

Bentley Happenings

April 2023

Hours

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

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Farewell and Welcome

Tina Prior has retired from her regular position at the library. She enjoyed getting to know all our wonderful patrons. Happily, Tina will be staying on as a substitute.

We are thrilled to have Mark Nystrom join our team. With Mark's experience as a Library Media Specialist, he is ready to jump right in. Welcome, Mark.

The library will be closed Saturday, April 8 for the Easter holiday.

April Features

Display Case

This month, Bolton's Klim family is sharing their collection of beautiful Ukrainian psyanky Easter eggs. Stop by to see the variety of styles and tools used in this delicate art form.



Library Displays

Books, Movies, Books on CD: Staff Picks
Music: Opera

Non Fiction: Native American, whitetail deer
Children's Books: Spring and dogs
BCS Reading Hall of Fame categories

On Sale

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

Seed Library

We have added a seed library. You may take or leave seeds using the envelopes provided.

UPCOMING EVENT DATES

Week of the 10th Scavenger Hunt

Available all day

Mon. 10th

Storytime
1:00-2:00 p.m.

Tues. 11th

Read to the Dogs
1:00-2:00 p.m.

Wed. 12th

Covid-19 Awareness,
Prevention &
Vaccines
4:00-6:30 p.m.

Thurs. 13th

Storytime
1:00-2:00 p.m.



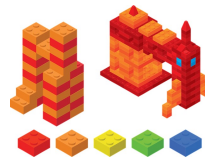
Thank you to Jenny Norris and the Growing Bolton, CT-Zone 6a Facebook group for getting this started and to all those who already donated seeds. Recent additions were generously donated by UConn's Master Gardener program. We now have over 100 seed packets. Come browse the selection of vegetable, flower, and herb seeds available.

Soccer Equipment Exchange



Bolton Soccer has set up a bin at the library again this year. Old cleats and other soccer gear may be dropped off or picked up in anticipation of soccer season.

Lego Donation Request



The library would like to start a Lego club. We are requesting donations of Legos throughout the month of April to get the program started. Children will be able to use the Legos in the library, taking part in various building challenges. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

BCS Reading Hall of Fame

There are a few days left to pick up the books you need to complete your reading challenge and earn a spot on the BCS Reading Hall of Fame. The library staff have enjoyed helping students pick out books in a wide range of categories. Miss Liz and Miss Trish were also pleased to be guest readers in Mrs. Knowski's kindergarten class.

Paper Towel Tube Collection

The library is collecting paper towel cardboard tubes throughout the month of April. These will be used for a program this summer. Stay tuned for more details about our summer reading programs.



Sat. 15th
Read to the Dogs
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Wed. 19th
Whitetail Deer & Native American Pathways
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Sat. 22nd
Earth Day Stories and Activities
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Mon. 24th
Creative Writing
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wed. 26th
Facebook Training
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Thurs. 27th
Adult Book Discussion
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. (Hybrid)

Sat. 29th
Teen Potato Chip Challenge & Pizza
12:00 - 1 :00 p.m.

Week of the 24th
Scavenger Hunt
Available all day

April 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.

School Vacation Week Activities

Dog-themed Scavenger Hunt

Week of April 10

Stop in during library hours any day this week to take part in our scavenger hunt. Kids will search the library for well-loved dog characters from children's books.



April Storytimes

Monday, Apr. 10, 1:00-2:00 and
Thursday, Apr. 13, 11:00-12:00.

Come to the library for an hour of fun stories, a craft, and a snack. Register [here for Monday](#) and [here for Thursday](#) to ensure enough craft materials and snacks for everyone. Please include your child's first name and age in the comments field. If you would like to attend both dates, note that in the comments to register for both events at once. Please let us know of any dietary issues.

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STORYTIME

Read to the Dogs with Toby

Tuesday, Apr. 11, 1:00-2:00 p.m. and
Saturday, Apr. 15, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

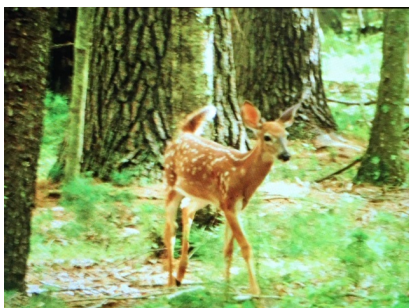
Reading to a dog helps children gain reading confidence and fluency. It also encourages reading, leading to lifelong learning. Sign your child up to read a favorite story or chapter of a book to Toby, a 9 year old Border Collie/Whippet mix and Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dog. Register for a 10 minute time slot on either [Tuesday, Apr. 11](#), 1:00-2:00 p.m. or [Saturday, Apr. 15](#), 10:30-11:30 a.m.



Covid-19 Awareness and Prevention Event - including vaccinations and boosters

Wednesday, Apr. 12, 4:00-6:30 p.m.

Drop in at the library between 4:00 and 6:30 p.m. for boosters, vaccinations, Covid-19 test kits (while supplies last) and to ask Eastern Highlands Health District medical staff your Covid-19-related questions. Registration is not required.



