Books and Happenings
The Newsletter of the Friends of the Silas Bronson Library

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS BOOKSTORE

We hope everyone had a safe and Happy Holidays. We continue to add new gently used books to the bookstore's collection. In addition, we have refurbished the mini booksale carts. Visit us anytime during the Library's opening hours, and bring your friends. We have a great selection of books for your winter reading. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sisters to Sisters Book Club discusses

COMING home

a Winds of Change novel by Stacy Hawkins Adams

Monday January 6, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.

If forgiving your ex-husband was easy, everybody would do it. Brent had cheated on Dayna and coldly said goodbye to her seven long years ago---dashing her hopes of having children or growing old with the love of her life. Working hard to make herself successful as a hospital executive, Dayna has moved on, finding comfort in a new dating relationship with a faith-filled colleague, Warren. But when Brent resurfaces on her doorstep at just the wrong time, Dayna's heart threatens to come unglued.

Why is Brent asking for forgiveness now? And why are he and his new wife, Tamara, interested in reconciliation with Dayna? The unbelievable answers in Coming Home begin to surface as Brent boldly asks Dayna to support him at the most crucial time of his life. While Tamara's heart brims with guilt, both women will discover what it means to reach beyond pain and baggage to love unconditionally, leaving the consequences to God.

Calendar of Events

January 1  New Years Day Library Closed
January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 10 a.m. Auditorium
Children’s “Mother Goose”
January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 5 p.m. Auditorium
Brassbury Chess Club Association
January 6 6 p.m. Mezzanine
Sisters to Sisters Book Club discussion of “Coming Home” by Stacy Hawkins Adams
January 7, 14, 21, 28 10 a.m. Children's Room (Picture Book Room).
Storytime Plus
January 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31 2 p.m. Classroom A & B
Computer Classes every Wednesday and Friday with Sandra Rampertab.
January 8, 15, 22, 29 12:30 - 1pm Auditorium
Lunchtime Lapsit
January 13, 27 5 p.m. Auditorium
Brass City Toastmasters
January 20 Martin Luther King Day Library Closed
January 22 6:00 p.m. Auditorium
Scholarships and Financial Aid
January 28 4 p.m. Mezzanine Room
Board of Agents Meeting
January 29 4pm Children's Room
Chinese New Year with the Chinese Culture Association.

Lobby Display Case

Richard DiCarlo will exhibit his hand-sculpted bricks known as Urban Fossils. Richard is a professional cartoonist and illustrator by trade. He currently is head of the Derby Cultural Commission as well as president of the Valley Arts Council.

Gallery Wall

Madeleine Rinaldi of Waterbury exhibits her oil paintings. Madeleine paints Landscapes.
Free Computer Classes
Silas Bronson Library

The Library offers free computer classes every **Wednesday and Friday, from 2:00 - 3:15 p.m.** There is no registration required just walk in, but there will be a limit of fifteen students. Classes will be held in the classroom A/B in the East Wing.

**January Schedule**

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**Presenters:**

**American Savings Foundation**

**The Connecticut Community Foundation**

**Topics:**

- How to apply for some of the largest area scholarship programs
- **Important deadlines & information to keep in mind!**
- Key information about financial aid
- Financial aid & scholarship resources on the web

**Downloadable eBooks Training**

It’s that time of year when many people receive eReader devices for Christmas; if you are a lucky recipient of such a gift come to the Bronson library for training. The Bronson staff will show you how to use your device to download free eBooks from the OverDrive service. You must be a both a Waterbury resident and a library cardholder to use this service. Please call Sara or Sandra at (203-574-8225) to set up an appointment for training.

