



City of Bristol, Connecticut

Calendar of Events

February 2010

1 Monday



BCBS Boys Basketball vs Maloney, 7pm, Bristol Central, 480 Wolcott St., 860-584-7735 x135.

1-27



Winter Olympics of Reading at the Library, Be a reading champ during the month of February! Read THREE books and earn a gold medal! Read more and earn more medals! All month! FREE! 8:30am-8pm, Bristol Public Library, Children's Dept, 5 High St., 584-7787 x2021.

1,6-8,11,14,15,21,24,26



The Grand Entrance Events, Village Gate retirement community presents a full slate of activities this month in celebration of its Grand Entrance offer. Feb 1: Sea Breeze Melodies w/ Larry Batter 7pm, Feb 6 & 20: Suitcase prizes from 2pm-5pm, Feb 6: Meet the Author/ Joanne Gazzal- Candle Carrie the Birthday Fairy at 3pm, Feb 7: Anchors Away Super bowl 5:30pm, Feb 8: Sway Away w/ Rodrigo 7pm, Feb 11: Newlywed Game to Paradise 2pm, Feb 14: Pack Your Heart w/ DJ Suppa Steve 2pm, Feb 15: Sail Away w/ Brian 7pm, Feb 21: Black History Port Church Service 11am, Feb 24: Bon Voyage Birthday Celebration w/ David 3pm, Feb 26: Soup Sail 11am-1pm. All the events are free and open to the senior public with refreshments and tours provided. Village Gate, 88 Scott Swamp Rd, Farmington, 860-676-8626.

4,11,18,25 Thursdays



Tai Chi at New England Carousel Museum, Enjoy a Tai Chi Class as you clear your mind and energize your body with the deep breathing and slow movements of Tai Chi, an ancient Chinese martial art. Classes are taught by Risa Brophy at the Carousel Museum on Thurs evenings. \$39 for four classes or \$12 per class. Pre-registration is appreciated. Walk-ins welcome. 6:30pm-7:30pm, New England Carousel Museum, 95 Riverside Avenue, 860-585-5411.

5 Friday



Chocolate Factory, Join us for our First Friday Family Program as we celebrate all things chocolate! Hunt through the museum and search for the Golden Ticket prize. Sponsored by the Smith Family Charitable Fund at the Main Street Community Foundation. Reduced admission of \$6 per person, children under one and museum members are free. Ice cream treats, pizza, snacks and more are sold in our Old Fashioned Soda Fountain. 5pm-8pm, Imagine Nation Museum, One Pleasant St., 860-314-1400.

6 Saturday



Craft Saturday at the Library! Make February crafts in the Children's Department at the Bristol Public Library all day! FREE! 10:30am-3:30pm, Bristol Public Library, Children's Dept., 5 High St., 860-584-7787 x2021.



Radio Nostalgia, Pull a chair up to the radio, next to the fireplace, and listen to an old-time show with RadioGuide's Webmaster Ed. This month we'll hear "Pancho and the Parrot," a Cisco Kid episode which originally aired on Jan. 6, 1953. Refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library. Free. No registration required. 11am, Bristol Public Library, Reading Room, 5 High Street, 860-584-7787 x2007.



Saturday Afternoon at the Bijou, Enjoy free popcorn while taking in an old, classic film. Call or stop by the library to get a schedule. 2pm, Bristol Public Library, Meeting Room 1, 5 High Street, 860-584-7787 x2007.



BEHS Grad Party Fundraiser Dance, The band "Bottom Line" performing. \$15 pp/cash bar/bring your own snacks. 7pm, Bristol Polish Club, 541 N. Main St., 860-833-3031.



Cup of Grace Coffee House featuring Mark Bishop Evans. Cup of Grace features Christian musicians from around New England. Join us for good java, great music! Doors open at 7pm. Grace Baptist Church, King St, 736 King St, 860-582-3840.

7 Sunday



Super Sunday Bingo sponsored by The New England Carousel Museum, Doors Open at 1pm; First game begins at 2:15pm, Total prize money \$1,225.00. Food will be available. St. Stan's Church Hall, 510 West St., 860-585-5411.

8 Monday



Storytimes for Winter/Spring 2010 begin! Visit www.bristollib.com for a complete schedule. Storytimes are FREE and OPEN to all. Registration is NOT required! Bristol Public Library, Children's Dept., 5 High St., 860-584-7787 x2021.



BCBS Boys Basketball vs Platt, 7pm, Bristol Central, 480 Wolcott St., 860-584-7735 x135.

