CENSUS 2020 QUICK FACTS

- The 2020 Census counts every person living in each household on April 1, 2020.
- The U.S. Census is taken every 10 years. The first one was taken in 1790.
- The Census can be filled out online, by mail, or by phone starting in March.
- Your personal information is kept private by law for 72 years.
- Everyone needs to be counted, even babies.
- The number of people who are reported on the Census becomes the official number of people who live in a town or state for the next 10 years.
- Federal funding for schools, roads, and other projects is based on the number of people who live in a town or state.
- The number of representatives each state gets in the U.S. Congress is based on the number of people who live in the state. District boundaries are also based on the number of people reported on the Census.

WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS

The library is usually open even when the schools are closed. To find out if we are closed, check our website or social media accounts. Weather closings will also be reported to the local news outlets for their complete lists of closings and delays.

WINTER EXHIBITS

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

December: Antique Buttons
Artwork by Enrique Ortiz

January: Connecticut Museum of Mining and Mineral Science
Photographs of Raptors by Sophie Zyla

February: Black History Memorabilia
Oil Paintings by Vladimir Bcerdoev

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A Message from the Friends

We have had an amazing fall and want to thank everyone for their on-going support. We celebrated our first fundraiser in September when we came together to do a paint pour at The Clay Date. In November, we had a wonderful time at the Artisan’s market selling dryer balls and our new cotton canvas tote bags, which are still available for sale for $10 at the circulation desk. We partnered with our friends at Brass City Gaming Tournament to round out November with a Smash Bros. Tournament to benefit the Gaming Club; a great time was had by all.

Our pop bag sale the day after Thanksgiving was the first of many small sales that we plan to offer in the coming year in addition to the ongoing book sale in the East Wing. This winter, we will be planning some fun, new, exciting fundraising activities for spring. We would love to hear from you; please consider joining the Friends of Silas Bronson Library, come to a meeting or send a message with your ideas. You can contact us at SilasBronsonFriends@gmail.com or call the library at (203) 574-8222. You can also connect with us on Facebook (@SBLfriends).

Readers’ Garden Bookstore

Books, movies, and other items for sale can be found in the front lobby and in the East Wing. All proceeds benefit the library and the prices can’t be beat -- hardcover books are only one dollar!

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. 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.
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 and general computer skills for beginners.

Dec. 4, 1 p.m. Computer Basics
Dec. 11, 1 p.m. Excel for Beginners
Dec. 18, 1 p.m. Word for Beginners
Jan. 8, 1 p.m. PowerPoint for Beginners
Jan. 15, 1 p.m. Publisher for Beginners
Jan. 22, 1 p.m. eBooks (Bring Your Device)
*Mon., Jan. 27, 6 p.m. eBooks (Bring Your Device)
Jan. 29, 1 p.m. Online Learning Tutorials
Feb. 5, 1 p.m. Computer Basics
Feb. 12, 1 p.m. Excel for Beginners
Feb. 19, 1 p.m. Word for Beginners
Feb. 26, 1 p.m. Bring a topic/questions to explore

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
December 5 - February 27
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

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.
December 9 & 23, January 13 & 27, February 10 & 24
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 Tuesdays of the month, 6 p.m.
December 10, January 14, February 11
Mezzanine
Open to all members of the Friends. Find out how you can get involved and help support the library.

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

SISTERS TO SISTERS BOOK CLUB
First Monday of the month, 6 p.m.
Mezzanine
New members welcome.
December 2: The Darkest Child by Delores Phillips
January 6: From Scratch by Tembi Locke
February 3: Some of My Friends Are... by Deborah L. Plummer

BRASS BOOK CLUB @ THE BRANCH
Fourth Thursday of the month, 12 p.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.
January 23: Something in the Water by Catherine Steadman
February 27: Madame Bovary by Gustave Flaubert
**Classical Piano Concert**

Monday, February 24, 6 p.m.
Main Reading Room

Pianist Konstantza Chernov returns to perform another evening of classical music, playing selections from Mozart. Dr. Chernov is an active soloist and chamber musician who has performed extensively throughout the United States and Europe. She teaches at the Queens College Aaron Copland School of Music.

**Alice’s Ordinary People**

Thursday, February 27, 6 p.m.
Auditorium

Join us for a screening and discussion of the documentary Apple’s Ordinary People with filmmaker Craig Dudnick. Alice Tregay was an activist in the Chicago Freedom Movement. The film shows what she and other “ordinary people” did to end segregation in the schools, get jobs for African Americans, and work in political campaigns.

