EAST WING UPDATES

We’ve made some changes to the first floor of the East Wing! New carpeting, a new Teen Zone (for teens only!), a new computer classroom with a glass wall to keep classroom noise from disrupting patrons working nearby, and a centralized location for public computers, printing, and copying. We are still working on the finishing touches. Over the summer, we will be adding a 3D printer for our teen patrons (donated by the Waterbury Rotary Club), a new overhead projector in the computer classroom, a fax machine, and more!

The renovation was funded by the Elisha Leavenworth Foundation, the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library, the Anna M. Paul Fund of the Silas Bronson Library, the City of Waterbury, and USAC E-rate.

BLAST OFF YOUR SUMMER READING

The 2019 Summer Reading theme is “A Universe of Stories” and our summer programs are out of this world, including a Downtown Waterbury Spacewalk, which you can do at any time after picking up a copy of the map from the library (available starting June 6). More fun summer programs can be found throughout this newsletter.

SUMMER EXHIBITS

Stop by each month for new exhibits in our front lobby display cases and the East Wing gallery wall.

June: Objects from the collection of the Naugatuck Historical Society;
      Drawings of life in Waterbury by Ada Corchado

July: Van Vleck Nature Sanctuary at Flanders Nature Center, Woodbury;
      Nature photography by Sophie Zyla

August: Hand-made fabric arts by Algenia Mouzon;
        Abstract paintings by Costa Rican artist Maritza Chacón Bermúdez
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Readers' Garden Bookstore

Hi. Hope everyone had a safe and happy Spring.

The bookstore continues with books and other items in the front lobby and in a new location in the East Wing.

A special Thank you to all our volunteers who helped make the big book sale in May a success and 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.

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

Book Donations

If you would like to donate books, movies, or music, please call the library at 203-574-8222 to schedule a delivery time. Books being donated should be in good or gently used condition, without any mildew, water damage, or missing pages. Movies and music should be playable.

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.

June 5, 1 p.m. Computer Basics
June 12, 1 p.m. Microsoft Word for Beginners
June 19, 1 p.m. Microsoft Excel for Beginners
June 26, 1 p.m. Email & Internet Basics

July 3, 1 p.m. Computer Basics
July 10, 1 p.m. Microsoft Word for Beginners
July 17, 1 p.m. Microsoft Excel for Beginners
July 24, 1 p.m. Google Apps
July 31, 1 p.m. Library Resources Online

Aug. 7, 1 p.m. Computer Basics
Aug. 14, 1 p.m. Microsoft Word for Beginners
Aug. 21, 1 p.m. Lynda.com
Aug. 28, 1 p.m. Bring your tech questions for help

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
June 6 - August 29
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.
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.

BRASS CITY TOASTMASTERS
Second and Fourth Monday of the month, 6 p.m.
June 10 & 24, July 8 & 22, August 12 & 26
Auditorium
The Brass City Toastmasters’ mission is to empower individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders. Meetings are open to all interested parties.

FRIENDS OF THE SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY
Second Tuesday of the month
June 11, July 9, August 13, 6 p.m.
Mezzanine
Open to all members of the Friends. Find out how you can get involved and help support the library.

SCORE BUSINESS MENTORING
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.

CALLING ALL POETS (...and poetry lovers)
Wednesday, June 5, 6:30 p.m.
Auditorium
Accomplished poets Rhett Watts and Steven Ostrowski will read from their recent works. Bring five copies of your own work to share for a constructive criticism workshop. Sign-up for open mic poetry and spoken word at 6:20 p.m. Hosted by Victoria Muñoz.

CAPTEL PHONES
Tuesday, June 18, 6:30 p.m.
Auditorium
Trouble hearing on the telephone? You may qualify for a free telephone that displays what is being said on a screen. Learn how to qualify for these phones and see the range of devices available. Kim Schmidt from CapTel will demonstrate the devices, explain the program, and answer your questions.

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.
PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

SISTERS TO SISTERS BOOK CLUB
First Monday of the month, 6 p.m.
Mezzanine
New members welcome. No meeting will be held in July or August. Two books will be discussed in September.

June 3: Invisible by Stephen L. Carter
Sept. 9: Becoming by Michele Obama
and An American Marriage by Tayari Jones

BRASS BOOK CLUB @ THE BRANCH
Fourth Thursday of the month, 11:30 a.m.
Bunker Hill Branch, 192 Bunker Hill Avenue
Seniors 60+ are invited to join us for a monthly book discussion. Copies of the books will be available at the library.

