Bentley Happenings

November 2026



Why a Library?

I read for pleasure and that is the moment I learn the most.

— **Margaret Atwood**



Bentley Memorial Library
206 Bolton Center Road
Bolton, CT
860-646-7349 bentley@biblio.org

Hours

Mon. - Thurs., 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sat., 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The Library will be **closed** on
Thursday, November 26 and
Saturday, November 28
in observance of **Thanksgiving**

Visit us online at:
town.boltonct.org/library
facebook.com/Bentleylib



Did You Know.....



- **New Baby Changing Station!** Bentley Memorial Library now has a baby changing station in the Staff/Accessible bathroom near the children's room. Just ask a librarian for the key!
- Bentley Memorial Library is **fine free** since 2025!
- The items you borrow from Bentley **auto-renew** after one loan period, unless another patron puts a hold on that item. If you wish to renew it a second time you must contact the library.
- The **study room** at Bentley is open for use by our patrons. The room must be reserved and patrons must check in at the circulation desk upon arrival. The room can comfortably fit up to 5 people. The library has two other tables in the main reading room that can be reserved as well.



Our bulletin board display in the Children's room, created by librarian Amber Mosely.

CHANGE TO LIBBY ACCESS

As of October 5th, the Libby app requires a barcode AND password to access digital books, audiobooks, and magazines. The password (referred to as a PIN by Libby) will be the same as the one used to access your account in our online catalog or the Acorn app.

If you do not already have a password for Bibliomation or Acorn then please contact the Library and we will provide one for you.

A program to help you navigate this change will be held on Thursday, November 5 at 6:30 at Bentley.

HOOPLA UPDATE

The Bentley Memorial Library offers a very successful program called HOOPLA. With a valid Bolton library card, patrons can download material such as e-books, audiovisual items such as movies, music, and audio books to their devices. Each transaction is paid for out of the library budget. During the summer of 2026 (June, July and August) patrons downloaded 1565 items with a cost to library of $3,677.61. During the past fiscal year, 6021 items were downloaded to the cost of $14,165.59! Due to the financial burden to the library budget, the number of downloadable transactions has been changed from 6 to 4 per library card per month. If you haven't used HOOPLA yet, contact the library for tech assistance.

Storytime at the Library Survey



Please contact the staff at Bentley Library to let us know what the best day of the week and the best times for Storytime would be. We want to serve the community as best as we can and maximize the amount of 3-5 year old children who can enjoy our Storytime!
Email us at: bmlprograms@biblio.org



7th Annual December Blanket Drive

Benefiting the MACC Community Outreach Shelter
Warmth for the Holidays

Bentley will be collecting NEW and handmade quilts and blankets to benefit residents at the MACC shelter in Manchester, part of MACC's community outreach. The residents of these shelters appreciate the skill and time required to create these beautiful handmade quilts and blankets. All blankets and quilts must be dropped off at the library by **Monday, December 21st**. No blankets will be accepted after that date.

DEEP's Laptop ConneCT Program

The CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection has provided laptops for libraries all over the state of Connecticut. Bolton has received 18 laptops for distribution and we have partnered with Bolton Social Services to help make sure these laptops can do the most amount of good in our community.
Please contact Bolton Social Services to check your eligibility at 860-647-9196.

The Library will begin disseminating the laptops in November.



Tech Assistance in the Fall

Bentley will be providing technical support for our patrons throughout the Fall. If you need assistance with email, Hoopla, Libby, Facebook, your online account, or other tech related issues – we're here to help. To schedule your in-library session, please call Bentley at 860-646-7349 or email us at bmlprograms@biblio.org to select your date and time slot. Advance registration is essential to ensure that we are prepared to offer you the most useful assistance possible

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Wowbrary!

Wowbrary is a nonprofit service that provides free weekly emails about your local library's most recent acquisitions including new books, DVDs, and CDs. By showcasing the latest arrivals and allowing patrons to click through directly to the library website, Wowbrary makes it easy to scan quickly what's new at Bentley Memorial Library.

Signing up to receive weekly Wowbrary emails

Go to **https://www.wowbrary.org** and type your ZIP code in the upper left box. Then hit the Go button. Wowbrary will display Bentley Memorial Library and other area libraries. Check Bentley, enter your email address and then click submit. You will start receiving updates, on Wednesdays, within a week of the library's latest purchases.

Bentley Memorial Library

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library had their bi-monthly meeting on October 29. They reviewed the year and discussed future book sales, the coffee bar, and program and refreshment support.

The **Library book sale** features **coffee table books** (perfect for gift giving!) for the months of November and December. In addition to book sales, the Friends are selling cloth Book Bags to help keep your library selections together. Please stop by Bentley to help support our sales. All proceeds will be used to support future activities at the library.

Thanks to the Friends of the Library for providing refreshments and supplies for our programs throughout the year and for the complimentary coffee bar.

If you'd like to learn more about the Friends of the Library, please ask a librarian how you can attend the **next meeting**, which will be held on Monday**, January 4** at 4:45.

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eGO The Palace Project

Download the app for free books!



The Connecticut State Library now has over 54,000 titles in its collection of free online books for library users. These books include mysteries, thrillers, and backlist bestsellers.