**THE SHAOLIN BUTTERFLY STYLE — THE ART OF TRANSFORMATION**

Thursday, January 30, 6:30 p.m.
Snow Date: February 6, 6:30 p.m.
Main Reading Room

Michael Fuchs, CT State Director for the International Chinese Boxing Association, will discuss his book, The Shaolin Butterfly Style of Tai Chi. He will also give a demonstration. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

**THE NEW BLUE OF YALE**

Saturday, February 1, 2 p.m.
Snow Date: February 22, 2 p.m.
Main Reading Room

The New Blue of Yale is an internationally acclaimed all-women’s singing group. Founded the same year that Yale first admitted undergraduate women, they have delighted audiences worldwide. They have produced seven CDs, sang for Presidents George Bush and Barack Obama and were the recipient of the Contemporary A Cappella Society’s award for Best Female Collegiate Album.
**FREE ONLINE DATABASES**

Learn a language, download repair manuals, get tips on starting a small business, grow your job skills, and more!

Visit bronsonlibrary.org/research and use the barcode number from the back of your Silas Bronson Library card (patron ID) to access these databases from home. Some can be accessed directly, without a log-in, at the library.

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**BE A LITERACY VOLUNTEER!**

Literacy Volunteers of Greater Waterbury is holding orientation sessions for adults interested in volunteer tutoring. LVGW tutors teach adults basic literacy, English as a Second Language, and U.S. citizenship test preparation skills.

Find out if tutoring is for you. Contact Denise Calabrese at 203-754-1164 or dcalabrese@waterburyct.org for 2020 dates and to RSVP.

- **Tuesday, December 3, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.**
  Silas Bronson Library Auditorium

- **Tuesday, December 10, 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.**
  Howard Whittemore Library, Naugatuck

- **Tuesday, December 17, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.**
  Depot Square, Watertown

**FREE TAX PREPARATION**

January 28 - April 14, 2020

Tuesdays, 6 - 8 p.m.

Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

By Appointment Only

Call 211 to schedule an appointment at the library or at any other service location.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) will be available at the library for low-to-moderate-income individuals and families earning less than $56,000 a year.

IRS-trained volunteers are certified to prepare simple tax returns and screen customers for special tax credits and savings plans. Visiting a VITA site instead of a paid tax preparer saves each filer an average of $200.

Taxes can be filed electronically, in which case refunds are received within 7-10 days.

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

**Chess Club / Learn to Play**
Tuesdays, 4 - 6 p.m.
Auditorium
Chess players — share your love of the game and your skills with new players. All levels welcome to learn and enjoy the game. Hosted by instructor Billy Graham.

**Holiday Movie**
Saturday, December 7, 2:15 p.m.
Auditorium
Get in the spirit with a special showing of The Grinch. Rated PG.

**Knitting Club**
Saturdays, December 14 & January 4, 12 p.m.
Mezzanine
Learn to knit or just come to knit and chat. For ages 10 and up. Registration required; call 203-574-8225.

**Movies at the Library**
Third Saturday of the month, 2:15 p.m.
Auditorium
- December 21: Rise of the Guardians (PG)
- January 18: Aladdin (PG)
- February 15: Hobbs & Shaw (PG-13)

**Gamers Who Code: Web Design**
Wednesdays, Jan. 8 - Feb. 26, 6 p.m.
Computer Classroom
Brass City Gamers presents a basic web design course using WIX platform. All ages welcome.

**Gaming Club**
First and third Wednesday of the month, 3:30 p.m.
December 4 & 18, January 15 & 29, February 5 & 26*
Auditorium
Join us for video games, Yu-Gi-Oh!, Magic, and board games. Anyone who loves games of any type is welcome. Games may contain mature content.
* Note: meets the fourth Wednesday in February.

**Anime Club**
Second and fourth Saturday of the month, 2:30 p.m.
December 14 & 28, January 11 & 25, February 8 & 22
Auditorium
Share your love of anime and manga with this club. Win a prize! Snacks provided. Suggested age: 13+

**Board Games!**
Saturdays, January 4 & February 1, 2 p.m.
Auditorium
Join us to learn a new generation of board games like Pandemic, and discover what all the fun is about!

**Learn Sign Language**
Saturdays, January 11 - February 22, 1:30 p.m.
Computer Classroom
Join us for a six-week program to learn American Sign Language.
**TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Second Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.
December 11, January 8, February 12
Teen 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 Zone
Read the books that inspired the movies & TV shows. For ages 13-19 only. Snacks provided.

Jan. 30:  Our Chemical Hearts by Krystal Sutherland
Feb. 27:  Weetzie Bat by Francesca Lia Block

**TEEN SELF DEFENSE**
Saturday, December 28, 12 p.m.
Auditorium
Join us for an intro to Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, considered by many to be the perfect martial art. Presented by Vianna Brothers of Waterbury. Sign up at the Circulation Desk or Teen Zone. Teens only!

**TEEN 3D PRINTING**
Mondays, January 6, February 3, 5:30 p.m.
Computer Classroom
Learn how to use our new 3D printer, then start designing and printing your own creations! Registration is required.