June 27: The Little Paris Bookshop by Nina George
July 25: Leaving Time by Jodi Picoult
August 22: Close Enough to Touch by Colleen Oakley

PHILIP V. BENEVENTO CULTURAL PROGRAM FOR ADULTS

THREE SHORT PLAYS
Thursday, August 1, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Main Reading Room

Nancy Schuler returns to the Silas Bronson Library to perform her latest work, Three Short Plays. She will be joined on stage with her husband, Ed. The plays will explore 40 years of a marriage gone sour, online dating in your 80s, and the humor to be found in growing older. Light refreshments will be served after the performance.

Schuler’s plays have been performed in New York at the Manhattan Repertory Theatre, the New York Public Library Equity Theater, and in a variety of theaters and venues throughout Connecticut.

The Philip V. Benevento Fund for Cultural Programs 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.
**MOVIES @ THE LIBRARY**
Third Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.
Auditorium
Join us for a free movie and snacks.

- June 19: *Glass*
- July 17: *Instant Family*
- August 21: *Alita: Battle Angel*

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.
June 27, July 25, August 22
Auditorium
All are welcome to join us for a monthly community conversation. Bring your ideas and any Waterbury topics you’d like to discuss. Light refreshments will be served.

**JIGSAW PUZZLE CONTEST**
Thursday, July 18, 6 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.

**STARS WARS MOVIE MARATHON**
Friday, August 2, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Auditorium
Escape the heat with a free movie marathon at the library. We'll watch *The Force Awakens*, *The Last Jedi*, and *Solo*. Popcorn will be provided.
A UNIVERSE OF STORIES ~ SUMMER READING FOR TEENS
June 6 - August 16

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. We’ll give you a log book to keep track of your reading. At the end of the program in August, turn in your completed log to be entered to win prizes.

This year’s prizes include donations from Monster Mini Golf, Fascia’s Chocolates, Boston Red Sox, Sports Center of CT, The Big E, Mohawk Mountain, Ski Mount Southington, IT Adventure Ropes Course, Palace Theater, and more!

Get a head start on your reading and be eligible for early bird prizes: if you sign up on June 6, you will be entered to win prizes from the Connecticut Tigers, the Shubert Theatre, and Room With A Clue!

TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Second Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.
June 12, July 10, August 14
Teen Zone
Bring your ideas to a brainstorming session on what YOU want at the library. Snacks provided.

ANIME CLUB
Second & Fourth Wednesday of the month.
June 12 & 26, July 10 & 24, August 14 & 28, 4 p.m.
Auditorium
Share your love of anime and manga with this club. Win a prize! Snacks provided. For ages 14+

TEEN BOOK TO SCREEN CLUB
Last Thursday of the month, 5 p.m.
Teen Zone
Read the book, then let us know what you think!
Copies available at the Circulation Desk.
For ages 13-19 only. Snacks provided.

June 27:  P.S. I Still Love You by Jenny Han
July 25:  Shatter Me by Tahereh Mafi
August 22: Hush, Hush by Becca Fitzpatrick
6 WAYS TO LIVE YOUR BEST LIFE YET!
Wednesday, June 5, 6 p.m.
Teen Zone
Shelby Davis, author of Everything My Parents Taught Me in 6 Steps, will give an inspirational presentation for high school and college students. Learn ways to live your best life, overcome obstacles and challenges, and achieve personal goals and financial success.

K-9 FOR TEENS
Thursday, June 6, 4 p.m.
Library Park
Kick off summer reading with the Waterbury Police K9 Unit. Learn all about working dogs and sign up for our 2019 Teen Summer Reading.

MEET THE AUTHOR: CINDY RODRIGUEZ
Wednesday, July 10, 6:30 p.m.
Auditorium
Come meet Cindy Rodriguez, author of the young adult novel When Reason Breaks. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

MAKE YOUR OWN STAR JAR
Thursday, July 11, 5 p.m.
Teen Zone
Come make your own constellation star jar to light up your night!

TEEN MOVIE MARATHON
Thursday, July 18, 2 - 6 p.m.
Auditorium
Join us for a Teen Movie Marathon featuring movies from recent Book to Screen reads. For ages 13-19 only.

ANIME MOVIE MATINEE
Wednesday, July 31, 4 p.m.
Auditorium
Join us for some popcorn and My Hero Academia: Two Heroes. Rated PG.