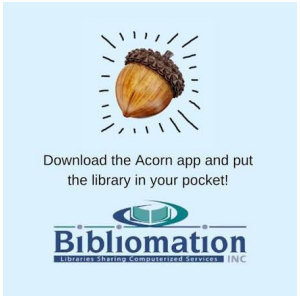
To access the eGO Palace Project, download the "Palace Project" app on your mobile device from the App Store or Google Play, then log in using your library card number and PIN to browse and borrow ebooks and audiobooks from the Connecticut State Library's eGO collection; you can access both your local library's collection and the statewide eGO collection through this app.

The **All CT Reads** program is in full swing for 2026! To support participation in this amazing program, the Palace Project has purchased all available copies of this year's titles. The Palace Project has also created an All CT Reads 2026 lane on every library's interface for improved discoverability. **eGO CT's** Palace Project has a great collection of biographies and memoirs for you. Step into someone else's life and time!

Download the Acorn App Today!

The Acorn catalog app is available for Android and Apple devices! Get your library catalog in your pocket.

- Access your account.
- Place holds on items.
- Search for library materials.
- Keep track of your reading lists.
- And more!



Coming in November!



The Search Begins

New Scavenger Hunt in November

The November Scavenger Hunt will be unveiled on Monday, November 2nd.

Toddler Playtime

Thursdays in November

10:00-11:00



Come and join our parent-led toddler group which is designed for children from birth to age 3. A trained parent will lead age appropriate play and interactions. Toys will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Parents and care-givers are all welcome!

LIBBY Help Session

Thursday, November 5 at 6:30 pm

Led by Bentley Staff

Let the staff at Bentley help you navigate the new terms of service on the Libby app.

An Intimate Discussion with Ray Hardy: Bobcats

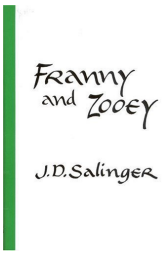


Thursday, November 12 at 6:30 pm - LIMITED SEATING

Led by Ray Hardy

Ray will teach us about the illusive Bobcat and its connection with our region. This will be a small gathering with a limit of ten people. **Preregistration is absolutely required** and a waiting list will be developed.

Preregister here



November Book Discussion at Bentley

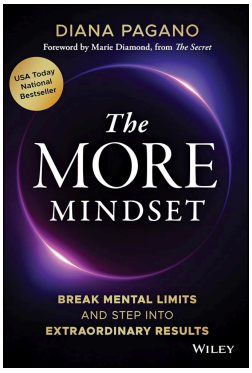
Wednesday, November 18

Noon

Join us for a lively book discussion about JD Salinger's novel Franny and Zooey. Copies are available now!

Preregister here

Book Discussion with Local Author Diana Pagano



Thursday, November 19

6:30

Local author Diana Pagano will give a presentation on her book "The More Mindset". Pagano's book gives readers the tools and techniques, backed by science and neuroplasticity, that transformed her life and the lives of many she's coached throughout her career as an action-driven mindset coach. Pagano shares relatable stories from her own life that will leave you inspired and ready to take action.

Read to the Dogs

Date/Time: TBD

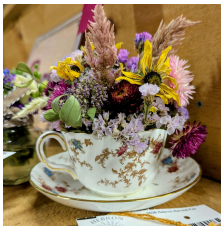
Bentley will feature a morning visit from a few of our guest certified therapy dogs. Reading to a dog can improve literacy, help a child feel more comfortable and improve a child's attitude towards reading. Call or email to learn more and register: 860-646-7349 or bmlprograms@biblio.org

On Display in November

Our **Adult Fiction and Nonfiction** displays will feature a collection of books based around Veterans and our **Adult DVD's** will be themed around Great Literary Adaptation. The **Children's Room** has a display on Winnie the Pooh in honor of his 100th anniversary.

The **Main Display Case** will feature an informative display about childhood cancer, presented by Bentley, the Eastern Highlands Health District and the Girl Scouts.

Visit the **Sumner Sisters' Display Case** to view a display of award winning (1st place at the 2026 Hebron Harvest Fair) dried flowers by Jen Bergin.





The Display Case at Bentley

"We want you!"

Would you like to share your craft, art, travel or event with our fellow library patrons? Consider signing up to display your work in the main display case at Bentley Memorial Library. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your talent! **2027** is coming and we have slots available for you. Library patrons always enjoy admiring the display case presentations.

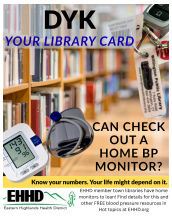
The Art Walls in Adult and Children's sections at Bentley is available for all local artists who would like to display their art. Please contact the library at 860-646-7349 or bmlprograms@biblio.org



Animals of Bolton - Bolton Land Trust
by Dorothy Hall

The **Tuesday Night Knitters** are looking for new members. All are welcome!
Every Tuesday at 6pm. Bring your own project and join for some crafts and some laughs.

Home Blood Pressure Monitors Available to Borrow



Eastern Highland Health District member town libraries (such as Bentley Library) received a home blood pressure monitor for LOAN! FREE! Check. It. Out. Find more info on this and other FREE blood pressure resources in Hot Topics at **EHHD.org** and be sure to check out the library's books on heart health.

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