

Bentley Happenings

September 2023

Hours

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

Sat., 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Featured Displays

Main Display Case

Come see the wonderful tating and crochet creations of Bolton resident and First Selectman Pam Sawyer.

Summer Sisters' Display Case

Pop into the study room and enjoy the American-made china display courtesy of Jim Dwyer and John Toomey, owners of Two J's Collectible Glassware.

The library will be closed Saturday, Sept. 2 and Monday, Sept. 4 for Labor Day.

On Sale

The Friends of the Library are offering nonfiction titles for sale throughout the month. Prices will be as marked and all proceeds benefit the Friends. Thank you to Friends members Kim and Sharon for coordinating the book sales. Upcoming sales include fiction titles in October, cookbooks in November, and coffee table books in December.

On Display

- Adult books, movies, cookbooks and more in honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month
- Staff picks
- YA books adults will enjoy
- Kids back to school books

9-11 commemorative display featuring related books and a Fenton Art Glass 2001 Stars and Stripes top hat courtesy of Jim Dwyer and John Toomey, owners of Two J's Collectible Glassware. The display box was generously donated by Ron and Bev Alleman.



Downloadable and e-passes will soon be available from the library website. Keep an eye out for an announcement in the next few weeks.

Interested in visiting the Connecticut Science Center? Stop by the Circulation Desk and request one of our 20% off coupons.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesdays

Drop-in Storytime

11:00 a.m.

Sat. 9th

Plant Swap

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Sat. 16th

Learn to Play the Ukulele

10:30, 11:00, and noon*

*times vary by age

Tues. 19th

National Voter Registration Day

5:00-8:00 p.m.

Thurs. 21st

Adult Book Discussion

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Thurs. 28th

Free pH Soil Testing

6:00-7:30 p.m.

National Library Card Sign-up Month

Get in Your Element this September—sign up for a library card! From borrowing books, ebooks, and museum passes to attending programs, learning new skills, and using library computers a library card helps you do more of what you enjoy. Get a library card and dive into a new hobby, spark your creativity, or get lost in a great book. A library card is your most important school supply—it's elemental, really—and everyone should have one!



Eyeglass Collection for Bolton Lions Club

Help reduce landfill waste, drop your old glasses into the collection box at the library. Bolton Lions Club members will bring donated glasses for recycling.

E-Magazines on Libby

Have you checked out the wide variety of e-magazines available on Libby for free with your library card? Download the Libby app or access via a web browser [here](#). Ebooks and e-audiobooks are also available for download.

Patio Update

Have you seen the construction happening behind the library? We are very excited that work has begun on our new patio. Thank you again to Bolton Greater Together Community Fund and Hartford Foundation for Public Giving for the generous \$10,000 grant award that made the patio possible. Keep an eye out for information on an upcoming ribbon cutting event.

Bolton Soccer Swap is back!

Come to the library and see if your child can make use of the items available - such as cleats and soccer jerseys. Do you have something your child has outgrown? If so, add it to the bin for others to use. It's a great way to save money and reduce waste.



Thank you Friends of Bolton Lakes

Thank you to Friends of Bolton Lakes for sponsoring the Invasive Aquatic Plants program. Kendra Kilson always shares important information relevant to Bolton Lake and lakes in general.

They also generously donated 5 new books to our collection. Click on a title to view it in our catalog.

- [A Fisheries Guide to Lakes and Ponds of Connecticut](#) (Adult nonfiction)
- [Good Night Lake](#)
- [The Lake I Love](#)
- [The Big Blue Lake](#)
- [My Lake Baby](#)



September Programs

Register online, by phone: 860-646-7349, or by email: bmlprograms@biblio.org.

National Voter Registration Day Tuesday, Sept. 19, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Bolton Registrar of Voters Sandy Pierog will be at the library to answer your voting questions and assist residents with the voter registration process. Voter registration cards will be available.



