SATURDAY HOURS RETURN
Starting September 11, the downtown library will be open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Starting September 18, the Bunker Hill Branch library will also be open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGNUP MONTH
Start the school year right—make sure everyone in the family has their own library card! To get a card for a child, a parent or other legal guardian must bring to the library two forms of ID (such as a driver’s license and a recent bill showing your current Waterbury address).

NATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL
September 17-September 26
Help us celebrate the Library of Congress National Book Festival! The festival is being held online this year, making it accessible for all.

BANNED BOOKS WEEK
September 26—October 2
Come in, check out a banned book, take a photo with it and we might just share it on our social media (be sure to make your photos public and tag us in them!). Draw a picture or write a brief summary of the book to enter our raffle for a chance to win a prize.

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL NOVEL WRITING MONTH
Are you interested in creative writing? Want to learn more about what goes into writing a novel? November is National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo). NaNoWriMo is a fun, seat-of-your-pants approach to creative writing. Spend the month writing a few pages each day and at the end of the month, you could have a first draft of your completed novel! Let your imagination take flight. For more information visit nanowrimo.org, call us at 203-574-8225, or just get writing!
Message from the President
Greetings to all!

I hope this finds you well. The pandemic has made for many challenges but has also made for some very creative thinking. We were unable to have our usual book sale in 2020. With the library being closed, we took the book sale on the road, listing many items on Facebook Marketplace. This allowed us to continue in our mission, although on a much smaller scale.

We were also able to partner with Literacy Volunteers of Greater Waterbury and do two hugely successful Purse Bingo Fundraisers at Hawk Ridge. We had such a great time that we are going to do it again on October 15th. We hope to see many of you there.

Now that the library is open for browsing again, our book store is open again in the East Wing by the computer area. And we are now able to accept credit cards!

My main goal is to grow our group and increase diversity in order to better represent and impact our community. Which is why I’d like to take the opportunity to invite you all to bring your enthusiasm, ideas and organizational skills and join us. While I encourage you to join, you do not need to be a paid member of the Friends to attend a meeting; they are open to the public and all are welcome.

I look forward to a very successful year and hope to have an opportunity to meet many of you.

~ Miki Mackennedy

New Slate of Officers
At the Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library, a new slate of officers and directors was elected to lead the Friends.

President: Miki Mackennedy
Vice-President: Tricia Bonse
Secretary: Cindy Navarro
Treasurer: Heidi Barbieri

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE FRIENDS
Second Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m.
September 14, October 12, November 9
Auditorium

Open to all. Please RSVP to 203-574-8222. Please do not attend if you aren’t feeling well, have a fever, COVID symptoms or if you have been in contact with someone who has COVID-19. Masks must be worn.

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO
Friday, October 15, 2021, 5:30 p.m. (Preview), 6 p.m.
Hawk Ridge Winery, 28 Plungis Road, Watertown

Back by popular demand! Join us at Hawk Ridge Winery for a fundraiser to support the Friends of Silas Bronson Library and Literacy Volunteers of Greater Waterbury. Tickets are $45 per person if purchased prior to September 23 (when tickets increase to $50). Ticket includes a complimentary glass of wine! The event will be held outdoors.

To order tickets, call Miki at 203-565-7572 or Jessica at 203-754-1164.
Readers’ Garden Bookstore
We hope that everyone had a safe, wonderful summer! There were certainly lots of “Tails and Tales” during the library’s summer reading and learning program!

The Garden bookstore has reopened with books, CDs, DVDs and other items in the East Wing of the library. The library is now able to accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover in addition to cash and check donations. All bookstore proceeds support the Library’s many programs, services and projects. Your support is most appreciated.

If you are interested in volunteering or helping the Friends, please email bronsonlibrary@wateburyct.org, call (203) 574-8222 or 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. Textbooks, dictionaries and large reference materials cannot be accepted at this time.

Join the Friends of the Library
Members of the Friends of the Library 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 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 many programs and services or to assist with building improvements. Donations to the Friends may be sent to us at: P.O. Box 2853, Waterbury, CT 06723.
HOME DELIVERY
If you are a Waterbury resident who is homebound or otherwise unable to visit the library in person, we can bring the library to your home. We now have a home delivery service! You must be a Waterbury resident and have a current, active library card to apply. Applications are available online and can be mailed to you. Contact us at 203-574-8225 or email us at bronsonlibrary@waterburyct.org to request an application.