Feb 9-Apr 13 Tuesdays



AARP Tax-Aide available every Tuesday through April 13, Tax-Aide is a free, confidential service run by volunteers who prepare Federal and Connecticut tax returns. The service is offered to low and middle income taxpayers of all ages, with special attention to those 60 and older. 12pm-4pm, Bristol Public Library, Lower Level Meeting Rooms, 5 High Street, 888-227-7669.

10 & 24 Wednesdays



Knit Wits Needleworkers Group, All types of needle workers are invited to bring works-in-progress, patterns, questions, suggestions, and ideas. 6:30pm, Bristol Public Library, Meeting Room 1, 5 High Street, 860-584-7787 x2023.

11 Thursday



BCBS Boys Basketball vs Bulkeley, 7pm, Bristol Central, 480 Wolcott St., 860-584-7735 x135.

12 Friday



Citywide 6th grade dance at the Family Center, 47 Upson Street, \$5 admission, free for Club members, 7-9pm, 583-1679.

13 Saturday



Romantic Winds, Celebrate Valentine Eve with your special Valentine enjoying the music of the romantic period composers: Richard Strauss' Serenade for Winds and Symphony for Winds and Joachim Raff's Sinfonietta. Single Tickets: Adults \$22 Student (w/ID) \$10, Concert Series: Adults \$55 Student (w/ID) \$30 call 860-584-1055 or order @ www.nutmegsymphony.org. 7:30pm, Chippens Hill School, 551 Peacedale St., 860-584-1055.

15 Monday



Presidents Day, In our salute to presidents, kids will have a great time making art creations based upon popular presidents like George Washington and Old Abe. 9:30-5pm, Imagine Nation Museum, One Pleasant Street, 860-314-1400.

15-19



February vacation at the Boys & Girls Club, various activities planned for Club members, lunch and snacks included, free with membership, 9am-7pm, Family Center, 47 Upson St., 583-4734.

16 Tuesday



Celebrate our Presidents at the Library! with crafts, books, and more! FREE! Spend a day at the library and have FUN! 8:30am-8pm, Bristol Public Library, Children's Department, 5 High Street, 860-584-7787 x2021.



BEHS Boys Basketball vs Maloney, 7pm, Bristol Eastern, 632 King St., 860-584-7876 x146.



Mardi Gras, Children will create tissue paper flowers and Mardi Gras masks. Then help to build our Imagine Nation float and participate in a celebratory parade at 1pm. 9:30am-5pm, Imagine Nation Museum, One Pleasant Street, 860-314-1400.



Smoking Cessation Program - Mandatory Orientation, The Bristol-Burlington Health District is offering a Freedom From Smoking Plus Program for Bristol and Burlington residents over 18 years of age. The program runs from Feb 22-April 12 with a mandatory orientation on Tues, Feb 16 from 5:30pm-7pm. Program is made possible through a grant from the Substance Abuse Action Council of Central CT. Douglas A. Beals Senior/Community center, Rm#109 at 240 Stafford Ave. 860-584-7682.

17 Wednesday



Nationally known musician Roger Tinknell to perform at the library! Roger Tinknell will perform "Children's Songs and Singing Games" a participatory program for pre-school through grade three. Highly interactive program. FREE! Come for a FUN time! 10am-11am, Children's Dept, Bristol Public Library, 5 High Street, 860-584-7787 x2021.



Dental Day, Join us as we celebrate National Dental Health Month. Meet a dental hygienist and the Tooth Fairy and learn all about dental health. Fun crafts include toothbrush painting and making tooth fairy pouches! 12pm-5pm, Imagine Nation Museum, One Pleasant Street, 860-314-1400.



Book Sale Preview, A \$5 admission fee will give shoppers the opportunity to be the first to peruse and purchase books at the Annual Friends of the Bristol Public Library Used Book Sale. (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, admission is Free.) 4pm-7pm, Bristol Public Library, Lower Level Meeting Rooms, 5 High Street, 860-584-7787 x2017.

18 Thursday



Bristol Cultural Day at the library! The Children's Department at the Bristol Public Library celebrates all the places we are from during the February school vacation. Come to the library to learn about the many different cultures that are Bristol, CT! FREE! 8:30am-8pm, Bristol Public Library, Children's Dept, 5 High Street, 860-584-7787 x2021.



Bristol Garden Club monthly meeting, Topic: How to photograph flowers with guest speaker Edith Schade, 10am, First Congregational Church, 31 Maple Street, 860-589-0598.



