

Bentley Happenings

March 2023

Hours

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

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Thank you to Bolton's Buildings and Grounds crew for a fantastic job refinishing the library's outside benches. Take a look on your next visit.



March Features

Display Case

The Bolton Heritage Farm's engaging display highlights the past, present and future of the farm. Come by, visit the display, and browse the library's copy of *Bolton Heritage Farm Master Plan for Site Development*.



Library Displays

Books, Movies, Books on CD: Staff Picks
Music, Non Fiction: Irish heritage, history, and cookbooks
Bulbs, Seeds, Soil & Gardening
Dog Books - From breeds to training
Children's Books: St. Patrick's Day and Spring
BCS Reading Hall of Fame categories

On Sale

DVDs are on sale to benefit Friends of BML. Prices are \$1.00 or as marked. Thank you for your support!

Reading Hall of Fame

Bentley Memorial Library is ready to support the BCS Reading Hall of Fame program which runs March 2 - April 6 for grades PreK - 8. We have featured book displays of the required categories such as Nutmegs, graphic novels, Caldecotts, Nursery rhymes, wordless books, ABC books, and more! Online resources are available through the library and include Libby and Hoopla.

Stop by the library to check out all of the reading material you need to complete your reading records and make it onto the Reading Hall of Fame!

National Days Celebrated in March

March 2, National Read Across America Day
March 9, National Popcorn Day

UPCOMING EVENT DATES

Thu. 2nd
Adult Book Discussion
6:30 - 7:30 (hybrid)

Mon. 6th
What is Autism?
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Sat. 11th
**Teen Potato Chip
Challenge & Pizza**
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Thur. 16th
Free pH Soil Testing
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Sat. 18th
**Seed, Bulb & Indoor
Plant Swap**
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Thur. 23rd
**Good Practices to
Encourage Pollinators**
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Sat. 25th
Read to the Dogs
11:00 - noon

Mon. 27th
CT's Industrial Age
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Thur. Mar. 30th
Adult Book Discussion
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. (Hybrid)

March 14, National Potato Chip Day
March 16, National Farm Rescuer Day
March 17, St. Patrick's Day
March 23, National Puppy Day
March 25, Tolkien Reading Day

Storytime
5 dates this month

Did you miss the Heathy Wells Program?

Lynette Swanson, Eastern Highlands Health District's Chief Sanitarian provided extra informational materials that are available at the library. Stop by to pick up a copy. The program was also recorded and will be available on Community Voice Channel (CVC). Thank you to Lynette for an excellent and informative program and to CVC for recording and broadcasting the event.



Drop-in Continuing Programs

Registration is not required.

Knitting and Handcraft Tuesdays

Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Drop in any Tuesday to join this friendly and experienced group. All skill levels are welcome! Join the group anytime.



Coffee and Coloring - Third Wednesdays

Wednesday, Mar. 15, 11:00 a.m. to noon

Join us for an hour of coloring and conversation. Relax as you tap into your creative side. Coloring pages and colored pencils will be provided and coffee and tea will be served.

March Special Programs

The following programs are free of charge and are open to residents and nonresidents. Unless otherwise noted, programs are in person and **registration is required** due to space limitations.

Register online, call 860-646-7349, or email bmlprograms@biblio.org

Adult Book Discussion

Thursday, Mar. 2, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. (hybrid)

Join us in person or via Zoom to discuss *Life at the Dakota* by Stephen Birmingham. The many show-business tenants "in this offbeat setting makes for many a lively story" ~ Kirkus review. [Register here.](#)



What is Autism?

Monday, Mar. 6, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Dr. Arlette Cassidy will discuss the nature and characteristics of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). She will discuss diagnostic criteria and the various



assessment tools used, what to look for in school programs, and share ideas for social and home-based interventions. We hope you leave with a better understanding of what ASD is and isn't, as well as gain a few simple ideas of strategies that may help those with ASD function more comfortably in their world. [Register here.](#)

March Storytimes

Join us for an hour of stories, a craft, and a snack. This month's Monday programs are 1-2 p.m. on [Mar. 6](#), [Mar. 13](#), and [Mar. 20](#). Thursday programs are 11 a.m.-noon on [Mar. 9](#) and [Mar. 16](#). In honor of National Popcorn Day, the Mar. 9 storytime will feature stories about popcorn and a popcorn treat. The March 16 storytime will include St. Patrick's Day stories and an Irish treat. **Registration is required.** Signing up for more than one date? Register once and in the comments field add all the dates you plan to attend. Please include your child's name and age in the comment field as well so we can gear the stories and craft to those attending.

March

STORYTIMES



Potato Chip Tasting & Pizza Lunch

Saturday, Mar. 11, noon-1:00 p.m.