MAGAZINES AT HOME
Magazines can now be borrowed from the library! Use your library card to borrow magazines the same way you borrow books. For print copies, up to five magazines can be borrowed for up to two weeks at a time. The latest issues cannot be checked out. You can also borrow magazines online using the Libby app on your smartphone or tablet.

CREDIT CARDS NOW ACCEPTED
The library has expanded its accepted payment methods. We are now able to accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover Card, in addition to cash and check. If you need to settle fines for overdue or lost items, add money to your card for printing or wish to buy books from the Friends of the Library bookstore, you can now do so with a debit or credit card.

BOOK A LIBRARIAN
Whether you need help with a resume, or if you want some help looking up information, or if you want to learn how to use some of the library’s resources, you can now “book a librarian” to help you one-on-one for up to one hour. Schedule your appointment by calling 203-574-8225 or visit the Book a Librarian page on our website.

MUSEUM PASS TIXKEEPER
Our museum pass system is now on TixKeeper. The new online platform lets you view museum pass availability, reserve physical passes, and print passes at home or at the library. Museum passes give you free or reduced price admission to more than a dozen museums, zoos, and science centers. Visit bronsonlibrary.org/museums to get started.

COMING SOON!
We’re adding two new online resources for our patrons. They will be available on our website this fall.

Ancestry Library Edition gives you free access to billions of historical documents, including census records and immigration records, to help you find out more about your family history.

Universal Class offers hundreds of free online courses to help you learn business skills, brush up on your education, or prepare for specific tests. CEUs and other certificates of completion are available.
**Computers, WiFi, Printing, & Copying**

**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.

**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.

Free Wi-Fi is available outside the library courtesy of the Connecticut Education Network (CEN). Select CTPublicWiFi on your device, wait for the welcome page to load, then click on Agree.

**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 East Wing 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.

**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.

**B.R.A.S.S. Computer Classes**
Fridays, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Waterbury Senior Center
Call Debra at 203-574-6746 to reserve a space

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. For more information, call us at 203-574-8225.

**Take the Internet Home**
Our Wi-Fi Hotspots let you borrow the internet for free! Connect your Wi-Fi enabled phone, tablet, or computer to the internet using one of our hotspots. Hotspots can be borrowed for up to one week at a time.

Starting September 15, you will also be able to borrow Chrome books and tablets to use at home for up to one week at a time.
**SISTERS TO SISTERS BOOK CLUB**

Tuesday, September 7, 6 p.m.
Thursdays, October 7 & November 4, 6 p.m.
Patio (Weather Permitting)
Call 203-574-8225 to join

New members welcome! Summer learning book *Tears We Cannot Stop* and *The Street* will be discussed in September.

Sept. 7: *The Street* by Ann Petry
Oct. 7: *The Stranger in the Woods* by Michael Finkel
Nov. 4: *The Power of Now* by Eckart Tolle

**BRASS BOOK CLUB**

Fourth Thursday of the month, 12 p.m.
Zoom
Seniors 60+ are invited to join us for a monthly book discussion.

Sept. 23: *The Big Sleep* by Raymond Chandler
Oct. 28: *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* by John Berendt
Nov. 18: *The Wife, the Maid and the Mistress* by Ariel Lawhorn

Advance registration required.
Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/programs or call us at 203-574-8225.

**GENEALOGY TIP CLUB**

Fourth Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m.
September 28, October 26, November 23
Zoom
Are you stuck in your genealogy research? Join library director and local historian Raechel Guest to learn expert tips and tricks for finding more about your family tree.

Advanced registration required. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/programs or call us at 203-574-8225.

**SEAT OF THE PANTS COOKING WITH CHEF BILL**

Thursdays, September 23 & October 21, 7 p.m.
Zoom
Join Chef Bill in his kitchen as he demonstrates a delicious recipe each month! Learn food prep tips, tricks and hints. Ideal for cooks of all skill levels!

Advance registration required. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/programs or call us at 203-574-8225.

**PROTECTING YOUR HEALTH AND WEALTH: AN ALZHEIMER’S CONVERSATION**

Wednesday, September 22, 2 p.m.
Zoom
Alzheimer’s is one of the costliest diseases. Join us as we discuss the risk factors, warning signs, resources, and how you can join the fight against Alzheimer’s.

Advance registration required. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/programs or call us at 203-574-8225.