**FINANCIAL AID NIGHT**
Wednesday, January 15, 6 p.m.
Snow Date: January 22, 6 p.m.
Auditorium
Find out how to apply for some of the largest scholarship programs; learn important deadlines; and gain key info about financial aid. Presented by America Savings Foundation and Connecticut Community Foundation.

**TEEN PRE-SUPER BOWL PIZZA PARTY**
Thursday, January 30, 3:30 p.m.
Auditorium
Who will win Super Bowl 54? Get in your pick, have some pizza and show off your best NFL game shirt and touchdown dance.

**TEEN CANDY HUNT**
Wednesday, February 12, 6:30 p.m.
Teen Zone
Got Escape Room skills? Use your best detective techniques (and secret clues) to find the hidden chocolate.
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.

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.

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 ages 5 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!

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.

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.

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.

SNOWBALL READERS
December 2 - January 31
Children’s Room
Chill out and read this winter with “Snowball Readers,” the Children’s Winter Reading Program for all children from birth through 8th grade. Children who can’t yet read can join if someone reads to them.

Registration starts December 2 and ends January 24. Return scorecards by Friday, January 31 to be entered into a raffle and receive a free book.

203-574-8200 bronsonlibrary.org
CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

LET’S GO LEGO!
Last Monday of the month, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
December 30, January 27, February 24
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.

MOVIE TIME
Second Wednesday of the month, 5 p.m.
Children’s Media Room
December 11: The Polar Express
January 8: The Angry Birds 2
February 12: Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse

ALPHABET EXPLORERS
First Saturday of the month, 11 a.m.
December 7, January 4, February 1
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.
To register, call 203-574-8213.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

SANTA CLAUS VISITS SILAS BRONSON
Friday, December 20, 3 p.m.
Children’s Room
Santa Claus will be visiting the Children’s Room! For ages 1 to 12.

ANNE FRANK: A LIFE TO REMEMBER
Monday, December 23, 5 p.m.
Snow Date: December 27, 2 p.m.
Children’s Room
Join us for a glimpse into the extraordinary life of Anne Frank! The performance will be presented by actress Sheryl Faye and will be followed by a chance to have your questions answered.
Sponsored by CT Humanities Book Voyagers program.

WINTER RECESS AT THE LIBRARY
December 23 - December 31
Children’s Room
No need to stay home: stop by the library any time we’re open during the Waterbury Public School’s Winter Recess. Holiday movies at 4 p.m., plus crafts, games, LEGOs and more!
CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

SPECIAL PROGRAMS, CONT.

THREE KINGS DAY
Monday, January 6, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Children’s Room
Get creative and design a Three Kings Day craft. Come in anytime and be crafty. Design a crown, or make a Three Kings Day card. There will be a special Story Time with Alderwoman Brenda Cotto.

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY
Saturday, February 1, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Children’s Room
Join us for a celebration of the library! We’ll have special activities in the Children’s Room all day. It will be a fun day for the whole family.

VALENTINE’S DAY CRAFTS
Thursday, February 13, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Children’s Room
Stop in and create a special Valentine’s Day card for someone you love!

7 ANGELS AT THE LIBRARY: “I WANT TO ACT!”
Saturday, January 11, 11 a.m.
Children’s Room
Scott Kealey, Acting Teacher at Seven Angels Theatre, will teach us how to act by playing theater games. Find out how much fun it is to get up in front of people and tell stories or make them laugh. Registration is not required - just drop in and have some fun!

WIZARD GAME DAY
Saturday, February 29, 2 p.m.
Children’s Room
Join us for an afternoon of wizard-oriented games with Cyril the Sorcerer. Dress in your Wizarding World finest if you wish! For ages 8 and up.

HARRY POTTER MAGIC SHOW
Friday, January 31, 4 p.m.
Children’s Room
We’re halfway to Harry Potter Day, and we’ll be celebrating with a special Harry Potter magic show!

CHRISTOPHER AGOSTINO’S STORYFACES
Saturday, February 22, 2 p.m.
Snow Date: March 7, 2 p.m.
Children’s Room
The story comes to life on the faces of the audience. Volunteers are brought on stage and face painted to illustrate the stories as Christopher tells them, fully engaging the audience with a skillful spoken word performance of folktales and original stories combined with his unique visual art.
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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 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday* 12 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
* Starting in February

SPECIAL NOTES:
For weather closings, please check our social media or website.
The library will close at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 24 and on Tuesday, December 31.

Locations

Main Library
267 Grand Street
Waterbury, CT 06702

Bunker Hill Branch
192 Bunker Hill Avenue
Waterbury, CT 06708

Library Closings
Christmas Day, December 25
New Year’s Day, January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 20
Presidents’ Day, February 14 & 17

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
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