TEEN SELF DEFENSE
Wednesday, August 7, 2 p.m.
Auditorium
Martial Arts demonstration by the Practical Self Defense Training Center of Waterbury featuring MMA Fighter “Jesse James.”

MEET THE AUTHOR: ESTHER WALLACE
Thursday, August 15, 6 p.m.
Teen Zone
Come meet Esther Wallace, author of The Savage War. Books will be available for purchase and signing.
 CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

LET’S GO LEGO!
Last Monday of the month, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
June 24, July 29, August 26
Children’s Room
If you like building with LEGOs, then you’ll love “Let’s Go LEGO!” LEGOs are provided.
For ages 6 to 12.

A UNIVERSE OF BRONSON BOOKWORMS
Last Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m.
Mezzanine
A fun book club for ages 9 to 12. Snacks provided.
June 25: Awkward by Svetlana Chmakova
July 30: Fuzzy by Tom Angleberger
August 20: Jedi Academy by Jeffrey Brown

SUMMER READING KICKOFF
Thursday, June 6, 6 p.m.
Children’s Room

Celebrate the start of summer reading with Matthew Cantello and Sound Explorers in a fun and educational experience that awakens and develops the most fundamental ways in which we perceive the universe around us.

SUMMER READING FOR KIDS
June 6 - August 16

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

To join, fill out a registration form at the library or register online at bronsonlibrary.org/kids. All children will receive incentives and will be eligible for raffle prizes as they progress in their reading.

Completed reading logs are due by 3 p.m. on Friday, August 16.

A UNIVERSE OF MOVIES
Second Wednesday of the month, 5 p.m.
Children’s Media Room

June 12: Mary Poppins
July 10: Dogs Way Home
August 14: Dumbo
CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

FAMILY MEETUP
Daily, 11:30 a.m.
Children’s Room
Parents and children meetup and socialize. An informal playdate where all can get a chance to meet new friends and socialize.

AMBITIOUS GIRLS
Mondays in July, 5 p.m.
Children’s Media Room
Join us every Monday in July for an empowerment workshop designed to teach girls communication skills and how to make intelligent choices. For girls ages 7-13.

STORYTIME PLUS
Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11:30 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.

BABIES AND BOOKS
Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11 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 - 4:30 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 - 11:30 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 - 7 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!

A UNIVERSE OF STORIES HOUR
Fridays, July 12 - August 16, 11 a.m.
Children’s Room
Join us for a special story hour on Fridays in July and August.

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.

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CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

WATER WIZARD
Friday, June 7, 4 - 5 p.m.
Children’s Room
Celebrate World Ocean Day with Cyril the Sorcerer. For ages 3–17.

MOON LANDING WEBCAST
Monday, July 15, 4 p.m.
Children’s Media Room
Join us for a live webcast by the American Museum of Natural History to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Mission.

BUTTERFLY RELEASE PARTY
Friday, June 14, 3 - 4 p.m.
Children’s Room
We’ll be growing butterflies and then releasing them on June 14.

GALAXY SLIME
Friday, July 19, 3 - 4:30 p.m.
Children’s Room
Stop in and make some Galaxy Slime!

STORY & SONGS WITH UYI
Thursday, June 20, 6 - 7 p.m.
Children’s Room
Uyi, a young artist of 8 years who enjoys performance arts, will read and sing to other children at this special Jammie Jams program.

MOON ROCK PAINTING
Friday, July 26, 3 - 4:30 p.m.
Library Patio
Paint your own Moon Rock!

FAIRY UNIVERSE HOUSE CONSTRUCTION
Friday, June 28, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Library Patio
Build your very own Fairy House! Learn about the insects and other creatures that may share a dwelling with your fairy. All natural building materials provided for a Fairy House. Children design and keep their creative work. Registration required: call 203-574-8213.

BUILD A LEGO SPACE UNIVERSE
Monday, August 12, 5 p.m.
Children’s Room

PUFFY PAINT UNIVERSE
Tuesday, August 13, 2 p.m.
Children’s Room
Create your own universe with Puffy Paint!

SUMMER READING FINALE PARTY
Friday, August 16, 3:30 p.m.
Library Patio
Celebrate the end of our Universe of Stories Summer Reading program. The first 100 kids will be treated to Ben & Jerry’s ice cream!

AUTHOR VISIT: CARLA VICTORIA WALLACE
Tuesday, July 9, 4 p.m.
Children’s Media Room
**Library Hours**

**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.

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**

Independence Day, Thursday, July 4
Saturdays, May 25 through August 31

**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