Presented by Maria Xavier, Financial Advisor at Edward Jones, and Maria Tomasetti, CT Chapter of Alzheimer’s Association
PHILIP V. BENEVENTO CULTURAL PROGRAM FOR ADULTS

NZINGA’S DAUGHTERS
Thursday, September 16, 5:30 p.m.
Rain date: Thursday, September 30, 5:30 p.m.
Rear Patio

Join us for a very special musical performance of “Underground Railroad” by Nzinga’s Daughters. The musical group has performed at a variety of major arts and cultural venues in New England, and Ghana, West Africa. Their program includes a variety of African, Caribbean and African-American music, drumming, storytelling and poetry. This is a performance you won’t want to miss!

Advance registration encouraged. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/programs or call us at 203-574-8225.

DOWNTOWN ART CRAWL
Friday, September 24, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
Saturday, September 25, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Downtown Waterbury will be filled with art exhibits for this special two-day event. The library will host an exhibit of work by Maureen Wilkinson, a prize winning painter. Connecting each exhibit site is a walking tour of public art pieces in downtown Waterbury. A map will be available, along with a “passport” with instructions. Participants who visit every exhibit site will be eligible for a special treat at the end.

HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION: LIVE MUSIC ON THE PATIO
Saturday, October 2
Patio

Join us for a fun afternoon of live music outside on the library’s patio celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. Refreshments will be served.

Advanced registration requested but not required. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/programs or call 203-574-8225.

Sponsored by the Hispanic Coalition of Greater Waterbury.

203-574-8200  bronsonlibrary.org
WHAT IS THE “REAL ID”?
Thursday, October 14, 6:30 p.m.
Zoom
What is the Real ID? How do I get one?
Do I even NEED one? Fran Mayko, Public Affairs Dept. of AAA Northeast will answer all this and more. Learn what the REAL ID is, who should get one, how you get one and the changes to obtaining the ID as a result of COVID.

Advance registration required. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/programs or call 203-574-8225.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS
Wednesday, October 27, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 9, 6:30 p.m.
Zoom
Legal rights can and do change. Laws get updated, new programs become available and new requirements are put into place. Understanding your legal rights and responsibilities can be a scary process and very overwhelming for families and caregivers. Attorneys from Connecticut Legal Services will be here to answer questions regarding some of the most common legal concerns that they deal with.

Oct. 27: Public Benefits Programs including Social Security Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Nov. 9: Elder Law, Power-of-Attorney, Long-term Care issues, including health care planning

Advance registration required. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/programs or call 203-574-8225.

Presented by Connecticut Legal Services

ITALIAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION
Wednesday, October 13, 5:30 p.m.
Rain date: Wednesday, October 20, 5:30 p.m.
Patio
Join us for a celebration of Italian heritage and culture and enjoy the vocal talents of Italian pop opera/crossover singer “The Graceful Tenor” Vittorio DiCarlo! DiCarlo is a native of the Puglia region in Italy and has been living in Connecticut since 2010, performing all over the tri-state area. If you enjoy the stylings of Andrea Bocelli, Frank Sinatra or Dean Martin, this is a performance you won’t want to miss! Refreshments will be served.

Advanced registration required. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/programs or call 203-574-8225.

Sponsored by Waterbury UNICO
TEEN/YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Second Thursday of the month, 4 p.m.
September 9, October 14, November 18
Zoom
Discuss your ideas for new and exciting programs, books, games and activities for our library! Earn community service hours for school!
For ages 11+

Advance registration required. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/teenprograms or call us at 203-574-8225.

HOLIDAY MAGIC SHOW
Tuesday, November 30, 6:30 p.m.
Zoom
Professional close up card magician Ari Bisk will perform an interactive 45 minute Zoom magic show. The show will include plenty of audience participation and provide entertainment for all!

Advance registration required. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/teenprograms or call us at 203-574-8225.

SILAS BRONSON GEEKDOM

ANIME CLUB
Alternating Wednesdays, 6 p.m.
September 1, 15 & 29
October 27,
November 10 & 24
Zoom
Watch the latest YA Anime coming out of Japan and talk about it in the chat option.

Sept. 29: Demon Slayer - Kimetsu no Yaiba - The Movie: Mugen Train

Advance registration required. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/geekdom or call 203-574-8225.

