

Bentley Books & Bits - January 2023



Bentley Memorial Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. | Saturday - 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

[Visit our Facebook page](#)

[Visit our website](#)

Holiday Closing

The library will be closed, Monday, Jan. 2 for New Years Day and Monday, Jan. 16 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



3rd Annual Oh So Cozy Blanket Drive

Bentley is holding its third annual blanket drive to help our neighbors in need. New handmade and store-bought blankets will be collected throughout the month of January. All items will be donated to Holy Family Home and Shelter in Willimantic and Cornerstone Shelter in Vernon.

Display Case

2023 is the Year of the Rabbit. Visit the beautiful art and artifacts display relating to the Chinese Lunar New Year. This interesting collection is by Brian Zompanti.

Featured Displays

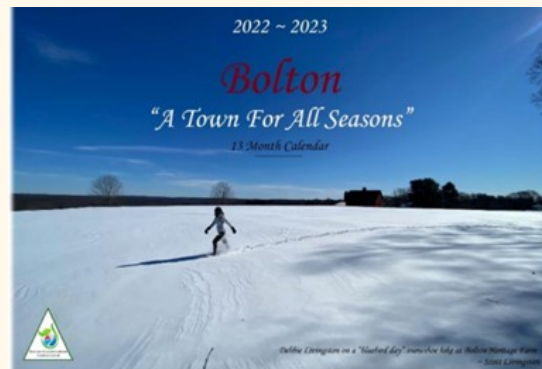
- Chinese New Year
- Gilded Age
- Get Healthy - Non-fiction and DVDs
- Winter picture books

Friends of the Library Sale

In addition to our ongoing paperback and hard cover book sale, crafting and decorating books will be on sale this month. Titles are \$1.00 or priced as marked. We accept cash or checks made payable to Friends of BML. Thank you for your support!

Conservation Commission Calendars

Get them while they last! \$10 each. Proceeds support the efforts of the Bolton Conservation Commission.



Seeking Crafting Supply Donations

We are collecting crafting supplies throughout the month. Items sought include stamping items, beads, sequins, cardstock, glue, ribbons, googly eyes, jewelry-making tools, etc. Contact the library with your donation ideas.

FREE EVENTS

CT Bar Association Virtual Free Legal Advice Clinics

Tuesday, Jan. 24 and Wednesday, Jan. 25, between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Meet remotely with a volunteer lawyer for a 30-minute session to receive free legal advice over Zoom. **Pre-registration is required by Jan. 15, 2023.** Learn the details, view specific legal areas included, and register [here](#).

CT State Library - All CT Reads, Virtual Author Launch

Thursday, Jan. 12, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

All CT Reads 2023 Virtual Author Launch will include authors Rosena Fung, Samira Ahmed, and Dawnie Walton. Each author will discuss their work and answer questions. [Learn more](#) about All CT Reads and review the selected titles. [Register here](#) to participate in this event.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

The following programs are **free of charge** and are open to residents and nonresidents. Masks may be needed for some in-person programs per presenter requirements. Programs are in person unless otherwise noted.

Register online, call 860-646-7349, or email bmlprograms@biblio.org.
Unless noted, registration is required.

Knitting and Crochet Tuesdays Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Drop in on Tuesdays to join this friendly and experienced group. Beginners are welcome! Do you quilt, crochet, or cross stitch? Join us! **No registration needed.**



Children's Winter Storytime and Craft

Register for each storytime separately or note all dates you would like to register for in the comment field. Please include your child(ren)'s first name and age(s) in the comment box as well.

Thursday, Jan. 12, 11:00 a.m. -[Register](#)

Monday, Jan. 23, 1:00 p.m. -[Register](#)

Thursday, Jan. 26 at 11:00 a.m. -[Register](#)

Monday, Jan. 30 at 1:00 p.m. -[Register](#)

Explore the Stars with John Hambrook Thursday, Jan. 12, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join us for a virtual tour of the night sky using the Stellarium star chart. Bolton resident John Hambrook will be our guide as we discover the planets and constellations visible this time of year and compare them

with those we see in the summer sky. All ages welcome!
[Register here.](#)



Coffee and Coloring Wednesdays

January 18, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

February 15, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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. Coffee will be served. **Registration is not required.**

Home Wellness Series



Radon - What You Need to Know

Monday, Jan. 23, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Learn about what radon is, how it enters a home, health effects, radon testing, and how values fluctuate over time. Cecile Serazo, Community Health and Wellness Coordinator for Eastern Highlands Health District, will cover these topics and discuss how to test and the best time of year for testing. Information on how to obtain a test kit will be provided. [Register here.](#)



Healthy Wells and Water

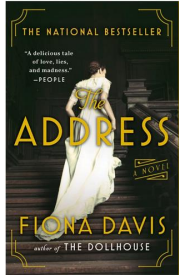
Thursday, Feb. 23, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Testing your well water provides you with information on the quality of your drinking water. Testing is the best way to ensure that your drinking water supply is safe from harmful chemicals. Learn when, why, and how to test your water. Information on how to obtain a test kit will be provided. Sanitarians from Eastern Highlands Health District will discuss healthy wells and water testing. [Register here.](#)

Also coming in February: Seed and Indoor Plant Swap. Watch our website, Facebook page, and February newsletter for details.

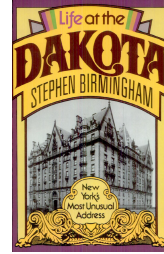
The Gilded Age Book Discussion Series

Join us for any or all of the discussions led by John Valeri of Portland, CT. Be sure to register so there are enough books for everyone. The discussions will be **hybrid**, you choose whether to join in person or via Zoom.



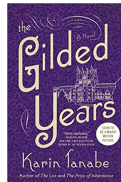
"The Address" by Fiona Davis
Thursday, Jan. 26, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join us in person or via Zoom to discuss this novel about "thin lines between love and loss, success and ruin, passion and madness, all hidden behind the walls of The Dakota—New York City's most famous residence" - Google Books. Copies of the book are available at the library. [Register here.](#)



"Life at the Dakota" by Stephen Birmingham
Thursday, Mar. 2, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join us in person or via Zoom to discuss this non-fiction account of the Dakota. The many show-business tenants "in this offbeat setting makes for many a lively story" ~ Kirkus review. [Register here.](#)



"The Gilded Years" by Karin Tanabe
Thursday, Mar. 30, 6:30-7:30 p.m.



"The Richest Woman in America" by Janet Wallach
Thursday, April 27, 6:30-7:30 p.m.



Take Your Child to the Library Day!
Saturday, Feb. 4

Stop in between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. for fun family activities. Watch our website, Facebook page, and February newsletter for details. *Registration is not required.*

Mrs. Claus & Minty the Elf - fun for all!

Over 40 people visited with Mrs. Claus and Minty the Elf. The kids enjoyed a craft activity, a treat, and a picture and one-on-one visit with Mrs. Claus.



Thank you Friends of the Library!

Thank you to the Friends of the Library for providing refreshments for library events.

Phone 860-646-7349 | Fax 860-649-9059 | Email bentley@biblio.org

Bentley Memorial Library | 206 Bolton Center Road, Bolton, CT 06043

[Unsubscribe ethornton@boltonct.org](mailto:ethornton@boltonct.org)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data
Notice](#)

Sent by bybmlprograms@biblio.org powered by



Try email marketing for free today!