National Potato Chip Day is March 14. Celebrate a little early with this program. Students in grades 6-12 are welcome to test your taste buds! Can you identify the potato chip flavor? Try your hand at creating a new flavor. There will be trivia followed by a pizza lunch and a book talk to wrap up the event. [Register here.](#)

While you're in the library, check out our new YA titles including:

Cold by Mariko Tamaki. A boy, a murder, a girl, and a secret. A haunting YA novel about a shocking homicide in a quiet town and four students who knew too much and said too little.

Gallant by V.E. Schwab. A darkly magical and thrilling tale of a young woman caught between the world and its shadows, who must embrace her legacy to stop the approaching darkness.

The Maze Cutter by James Dashner. The descendants from *The Maze Runner* series are thriving but when a rusty old boat shows up one day with a woman bearing dark news of the mainland--everything changes.

Free pH Soil Testing

Thursday, Mar. 16, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Tolland County Master Gardeners and Bolton residents Jean Laughman and Leslie Alexander, and Pam Cooper, from the UConn Home and Garden Center, will conduct free soil pH testing and answer your gardening questions. The Master Gardeners will provide basic information and recommendations for gradual correction of soil pH based upon your soil location such as a lawn, vegetable garden, or flower garden. Bring a separate cup of soil in a baggie from each location to be tested. Samples of plant problems are also welcome, e.g. a leaf or stem of an affected plant secured in a baggie or container. Gardening questions will be addressed throughout the evening.

Soil pH testing will be completed while you wait, time permitting. Information on nutrient testing through UConn and overall soil and plant care and maintenance will also be available. ***This is a drop-in event, registration is not required.***



Indoor Plant, Bulb and Seed Swap

Saturday, Mar. 18, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

The library and Growing Bolton, CT-Zone 6a Facebook group are partnering again. This time, the event will be a houseplant, bulb, and seed swap. Don't want a plant? Stop by and chat with your fellow neighbors about what they have "growing" on. ***Registration is not required.***

Indoor Plants - bring either a clipping that has been started, or a house plant, pest free.

Please consider donating a plant to the 'general area'. Remember to use containers you are willing to part with. If you don't have plants to swap, feel free to come and pick up a plant (based on availability) from the 'general area.'

Seeds - we are creating a seed catalogue. Bring your extra seeds to start the catalogue or pick some up to get started on your garden.

ADDED BONUS! There will be a 'Propagation Station' where Bolton's own green thumb Erin Anderson (who has over 300 house plants!) will be available to answer questions you have on propagation and care for your house plants.



Helping Pollinators

Thursday, Mar. 23, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Jean Laughman, Master Gardener and Bolton resident, will share the best ways to make a pollinator garden. Jean will cover the types of plants that attract pollinators and the conditions needed to grow them. Discover the wide variety of pollinators in our area - it's more than bees and butterflies.

These helpful creatures are essential to our food supply. We can't even have chocolate without pollinators! Join us for this engaging and informative discussion. [Register here.](#)

Read to the Dogs with Toby

Saturday, Mar. 25, 11:00 a.m.-noon

Reading to a dog helps children's reading confidence and fluency and encourages reading. Sign your child up to read a story to Toby, a 9 year old Border Collie/Whippet mix and Read Therapy Dog. Toby loves to hear stories and spend time around children. He may put his paw on your book to help you hold the page or take a little nap while he listens. Register for a 10 minute time slot [here.](#)



Connecticut's Industrial Age

Monday, Mar. 27, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

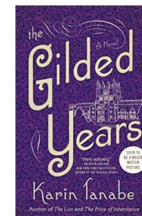


Christina Volpe, Curator of The Barnes Museum, will present on Connecticut's Industrial Age. This period is regarded as the golden era of booming economies, rapid scientific and technological advancement, strict social etiquette for some, and the ushering-in of the Progressive Era, defined by years of push for social, political, and cultural reform. The Barnes Museum reflects these themes on a local and state level utilizing diary entries, art, artifacts, and technology found within the museum's collection. Join us for this look back at Connecticut's history. [Register here.](#)

Adult Book Discussion

Thursday, Mar. 30, 6:30-7:30 p.m. (hybrid)

John Valeri of Portland, CT will lead our discussion of "The Gilded Years" by Karin Tenabe. Join us in person or via Zoom to discuss this latest title in our "Gilded Age" series. [Register here](#) and please note in the comments field if you would like a copy of the book.



Save the Date

Save the date for these exciting programs coming up in April.

Tuesday, Apr. 4 - Facebook training with Trish at Bolton Senior Center

Wednesday, Apr. 19 - Coffee and Coloring

Wednesday, Apr. 19 - Ray Hardy and Jay Levey present the Native American and White-Tailed Deer Connection

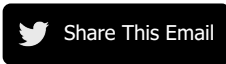
National Library Week - April 24-29

Monday, Apr. 24 - Creative Writing Workshop, grades 5-12.

Wednesday, Apr. 12 - Facebook training at Bentley Memorial Library
Thursday, Apr. 27 - Adult Book Discussion: *The Richest Woman in America* by Janet Wallach

Check next month's newsletter for additional April events.

Thank you Friends of the Library
for providing snacks for our programs.



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