WORLD OF GAMING
Tuesdays, 6 p.m.
September 7 & 21, October 5 & 19,
November 2 & 16
Twitch.tv/sbgeekdom
Explore new and classic games with us on Twitch, including God of War and Final Fantasy 7.

For more information, visit bronsonlibrary.org/geekdom or call 203-574-8225.

CHESS MEETUP
Alternating Wednesdays, 4 p.m.
September 8 & 22, October 6 & 20, November 3 & 17
Zoom
For all skill levels. Our chess master will be available to play against you! Learn new attacks and defense moves.

Advance registration required. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/geekdom or call 203-574-8225.
**WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY STORIES**
Wednesdays, 11 a.m.
Patio until Oct. 27 then Zoom
Enjoy our story time by listening, singing to music, marching and playing in a band, doing finger games. For ages 2+

Advanced registration required. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms or call us at 203-574-8213.

**THE FRIGHTENED FROG**
SPONSORED BY CT DEEP
Thursday, September 23, 5 p.m.
Patio
Join us for a story all about how hard it truly is to be a frog. Then we’ll learn all about frogs, their tails, habitats and more!

Advanced registration required. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms or call us at 203-574-8213.

**CONNECTING THROUGH LITERACY**
Thursday, September 30, 6 p.m.
Zoom
A child of an incarcerated parent or family member has a unique and challenging experience that can severely impact their education, mental and social development. Mentoring for children and their families can and does help. Join us if you are in need or interested in learning how you can help.

Advanced registration required. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms or call us at 203-574-8213.

**PREPARE WITH PEDRO**
Tuesday, October 12, 4 p.m.
Zoom
BE PREPARED, TAKE ACTION. Prepare with Pedro! We’ll hear a story featuring a penguin named Pedro and learn coping skills and how to always “be ready”. For grades K-2.

Advanced registration required. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms or call us at 203-574-8213.

**THE PILLOWCASE PROJECT**
Wednesday, October 13, 4 p.m.
Zoom
Coping with trauma can be difficult. Learn safety tips, coping skills, and create your own emergency supply kits, and more. For grades 3-5.

Advanced registration required. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms or call us at 203-574-8213.

**ITALIAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION**
Friday, October 15, 3:30 p.m.
Rain date: Friday, October 22, 3:30 p.m.
Patio
October is Italian American Heritage Month. Join the celebration as storyteller Angela Buzzelli shares an enchanting retelling of *Strega Nona*. After the story, join us for a cornucopia of crafts!

Advanced registration required. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms or call us at 203-574-8213.
**Children’s Programs**

**16th Annual Mardi Gras**
Friday, October 29, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Front plaza

Join us for some Halloween-themed spook-tacular fun outside the library!

Advance registration encouraged.
For more information, visit us at bronsonlibrary.org/kidsprograms or call us at 203-574-8213.

**Learn How to Ghost Hunt**
Tuesday, November 2, 4:30 p.m.
Zoom

The CT Paranormal and Supernatural Tracking Society is bringing us some tips and pointers all about paranormal activity. Hear success stories from local hunters, see and hear documented paranormal footage! A fun and fascinating program for all ages.

Advanced registration required. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms or call 203-574-8213.

**Taller del Día de los Muertos: Day of the Dead Take & Make**
Monday, November 1, All Day
Tuesday, November 2, All Day
Children’s Room

Explore the rich culture of this unique Mexican Holiday with a fun take and make kit! Each kit will come with a surprise!

Reserve your kits at bronsonlibrary.org/kidsprograms or call us at 203-574-8213

**Celebrate National Recycling Day**
Monday, November 15, 4 p.m.
Zoom

Join us on Zoom for magic from the Wizard of Basura. It’s all about reduce, reuse and recycle with this master of mystery! For ages 2+

Advanced registration required. Sign up at bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms or call us at 203-574-8213.

**EBOOKS FOR KIDS**

There’s plenty of books for kids of all ages to read or listen to with our digital collections, from World Book Read Alouds to challenging novels on Libby or SimplyE.

Find out more at bronsonlibrary.org/digital
# 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.
  
  *Saturday hours start September 11*

**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.
  
  *Saturday hours start September 18*

The library will close at 4:45 p.m. on Mondays starting September 13. Monday evening hours will return in November.

# Locations

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

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

# Library Closings

- Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 6
- Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 11
- Veterans Day, Thursday, Nov. 11
- Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 25

# 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.

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