Whitetail Deer in Eastern Native American Lifeways

Wednesday, Apr. 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join us for a discussion of the significance of whitetail deer in eastern Native American lifeways led by Ray Hardy, CT DEEP Master Wildlife Conservationist, and special guest, Jay Levy of the Mohegan Tribal Historic Preservation Office and a CT DEEP Master Wildlife Conservationist. This will be a free lecture but due to limited seating please be sure to [register](#) to reserve your spot. Light refreshments will be served.

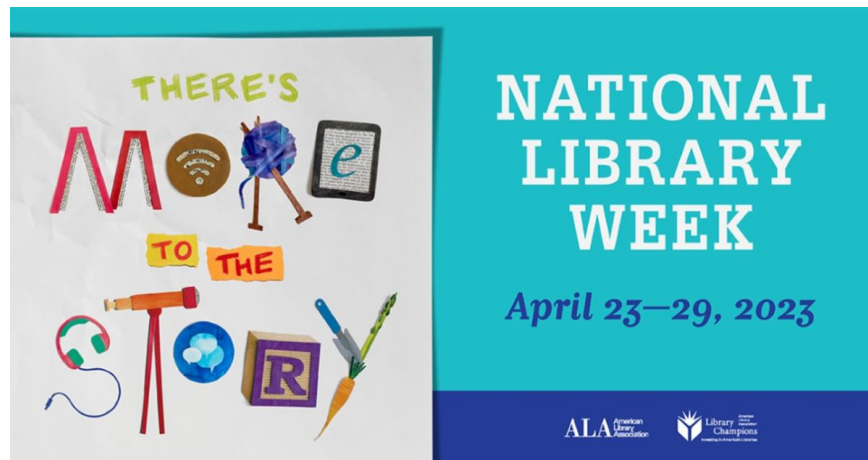
Come to the library to celebrate Earth Day with stories, a paper bag painting activity, and a great snack of chocolate pudding "dirt" with worms! Registration is required to ensure there are enough materials and worms for everyone. Please note your child's first name and age in the comment field. Register for multiple children by including all their names and ages in the comments field of one registration form. [Register here.](#)



Celebrate National Library Week With Us

Monday, April 24 - Saturday April 29

There is more to the story of libraries... Our library offers videos, music, magazines, e-resources, technology assistance, a study room, display case, and programming to meet a variety of interests. Do you know about our Library of Things? It includes a seed library, puzzles, games, a boom box, DVD player, Kill A Watt meter, Great Courses, and a Snap Circuit kit, all available for you to borrow. National Library Week events and programs are listed below. We hope you will join us.



Library-themed Scavenger Hunt
Week of April 24

Test your observational skills with our library-themed scavenger hunt. Stop in any day during school vacation week to pick up your sheet and see if you can find all the items listed.



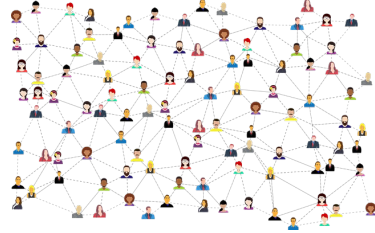
Creative Writing (grades 5 and up)
Monday, Apr. 24, 6:30-7:30

Bring your own device or old-fashioned pen and paper for an hour of creative writing. We will provide you with a scenario, add a twist, and allow time at the end for you to share your story (optional). This program is ideal for those in grades 5 and up who enjoy writing. Dessert will be provided. [Register here.](#)



Wednesday, Apr. 26, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

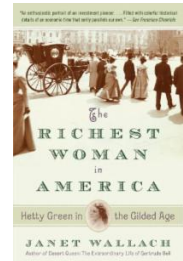
[Register](#) to receive an overview of Facebook including setting up an account, making friend requests, direct messaging (DM), and reviewing privacy settings. You can also call the library to book an individual appointment at 860-646-7349.



Adult Book Discussion

Thursday, Apr. 27, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. (hybrid)

John Valeri of Portland, CT will lead our discussion of *The Richest Woman in America* by Janet Wallach. Join us in person or via Zoom to discuss the final title in our "Gilded Age" series. Register [here](#) and please note in the comments field if you would like a copy of the book.



Potato Chip Tasting & Pizza Lunch (grades 5 and up)

Saturday, Apr. 29, noon-1:00 p.m.

Students in grades 5-12 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.](#)



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program

Kickoff is the week of April 24

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten encourages families and caregivers to read 1,000 books with their young children before they enter kindergarten. Read any book (yes, you can repeat books!) to your newborn, infant, or toddler before they begin kindergarten. Sound daunting, you have more time than you think. If you read 1 book/day x 365 days = 1,095 in three years. Read 2 books/day x 365 = 1,460 in 2 years. Read 3 books/day x 365 = 1,095 in 1 year.

Studies have shown that families who start reading aloud to their children at birth help strengthen language skills and build vocabulary—two important tools when children begin learning to read in kindergarten. One out of five children have trouble learning to read. This program can improve that statistic and also encourage family bonding.

Sign up for this program and receive recording sheets and tokens to celebrate your progress along the way.

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, Apr. 19, 11:00 a.m. to noon

Join us for our final session in the series. Relax as you tap into your creative side. Coloring pages and colored pencils will be provided and coffee and tea will be served.



Save the Date

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

Monday, May 8 - Xen's Critters

Thursday, May 11 - Squaw Cave with Ray Hardy

Check next month's newsletter for additional May events.

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



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