Black History Month Celebration, In celebration of Black History Month, join TEAM ESPN as Jay Harris, ESPN SportsCenter anchor, reads, "Sojourner Truth's Step-Stomp Stride" by Andrea Davis Pinkney. Geared for ages 5-9. Program included with museum admission. This event is free for our members and \$4 for guests. 10am-11am, Imagine Nation Museum, One Pleasant Street, 860-314-1400.



Annual Book Sale, Friends of the Bristol Public Library Used Book Sale. Free admission. 9am-7pm, Bristol Public Library, Lower Level Meeting Rooms, 5 High Street, 860-584-7787 x2017.



Snapshot Day 2010, Libraries all over Connecticut will be collecting information to capture the impact that libraries have on their communities in a typical day. Patrons will have a chance to comment on what their library means to them, so, please, visit either branch of the Bristol Public Library System and become part of the state's first ever Snapshot Day! 8:30am-8pm, Bristol Public Library System: Main Library or Manross Memorial Library, 5 High St. or 260 Central St., 860-584-7787 x2017.



Author Dawn Leger, Reading and Book Signing A published writer and editor, Bristol resident, Dawn Leger, will be talking about, and reading from, her latest book, a novel called, "In Flight." Event is free, with no registration required. Copies of the book will be available for purchase starting at 6:30pm. 7pm, Bristol Public Library, Meeting Rm 1, 5 High St., 860-584-7787 x2007.

More events listed on back!

Events continued...



The Life and Times of William Webb: An African-American Civil War Soldier from Connecticut, The Bristol Historical Society will present Kevin Johnson as William Webb. Private Webb was an actual soldier, a native of Hartford. He was recruited in 1863 and served in the 29th (Colored) Regiment, Connecticut Volunteer Infantry in several battles in Virginia. Johnson's presentation is told from an emotional and exciting first-person perspective that vividly illustrates the struggle of the African-Americans in the Colored Infantry during the Civil War. He tells of his early life in Hartford, his recruitment and training, and the traumatic final battles of the Civil War. 6:30pm, Bristol Historical Society Museum, 98 Summer St, 860-583-6309.

19 Friday



Annual Book Sale, Friends of the Bristol Public Library Used Book Sale. Free admission. 9am-3pm, Bristol Public Library, Lower Level Meeting Rooms, 5 High Street, 860-584-7787 x2017.

20 Saturday



Game Saturday at the Library! Play games and make puzzles all day at the library! FREE! 10am-3:30pm, Bristol Public Library, Children's Department, 5 High Street, 860-584-7787 x2021.

'An Evening of Wine and Cheese', Enjoy an evening of wine and cheese tasting conducted by Marvin Friedman of Maple End Package Store and support the work of St. Vincent DePaul Mission of Bristol. Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased by calling 860-582-7590 or 860-589-0702. 7pm-9pm, St. Gregory CCD Center, 1043 Stafford Ave.



Annual Book Sale, Friends of the Bristol Public Library Used Book Sale. Free admission. 9am-12pm, Bristol Public Library, Lower Level Meeting Rooms, 5 High Street, 860-584-7787 x2017.



Bag of Books Sale, \$5 per bag of books will be the price as the Annual Friends of the Bristol Public Library Used Book Sale comes to a close. Free admission. 1pm-3pm, Bristol Public Library, Lower Level Meeting Rooms, 5 High Street, 860-584-7787 x2017.

22 Monday



BEHS Boys Basketball vs Bristol Central, 7pm, Bristol Eastern, 632 King Street, 860-584-7876 x146.



Bristol Democratic Town Committee, Regular Monthly Meeting of Bristol Democrats, 7:30pm, Bristol City Hall, Council Chambers, First Floor, 111 North Main Street, 860-583-4879.



Book Banter Discussion, The book we will be reading for the February meeting is "O Pioneers!" by Willa Cather. A limited number of copies of the book are available at the Circulation Desk. Please join us for refreshments and lively Book Banter! Free. No registration required. 7pm, Bristol Public Library, Meeting Rm 1, 5 High St, 860-584-7787 x2007.

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24 Wednesday



"Two Right Feet", a musical duo to sing songs and share stories with storytimes in the Children's Department! Children will hear familiar songs and dance, too! FREE! 10:30am-11:30am, Bristol Public Library, Children's Department, 5 High Street, 860-584-7787 x2021.

