

# Bentley Happenings

May 2023

## Hours

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

Sat., 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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## Thank you!

Thank you for all the paper towel tube donations! We have more than enough to help with a maker activity planned as part of our summer reading programming. We will have more information on this in a future newsletter.



**The library will be closed  
Saturday, May 27 and Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day.**

## May Features

### Display Case

This month's feature is artwork by Bolton resident Larry Converse. Stop by to enjoy this colorful display.

### Library Displays

May is National Mystery Month. Browse our display of mystery books and DVDs.

May is also National Salad and Barbecue Month, a great combination! Check out our cookbooks and find new recipes to try out.

Do you have a favorite movie theme song? Visit our display of music CDs.

### On Sale

The Friends of the Library will be featuring children's books for sale throughout the month of May. Prices will be as marked.

## UPCOMING EVENT DATES



**Thurs. 4th**

**Storytime**

11:00 a.m. AND 1:00 p.m.

**Mon. 8th**

**Xen's Critters**

6:00-7:00 p.m.

**Thurs. 11th**

**Bolton's Squaw Cave**

6:30-7:30 p.m.

**Mon. 15th**

**Covid-19 Awareness,  
Prevention &  
Boosters**

4:00-6:30 p.m.

## Overdrive App Replaced by Libby

The OverDrive app will be discontinued as of May 1 in favor of the

Goodbye...

OverDrive®

Hello...



company's Libby app. Your OverDrive reading history will not transfer to Libby, but it can be downloaded. If you created a wish list, watch for the prompts to transfer it when you set up your Libby account. Read more about the changeover [here](#). If you have any questions, please call the library or stop in for assistance.

## Lego Donation Request

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



## May 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](mailto:bmlprograms@biblio.org).

### National Children's Book Week Storytimes

Thursday, May 4, 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

We are celebrating National Children's Book Week with storytime activities on Thursday, May 4 at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Pick the time that works best for you and join us for stories, a craft and a treat. All are welcome but the stories and craft are geared to ages 3-5. Register for [11:00 a.m. here](#) or [1:00 p.m. here](#).



### Xen's Critters

Monday, May 8, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Meet Xen and her amazing critters of all shapes, sizes, and textures - from chinchillas and hedgehogs to lizards and toads. Registration is limited so please be sure to include ALL attendees first names and children's ages in the comments field. If weather permits, this program will take place on the library lawn. We will have a wait list for this event. Be sure to [register](#) early.

Thursday, May 11, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Please join Ray Hardy, Bolton resident and lifelong student of all things indigenous, as he discusses Bolton's Squaw Cave. Learn about its historical significance and the major role that this site played in Connecticut's first love story. Ray will also discuss the probable use of Squaw Cave as an important Native American Ceremonial Site prior to European settlement. Register [here](#). Photo courtesy of Bolton Historical Society and its [website article](#) by Hans DePold.



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

Monday, May 15, 4:00-6:30 p.m.

Drop in at the library for boosters, vaccinations, Covid-19 test kits, and to ask Eastern Highlands Health District medical staff your Covid-19-related questions. People 65 and over who are at least 4 months from their last vaccine, or people who are immunocompromised and at least 2 months from their last vaccine, are eligible for the second bivalent booster. Registration is not required.



## 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program

Ongoing

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.

Read 1 book/day x 365 days = 1,095 in three years.

Read 10 books/week x 52 weeks = 1,040 in 2 years.

Read 3 books/day x 365 days = 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. One out of five children have trouble learning to read. This program hopes to improve that statistic and also encourage family bonding.

Sign up for this program at the library. You and your child will receive a welcome bag, 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.



**Save the Date - Thursday, June 29, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Backyard Wildlife - All About Opossums**

Check next month's newsletter for additional details and other June events.

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



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