to figure out what type of job you are searching for, and how to avoid job scams.

JOBSEEKER SERVICES
Thursday, May 16, 2 p.m.
Main Reading Room
Pamela LaRosa, Director of the One-Stop Workforce Operations, will talk about the American Job Center and the training available through the Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act.

ONLINE RESOURCES
Use your Silas Bronson Library card to get free access to online resources that will help your business or career. Visit bronsonlibrary.org/research to get started.
CHESS MEETUP
First and third Saturday of the month, 2:30 p.m.
March 2 & 16, April 6 & 20, May 4 & 18
Auditorium
Chess players are welcome to join us to share their love of the game, meet new chess players, or learn the game. All ages welcome.

GAMING CLUB
First and third Wednesday of the month, 4 p.m.
March 6 & 20, April 3 & 17, May 1 & 15
Auditorium
Join us for video games, Magic, Yu-Gi-Oh! and board games in our Gaming Club. Anyone who loves games of any type is welcome. Games may contain mature content.

GAMERS WHO CODE
Wednesdays, 6 p.m.
Computer Classroom
Brass City Gamers hosts a coding class at the library. All ages and skill levels are welcome.

MOVIES @ THE LIBRARY
Last Wednesday of the month, 4 p.m.
Auditorium
Join us for a free movie and snacks.
March 27: Venom
April 24: The Hate U Give
May 29: Split
All movies are rated PG-13 and may not be suitable for young children.

WATERBURY ROUNDTABLE:
COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS
Fourth Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m.
March 28, April 25, May 23
Auditorium
All are welcome to join us for our new monthly community conversations about Waterbury’s past, present, and future. Bring your ideas and any topics you’d like to discuss. Light refreshments will be served.

HOLI FEST
Saturday, March 23, 1 p.m.
Patio
Holi is a Hindu springtime celebration of love and color known for the play of colors in which participants douse one another with bright colors. Come learn about this joyful celebration.

JIGSAW PUZZLE CONTEST
Saturday, April 6, 1 p.m.
Main Reading Room
Teams of up to 6 people compete to see how much of a 550-piece puzzle they can finish in 2 hours. Pre-registration required.
Call 203-574-8225 to R.S.V.P.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK CELEBRATION
Monday - Saturday, April 7 - 13,
Building-Wide
Help us celebrate the library during National Library Week! We’ll have a variety of activities for all ages. This year’s theme for is Libraries = Strong Communities.

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TEEN/YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Second Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.
March 13, April 10, May 8
Teen/YA 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/YA Zone
Read the book, then let us know what you think! Copies available at the Circulation Desk. For ages 13-19 only. Snacks provided.

- March 28: Five Feet Apart by Rachael Lippincott
- April 25: The Sun is Also a Star by Nicola Yoon
- May 30: Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

ANIME MOVIE MATINEE
Saturday, March 30, 2:30 p.m.
Auditorium
Join us for some popcorn and a viewing of the Academy Award winning Studio Ghibli movie, Howl’s Moving Castle. Rated PG.

TEEN POETRY SLAM
Wednesday, April 10, 5 p.m.
Auditorium
Join us for our first ever Teen Poetry Slam. Submit poems in advance to one of our Teen Librarians.

FORENSIC PIZZA
Wednesday, April 17, 6:30 p.m.
Auditorium
Join the Waterbury Police Lab for pizza and a discussion and demonstration of how they secure crime scenes, collect evidence, and more. Learn what really goes on at CSI Waterbury.

HENNA TATTOOS
Wednesday, May 15, 6 p.m.
Auditorium
Learn about henna tattoos with Jamilah Henna Creations. The first ten participants will receive a free henna tattoo as part of the program.

NEW TEEN ZONE & COMPUTER LAB
You asked, we listened! Join us this spring for the grand opening of our new Teen Zone, featuring a teens-only lounge and study area, and an upgraded Computer Lab with Creative Suite software for graphic design, animation, and music creation. Follow us on Instagram (@bronsonteens) for updates.
**44th Annual Poetry Contest**

Deadline for Submission: Monday, April 12, 5 p.m.
Open to all children in Grades 1 to 8 who live in Waterbury or attend school in Waterbury.
All poems must be the original work of the individual child. Only one poem per child is permitted. Registration forms and the poem themes for each grade level are available at the library, on our website, and at the Waterbury schools.

**Weekly Programs**

**Storytime Plus**
Tuesdays, 10:30 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.

**Creating Musical Readers**
Tuesdays in April and May, 10:30 a.m.
Children’s Room
Creating Musical Readers is an early literacy program for preschoolers age 5 and under, presented by the Waterbury Symphony Orchestra.
A different musical instrument will be featured each week.

**Babies and Books**
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
Picture Book Room
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.

**Coding Club for Kids**
Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m.
Computer Classroom
Children of all ages are welcome to join in this club activity. Come learn coding, including HTML and how to program robots.