The Connecticut Chinese Culture Association invites you to celebrate Chinese New Year in the library auditorium with a film and presentation on one of the most colorful events of the Chinese calendar Wednesday, January 29 at 6:30 p.m. CCCA is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to bringing together Chinese people as well as the entire Connecticut population to enjoy and learn more about the grandeur of Chinese culture - thereby serving and contributing to the cultural diversity of American society with high-quality cultural events and performing arts.
CHILDREN’S SERVICES PROGRAMS

“Mother Goose”
Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Auditorium
Nursery rhymes, visual and audio technology are used in this modern Mother Goose program for infants ages four and under.
Groups must register 3 weeks in advance

“Lunchtime Lapsit”
Every Wednesday in the Auditorium
12:30 - 1:00pm
Starting January 8, 2014
Enjoy lullabies, finger plays, bounces, sign language & so much more!
An early exposure is good for a baby’s brain development
For ages 24 months and younger
Works best with one child per adult
No preregistration required; drop in

Chill Out And Read!
Cozy up with us for “Snowball Reading.”
Began December 2, 2013 and ending January 31, 2014
This winter participate in Silas Bronson Library Children’s Services Division “Snowball Readers.”
Registration runs from December 2, 2013 through January 24, 2014. “Snowball Readers” is a winter reading program, which is open to children (who can read and those read to; up to the 8th grade).
Program begins December 2, and ends January 31, 2014.
Contact us at 203-574-8212; visit us at www.bronsonlibrary.org or https:\\twitter.com\silasbronson

PLUS

Story Time
AT THE LIBRARY

Every Tuesday
10 am in the Children’s Room
ALWAYS SOMETHING SPECIAL TO DO:
STORIES, TOYS, CRAFTS AND LOTS OF FUN.
Groups must register 3 weeks in advance
SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY
267 GRAND STREET
WATERBURY, CT 06702
ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Hours
Main Library Hours
203-574-8225
203-574-8226 TTY/TDD
Mon. thru Thurs. 9am - 8pm
Fri. 9am - 5:00pm
Sat. 9am - 5pm

Bunker Hill Branch
203-574-8240
Tues. 1pm – 8pm
Thurs. 10am - 5:30pm
Fri. 1pm - 5:00pm
Sat. 1pm - 5pm

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2014

February 3  6:00 p.m.  Mezzanine Room
Sisters to Sisters Book Club “Gospel of Freedom: Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Letter from Birmingham Jail and the Struggle That Changed a Nation” by Jonathan Rieder

February 4, 11, 25  10 a.m.  Children’s (Picture Book Room)
Children’s “Storytime Plus”

February 5  6:30 p.m.  Auditorium
Calling All Poets ( . . . and poetry lovers) – Black History program featuring poet Ernie Blue, poets welcome to participate in open mike.

February 6, 13, 20, 27  10 a.m.  Auditorium
Children’s “Mother Goose”
February 6, 13, 20, 27  5 p.m.  Auditorium
Brassbury Chess Club
February 10, 24  5 p.m.  Auditorium
Brass City Toastmasters

February 11  4 p.m.  Mezzanine Room
Friends of the Library meeting

February 17  Library Closed
February 18  Library Closed

February 19  6:30 p.m.  Auditorium
“A Child Lost: My Life’s Journey from War-Town Europe to Proud American,” Book talk & signing by Janina B. Nawarska

February 25  4 p.m.  Board Room
Board of Agents meeting

February 25  6:30 p.m.  Auditorium
Black History Program: “Fear Not, Believe Only: Miracles Received Throughout My Journey Having HIV/AIDS” Book talk & signing by Stephany D. Minor

SUPPORT YOUR LIBRARY - JOIN THE FRIENDS

The Friends are dedicated to promoting Library services by providing equipment and programs, especially those for children.

New members are most welcome. Friends meet February, April, June, August, October, and December at the Main Library on the second Tuesday, at 4:00 p.m.

Individual membership: $25.00 per year; patrons $50.00; seniors $15.00

Mail application plus check to:

The Friends of the Silas Bronson Library
P.O. Box 2853
Waterbury, CT 06723

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http://www.bronsonlibrary.org