FALL SERIES EVENTS

Find the beat at the library

Instruments provided for all programs

Learn the Ukulele Saturday, Sept. 16 3 Sessions - see below



Want to try an instrument that is fun and easy to play? Join musician and music teacher Julie Stepanek as she shows the fundamentals of ukulele playing. No experience necessary and ukuleles will be provided. **There are 3 sessions: kids ages 4-8 at 10:30, kids ages 9-15 at 11:00, and adults and kids 16+, noon - 1:00 p.m. Register for all sessions here.**

Learn the Harmonica Receive a free professional harmonica to keep* Thursday, Oct. 12, 6:30-7:30 p.m.



Bob Hennessy, "The Pocket Musician" will share his knowledge of the harmonica including a lesson targeted for beginner and intermediate players. The first 18 to register receive a free harmonica thanks to a grant from an anonymous donor and the CT State Library. **Registration** is required.

Hand Drumming Fun - all ages Thursday, Nov. 2, 6:30 p.m.



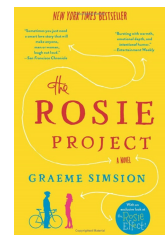
Professional musician, Bob



Adult Book Discussion Series

John Valeri of Portland, CT is back in person to lead a great book series that will take us through the fall months. These titles will give you a laugh with their quirky characters and mishandled situations. Join us for one or all three discussions.

Thursday, Sept. 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m. *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion



Join us for a discussion of this "sparkling, laugh-out-loud novel" about a socially-challenged professor and his quest for the perfect wife - with help from his carefully crafted questionnaire. ~ Kirkus Review. Books are available at the library. [Register](#)

Thursday, Oct. 26, 6:30-7:30 p.m. *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman. [Register.](#)



Thursday,

Bloom is bringing a colorful cargo of drums for everyone to get their heart and hands around. Together with Bob, we'll launch legendary songs that have delectable beats. This program is great for adults and kids alike! [Register.](#)

Nov. 30, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

*The 100 Year Old Man
Who Climbed Out the
Window and Disappeared*
by Jonas Jonasson.
[Register.](#)



Drop-in Storytime Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

Come to the library on Wednesdays in September for our weekly drop-in storytime at 11:00 a.m. Enjoy stories, simple activity sheets and time with friends. No registration needed.



GARDENING SERIES

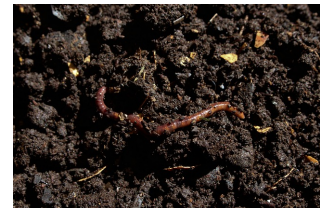
Plant, Bulb, and Seed Swap Saturday, Sept. 9, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The library and Growing Bolton, CT-Zone 6a Facebook group are partnering again for a houseplant, bulb, and seed swap. Visit the propagation station and Bentley's Seed Library while you are here. Not looking to swap? You can still stop by and chat with your fellow neighbors about what they have "growing" on. *Registration is not required.*



Free pH Soil Testing Thursday, Sept. 28, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Come to the library for free soil pH testing and answers to your gardening questions. Bring a cup of soil in a baggie from each location to be tested (dig down a few inches for best results). 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. Registration is not required.



Orchid Care Tutorial Monday, Oct. 16, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Join us for a live orchid repotting demo by orchid enthusiast, Ellen Icat. You will learn how to assess an orchid's condition and best practices for orchid care including planting material, fertilizer, and watering. If you have an orchid, you can bring it with you for an assessment and if time permits, help repotting (must note this when registering). One lucky person will get to take home the newly repotted demo orchid. [Register](#) for this event.



4th Annual *Oh So Cozy* Blanket Drive November and December

The library will be collecting **NEW** handmade quilts and

blankets to benefit Cornerstone Shelter in Vernon/Rockville and Holy Family Home Shelter in Willimantic. The shelter residents appreciate the skill and time required to create the beautiful handmade quilts and blankets. Drop off your new creations to the library throughout November and December.



Prior year donations.

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