

Bentley Happenings

October 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

Bolton's Still Life Collection. Enjoy the beautiful still life creations by Bolton artists. This stunning display was coordinated by Bolton artist and resident Dorothy Hall.

Sumner Sisters' Display Case

Stop in the study room to see the lovely, American-made china display courtesy of Jim Dwyer and John Toomey, owners of Two J's Collectible Glassware.

On Sale

The Friends of the Library will be featuring adult fiction books for sale throughout the month. Prices will be as marked.

On Display

- Dare to be Scared - adult books and movies
- Thrills & Chills - Juvenile books (grades 4-8)
- Fantasy YA and adult books
- Fall and Halloween children's books
- Halloween costume and makeup Juvenile nonfiction
- Adult nonfiction - the U.S. Constitution

The **Learn the Ukulele** program was a hit and we loved hearing the sound of music in the library. Some adults who participated in the event are looking to start a group. If you are interested in taking up the ukulele, or if you already play, [email](mailto:bentley@biblio.org) the library and we can put you in touch with the group.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Wednesdays

Drop-in Storytime

11:00-11:30 a.m.

Sat. 7th

Lego Day

Drop in 11-12:30 p.m.
Lego challenge 1-2 p.m.

Thur. 12th

Learn Harmonica

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Mon. 16th

Orchid Care Tutorial

6:30-7:15 p.m.

Thur. 26th

Adult Book Discussion

Anxious People
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Mon. 30th

Kids' Halloween Party

See details below.

Interested in joining the Friends of the Library?

Join a friendly group to support the library, meet new people and engage with the community. Contact bentley@biblio.org for more information.

Patio Update

Our concrete patio has been poured! Once the surrounding area is addressed, the patio will be ready for community use. A very special thank you to Bolton's Buildings and Grounds and Department of Public Works crews for their work prepping the space and getting it ready for use. Keep an eye out for information on an upcoming ribbon cutting event. The \$10,000 grant for the patio was made possible by Hartford Foundation for Public Giving and Bolton Greater Together Community Fund. Thank you!



Automatic Renewals - How They Work

Auto renewals are a one time automatic action. Eligible items renew for the original loan period. For example, books renew for an additional 3 weeks and DVDs for an additional week. Borrowers will continue to receive a courtesy reminder notice 3 days **before** an item's due date. The auto renewal notice is automatically sent **on** the due date. Be sure to check the status of **each** item in the renewal notice. Items that automatically renewed will show a status of "Loan Renewed" and no further action is needed. Otherwise, the status will show "Not Renewed" and the item is due back to the library. Items that are not eligible for renewal are those on hold for another patron and new items (those with a "New" label on the spine). You may return your items at any time on or before the new due date to avoid late fines.

Bottle Drive

Bolton's scout troops are holding a bottle drive on **Saturday, Oct. 14, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.** Drop off your returnable bottles on the green across from the library to support a great group of Bolton youth. Then, stop in the library to read the paper or find a great book, movie, or magazine.

October Programs

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

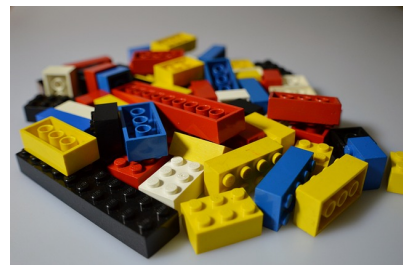
Lego Day

Saturday, Oct. 7

Drop in: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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

Stop in the library to have fun with Legos. Come during drop-in hours and let your creativity guide your build. Between 1:00 and 2:00 we will hold our Lego challenge. Individuals will test their construction skills to make the longest span they can that is strong enough to support Miss Trish's stapler. How long can you make yours? Come find out. Take a picture of your creation to remember what you made. A picture can go home with you, but the Legos stay at the library.



Special thank you to Bolton's Recreation Department and a generous patron for Lego donations.

Drop-in Storytime

Wednesdays 11:00-11:30 a.m.

Come to the library on Wednesdays in October for our

weekly drop-in storytime from 11:00-11:30 a.m. Enjoy stories, simple activity sheets and time with friends. No registration needed.

It's story TIME

Find the beat at the library

Instruments provided for all programs

Learn the Harmonica Thursday, Oct. 12, 6:30-7:30 p.m.



The program is full. We are starting a wait list in case there are cancellations. Also, if you own your own *diatonic harmonica in the key of C*, you are welcome to join the event. Please call or [email](#) the library in either case. Thank you to the anonymous donor and the CT State Library for the grant which provided 18 professional harmonicas.

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



Professional musician, Bob 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.](#)



Adult Book Discussion Series

John Valeri of Portland, CT is back to lead our discussions. Join us for one or all three.

Anxious People

by Fredrik Backman

Thursday, Oct. 26, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

A "story with both comedy and heartbreak" ~ Kirkus Reviews.

We will laugh and discuss issues raised in this story of eight people who become unlikely friends when an inept bank robber lands them in a hostage situation. [Register.](#)

The 100 Year Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared

by Jonas Jonasson

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

[Register.](#)

Orchid Care Tutorial

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

Join us for a live orchid repotting demo by orchid enthusiast, Ellen Icart. You will learn how to assess an orchid's condition and some best practices for orchid care including planting material, fertilizer, and watering. This program focuses on phalaenopsis orchids, aka moth orchids, which are typically sold in grocery and box stores. If you have a moth orchid, bring it with you for an assessment and if time permits, receive assistance repotting*. One lucky person will get to bring home the newly repotted orchid from the demonstration. This program is provided by Friends of the Library. [Register.](#)



*You must register by October 10 and check off that you are bringing an orchid to be repotted.

This will ensure we have enough plastic containers and potting material for everyone.

Kids' Halloween Party and Creepy, Touch-n-Feel Scavenger Hunt

October 30, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Give your Halloween costumes a test run at the library Halloween party. Parents are welcome to dress up, too. Enjoy a fun, tasty, and creepy night! We kick off the event with eerie stories geared towards kids ages 6-10 (but all are welcome) followed by cider and donut holes. Then, if you dare, take part in the Creepy, Touch-n-Feel Scavenger Hunt, starting at 6:45 p.m. Use the clues to find the bags, then reach in and see if you can guess what's inside - *No Peeking!*

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Quite a few of our young patrons are working toward their 1,000 books before Kindergarten goal. You'd be surprised how quickly the books add up - especially because reading the same book counts each time.

Stop in the library and register your little one and start them on the path to reading - a proven way to support future academics.



Save the Date

Thursday, Nov. 2 - Hand Drumming Fun - fun, hands-on event for the whole family
Monday, Nov. 6 - Lights Out CT - program on light pollution and its effect on birds
Thursday, Nov. 16 - The Implications of AI on Art and Creativity with Dorothy Hall
Saturday, Nov. 18 - Create with Cardboard
Thursday, Nov. 30 - Adult Book Discussion
Wednesday Drop-in Storytime - every Wednesday 11:00-11:30 a.m.

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