25 Thursday



Tip-A-Fireman at Chili's, to benefit the Boys & Girls Club, sponsored by Bristol Firefighters Local #773, all "tips" to firefighter waiters will be donated to Club programs, also featuring special guests Scott Haney & Theresa LaBarbera, raffle prizes, 5-10pm, Family Center, 47 Upson St. 583-4734.

26 Friday



Citywide 7th & 8th grade dance at the Boys & Girls Club, 105 Laurel Street, \$5 admission, free for Club members, 7-9pm, 583-4734.

27 Saturday



"Life is a Jazz Cabaret!" Bristol Eastern High School Performing Arts Booster Club will hold its annual jazz cabaret. Dinner choices include roast sirloin of beef, boneless breast of chicken, baked stuffed shrimp and a vegetarian option. Entertainment provided by Eastern's talented musicians and vocalists. Tickets are \$30. 6:30pm, Bristol Eastern High School, 860-585-1884.

NEXT MONTH...

MARCH 1

Book Voyagers

for 4th-5th-6th graders!

Book Voyagers is a literature discussion program for children ages 6 to 14 that uses book circles led by gifted teachers, children's literature experts, and storytellers to explore important life themes using award-winning children's literature. Our theme is "Enduring Friendships" Books available in the Children's Dept. Please call to register. Free, 6:30pm-7:30pm Bristol Public Library, Children's Dept., 5 High St., 860-584-7787 x2021.

On-Going Activities & Attractions

American Clock & Watch Museum

100 Maple Street, 860-583-6070
Exhibits on Connecticut's clockmaking industry,
Call for winter hours.
www.clockandwatchmuseum.org

Bristol Adult Education Center

210 Redstone Hill Road, 860-584-7865
ESL, GED, Prep, Credit Diploma,
Online Classes & Continuing Education. Go to
www.bristol.k12.ct.us/adulted for complete listing.

Bristol Center for Arts & Culture

New England Carousel Museum, Museum of Fire History, Bushnell Park Carousel, Gio Sessions Gallery and changing fine art exhibitions, educational programs, gift shop, and special events. Winter Hours - Open Thursday through Saturday, 10am-5pm and Sun from Noon-5pm. 95 Riverside Ave., 860-585-5411.
www.thecarouselmuseum.org

Bristol Historical Society & Museum

98 Summer Street, 860-583-6309.
Hours: Wed 10am-2pm; Saturdays Noon-4pm.
Memorial Military Museum's Civil War Display, the "Made in Bristol" manufacturing exhibit, and the Sports Hall of Fame galleries open; free admission.
www.bristolhistoricalsociety.org

Bristol Hospital

Brewster Road, 860-585-3000
Call Infolink at Bristol Hospital at 585-3661 to register for various programs and support groups including cancer, diabetes and more.

City of Bristol

111 N. Main Street, 860-584-6100
www.ci.bristol.ct.us

Greater Bristol Chamber of Commerce

200 Main Street, 860-584-4718 or check website for a complete listing of networking events, business and membership services, and other Chamber initiatives.
www.bristol-chamber.org

Imagine Nation Museum

A Museum for Children and Families
One Pleasant Street, 860-314-1400
Hours: Wed-Fri, 9:30am-5pm, Sat, 11am-5pm, and Sun, 12pm-5pm. Closed Mon & Tues. Visit our old-fashioned 1940's Soda Fountain from Redman Dairy. Museum admission not required to visit the Soda Fountain. Visit our website for information on upcoming special events.
www.imagenationmuseum.org

Bristol Public Library

Alternating Saturday Afternoons at the Bijou
Come reminisce with old time favorite movies. Fresh popcorn served. Call or stop by the library for the schedule. 2pm, Bristol Public Library, Meeting Rm 1, 5 High St, 860-584-7787 x2007.

Literacy Volunteers of Central CT

Tutors are always needed and tutor-training workshops are offered throughout the year. For detailed information on how to help Bristol residents learn to read, please call toll-free:
1-877-603-7323

RSVP

RSVP is looking for men and women age 55 and over to assist at non-profit agencies. Many varied opportunities available. Volunteering is rewarding and fun! 55 South Street, 860-584-9533

Nicotine Anonymous

Meeting open every Saturday to anyone with a desire to stop using nicotine. 11:30am, Bristol Recovery Club, 67 West Street, 860-589-1066.

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Please call Crista Morrone at 860-584-4725.

February 19, 20 & 21, 2010

Hours: Friday 5PM-9PM, Saturday 11AM-7PM, Sunday 11AM-4PM

Bristol Eastern High School • 632 King St. • Across from Page Park

For More Information and Directions Please Call 584-4718 or

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