

Bentley Happenings

February 2026



Welcome
to the Library



Why a Library?

"What's important to me is that people read the books and enjoy them... And that people who like things, tell other people. The most important thing is that people *read*..."

- Neil Gaiman

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Bentley Memorial Library

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Bolton, CT
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Hours

Mon. - Thurs., 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sat., 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Library Closing

Bentley will be closed on Monday, February 16th in observance of President's Day.



February is American Heart Month which focuses on heart health and preventing heart disease.



Did You Know.....

- The Library copier will copy and print - in color or black & white, scan, fax and both read your USB drive and store copied information on the USB drive.
- Remember to check your receipt when you check out a book or video. There is a line at the top that shares how much you save by using the library versus purchasing the item.
- Library policies were updated and all materials will be auto-renewed once and there are no longer any late fees.
- Due to popular demand, the Large Print collection has been separated from the general Adult Fiction books. All Large Print novels will be shelved alphabetically by author at the beginning of the Adult Fiction section.

Take Your Child to the Library Day

Saturday, February 7th



Take Your Child to the Library Day (TYCLD) is an international initiative that encourages families everywhere to take their children to their local library. Launched in 2011 in Connecticut by librarians Nadine Lipman (Waterford Public Library, retired) and Caitlin Augusta (Stratford Library) with artist Nancy Elizabeth Wallace, TYCLD raises community awareness about the importance of the library in the life of a child, and promotes library services and programs for children and families. Bentley Memorial Library invites you to join us for a day of scavenger hunting, StoryWalking, creating a bookmark, exploring the library and enjoying a treat! The Friends of the Library will be selling puzzles throughout the day.



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Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library will offer **Children's Books** for sale throughout the month of February in the front lobby. In addition to book sales, the Friends are selling cloth Book Bags to help keep your library selections together. The Friends will also be selling puzzles on Saturday, February 7th during 'Take Your Child to the Library Day'. Each puzzle will be individually marked with its price. Please stop by Bentley to help support our sales. All proceeds will be used to support future programs at the library. If you'd like to learn more about the Friends of the Library, consider joining us at our next meeting on Thursday, March 5th at 6:30.

Thanks to the Friends of the Library for providing refreshments and supplies for our programs throughout the year.

Libby, Hoopla and Downloadable Resources

Bentley is pleased to offer downloadable books and videos through both Libby and Hoopla. These apps have been very popular and in the last six months 5,145 items have been downloaded. This is exciting for the library as we always attempt to promote reading in any format. These downloads do come with a cost that the library budget absorbs. The 5,145 downloaded items cost the library \$7,781.73. We encourage this incredible amount of reading and ask only one thing: Please download only items that you actually plan to use as any download, read or not, is charged to the library. The Palace Project is also an option for downloading books at no cost to the library.



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News of Note

- The **Art Wall** at Bentley is available for all local artists who would like to display their art. Please contact the library at 860-646-7349 or bmlprograms@biblio.org
- The study room at Bentley is open for use by our patrons. The room must be reserved and patrons must check in at the circulation desk upon arrival.

Tech Assistance at Bentley

Bentley will be providing technical support for our patrons throughout the Winter months. If you need assistance with email, Hoopla, Libby, Facebook, the Palace Project, your online account or Acorn– we're here to help. To schedule your in-library session, please call Bentley at 860-646-7349 or email us at bmlprograms@biblio.org to select your date and **30 minute time slot**. Advance registration is essential to ensure that we are prepared to offer you the most useful assistance possible. If you have technical issues beyond the scope of what the Library can provide, consider contacting the **UR Community Cares Tech Center** for assistance, 860-430-4557. The Tech Center is located at 153 Spruce Street in Manchester.

February Programs!

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

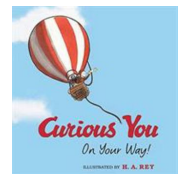


The Search Begins Scavenger Hunt

A new Scavenger Hunt to celebrate *Take Your Child to the Library* will be unveiled on Saturday, February 7th.

Story Walk

Curious You: On Your Way! by H.A. Rey
Beginning Saturday, February 7th



Come and wander the library as you explore the pages of Curious You: On Your Way! A StoryWalk is a unique way to read a book, share it with friends, explore the library and let your imagination take you anywhere!



Toddler Playtime Thursdays in February 10:00-11:00

Come and join our parent-led toddler group which is designed for children from birth to age 3. A trained parent will lead age appropriate play and interactions. Toys will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Parents and care-givers are all welcome!

Storytime at the Library

Wednesday, February 4th, 11th and 18th

****12:00-12:30** - NEW TIME**



Storytime will continue on these **select Wednesdays** in February! Come and enjoy stories and a simple craft. Feel free to bring your own snack or lunch. The change in time was made to accommodate the nursery school schedule.



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Bolton Public Schools Art Show
Students of Bolton High School & Bolton Center School
The month of February

Stop by Bentley Memorial Library to appreciate the incredible artwork created by students of Bolton High School and Bolton Center School.

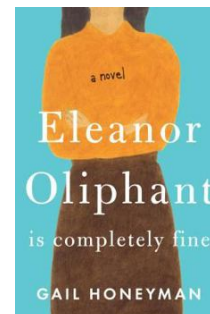
The opening reception, sponsored by the Friends of Bentley Memorial Library, will take place on Tuesday, February 3rd from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. The student work will be on display throughout the month of February.

Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman

Wednesday, February 25th at noon

Book Discussion led by Mark Nystrom

This story follows Eleanor as she learns to navigate the world and open herself up to friendship and love, with the help of a kind IT colleague and an elderly man they rescue. It's known for its blend of humor, warmth and emotional depth; exploring themes of loneliness, trauma, and healing. This book explores human connections and offers a 'warm hug' feeling - just the right blend for a good February read!



[Preregister for Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine](#)

Coming in March!

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



How the Penguins Saved Veronica by Hazel Prior

Wednesday, March 25th at noon

Book Discussion led by Mark Nystrom

How the Penguins Saved Veronica is a heartwarming novel about a curmudgeonly woman, Veronica, who decides to leave her fortune to a charitable cause and travel to Antarctica to help with penguin research. Join us as we wonder at the power of family, forgiveness and - of course - penguins.



On Display

Visit the Sumner Sisters' Display Case, in the study room, to view a display of vintage Milk Glass. This presentation is offered by Jim Dwire and John Toomey of Two J's Glass Collectors.

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