**Mother Goose**
Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.
Children’s Room
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.

**Jammie Jams**
Thursdays, 6 p.m.
Picture Book Room
“Pajama” story time for ages 3 - 7;
bring your favorite teddy bear, wear your PJs, and jam with music, songs, & stories!

**Roblox Club**
Fridays, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Computer Classroom
Roblox players can access games created by other users or create games themselves. Ages 5 to 14.
**CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS**

**MONTHLY PROGRAMS**

**LET’S GO LEGO!**
Last Monday of the month, 5:30 p.m.
March 25, April 29, May 20
Children’s Room
If you like building with LEGO's, then you’ll love “Let's Go LEGO!” LEGO's are provided. For ages 6 to 12.

**BRONSON BOOKWORMS**
Last Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m.
Mezzanine
A fun book club for ages 9 to 12. Snacks provided.
- March 26: *Amal Unbound* by Aisha Saeed
- April 30: *The Incorrigible Children of Ashton Place* by Maryrose Wood
- May 28: *The World According to Humphrey* by Betty Birney

**ALPHABET EXPLORERS**
First Saturday of the month, 10 a.m.
March 2, April 6, May 4
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. Call 203-574-8213 to register.

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

**IRISH DANCE**
Saturday, March 2, 1 p.m.
Auditorium
A fun program of Irish Dance education for children taught by Dr. Irene Horgan, Ph.D., artistic director of the Horgan Academy of Irish Dance. All present will be invited to learn and dance the ancient steps of Ireland, just in time for St. Patrick’s Day.

**MOVIE TIME: DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: THE LONG HAUL**
Wednesday, March 6, 5 p.m.
Saturday, March 9, 1 p.m.
Children’s Media Room
Stop in for a free screening of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul*, inspired by the book by Jeff Kinney. Rated PG.

**SOUND-SPERIMENTS**
Thursday, March 14, 6 p.m.
Children’s Room
Local music teacher William Parker brings the Science of Sound to the library! Children age 6 and up will explore how sound is made through various “sound-speriments” and receive a free, professional, Hohner brass and stainless steel harmonica, sponsored by the Connecticut State Library and a gift from an anonymous donor.

**ST. PATRICK’S DAY CRAFTS**
Saturday, March 16, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Children’s Room
Drop in any time for fun craft activities.


**SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

**WORLD WATER DAY**
Friday, March 22, 4 p.m.
Children’s Room
Join in for a celebration of water with Waterbury’s Cyril the Sorcerer. For ages 3–17.

**EARTH DAY MAGIC**
Monday, April 22, 5:30 p.m.
Patio
Celebrate Earth Day with the magic of Cyril the Sorcerer and find out how you can help save the planet. Program will be held indoors if it rains.

**MOVIE TIME: SGT. STUBBY**
Wednesday, April 10, 5 p.m.
Saturday, April 13, 1 p.m.
Children’s Media Room
Stop in for a free screening of Sgt. Stubby inspired by a true story. Rated PG.

**MOVIE TIME: HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON: THE HIDDEN WORLD**
Wednesday, May 8, 5 p.m.
Saturday, May 11, 1 p.m.
Children’s Media Room
Stop in for a free screening of How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World, inspired by the children’s books written by Cressida Cowell. Rated PG.

**DROP EVERYTHING AND READ**
Friday, April 12, 2 - 4 p.m.
Children’s Room
Waterbury Schools Superintendent Dr. Verna Ruffin and other notables will read their favorite stories as we celebrate Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.) Day, inspired by the classic children’s book Ramona Quimby, Age 8.

**MOTHER’S DAY CRAFTS**
Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Children’s Room
Stop by to make a card or other craft for Mother’s Day.

**SPRING BREAK: NO SCHOOL, LIBRARY RULES!**
Monday - Saturday, April 15 -20
Children’s Room
Bored at home? Come in we’ve got activities for you to do. Crafts, board games, and movies!

**PUPPET SHOW**
Thursday, April 18, 2 p.m.
Children’s Room
Rose and Lindsey present a Puss in Boots puppet show during Spring Break.

**PETER AND THE WOLF**
Thursday, May 30, 6 p.m.
Children’s Room
The Waterbury Symphony Orchestra presents a special performance of the musical fairy tale, Peter and the Wolf. All children in the audience will receive a free, professional, Hohner brass and stainless steel harmonica from the Connecticut State Library and a gift from an anonymous donor.
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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.

Bunker Hill Branch
Tuesday 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 12 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

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

The library will be closed on Saturdays for the summer from May 25 through August 31.

LOCATIONS

Main Library
267 Grand Street
Waterbury, CT 06702

Bunker Hill Branch
192 Bunker Hill Avenue
Waterbury, CT 06708

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Good Friday, Friday, April 19
Saturday, May 25
Memorial Day, Monday, May 27

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

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