

Bentley Happenings

March 2026



Welcome
to the Library



Why a Library?

"The right book in the hands of the right person at exactly the right moment can change their life forever."

- **Libby Page**

Visit our Website



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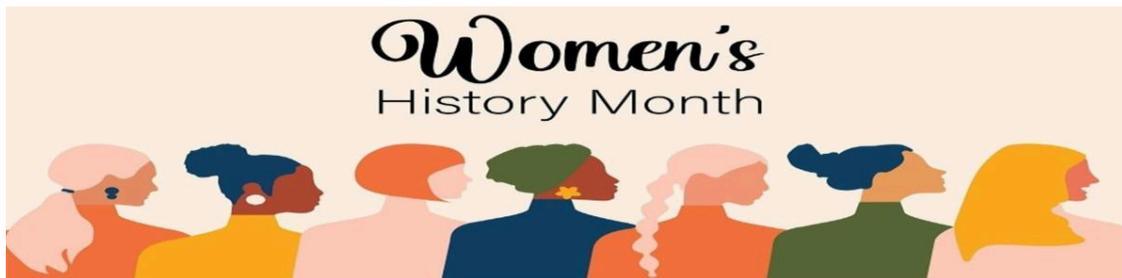
206 Bolton Center Road
Bolton, CT
860-646-7349 bentley@biblio.org

Hours

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

Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, please check Channel 3 WFSB and/or the town website, <https://boltonct.gov>



The month of March is set aside to honor women's contributions in American history.



Did You Know.....

- Due to popular demand, the **Large Print** collection has been separated from the general Adult Fiction books.
- **Two dozen Large Print** titles have been ordered from the Connecticut State Library for a three-month loan to supplement the collection.

CT Passport to CT Libraries Coming Next Month

The Connecticut Library Association (CLA) will be sponsoring *Passport to CT Libraries* during the month of April. CLA's goal is to promote National Library Week (4/19-4/25) and to offer an outlet for using free time during Spring Break.

Each participating library will print the Public Libraries Passport and offer it to their patrons; The passport will list all participating libraries. At Bentley, we will provide the passport and stamp it once for each patron or visitor.



Stamped passports must be turned in to Bentley Memorial Library by May 11th. Two winners will be drawn (1 adult & 1 child) from each category. These dates reflect a hard deadline and no exceptions can be made.

- Category One: Adult and Child passports that have at least **five stamps**.
- Category Two: Adult and Child passports who **visited the most libraries**.
- Category Three: Adult and Child passports that have at least **twenty-five stamps**.

Local library winners will be selected during mid-May. Each participating library will submit their six (3 adults & 3 children) winners for the state-wide drawing. On June 12th, the state-wide winners will be drawn. Winners of the \$200.00 gift cards will be notified by June 14th.



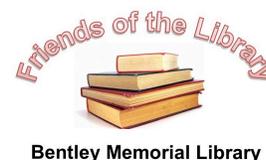
Wowbrary is a nonprofit service that provides free weekly emails about your local library's most recent acquisitions including new books, DVDs, and CDs. Our service reaches both avid library patrons and those who haven't used libraries in years. Wowbrary serves as an attractive online version of the new-book shelf, but one that spans all library branches, includes items that are checked out, and comes by convenient email. By showcasing the latest arrivals and allowing patrons to click through directly to the library website, Wowbrary makes it easy to scan quickly what's new and encourages greater library use.

Signing up to receive weekly emails

Go to <https://www.wowbrary.org> and type your ZIP code in the upper left box. Then hit the Go button. Wowbrary will display Bentley Memorial Library and other area libraries. Check Bentley, enter your email address and then click submit. You will start receiving updates within a week.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library will offer **Adult Non-fiction books** for sale throughout the month of March in the front lobby. In addition to book sales, the Friends are selling cloth Book Bags to help keep your library selections together. 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.



eGO The Palace Project

Download the app for free books!

The Connecticut State Library now has over 54,000 titles in its collection of online books. These books include mysteries, thrillers, and backlist bestsellers. Our patrons are often looking for a standalone mystery or a mystery series – eGO Palace Project has both!

To access the eGO Palace Project, download the "Palace Project" app on your mobile device from the App Store or Google Play, then log in using your library card number and PIN to browse and borrow ebooks and audiobooks from the Connecticut State Library's eGO collection; you can access both your local library's collection and the statewide eGO collection through this app.

The [All CT Reads](#) program is in full swing for 2026! To support participation in this amazing program, the Palace Project has purchased all available copies of this year's titles. The Palace Project has also created an All CT Reads 2026 lane on every library's interface for improved discoverability.

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 Spring 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.

March Programs!

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



The Search Begins Scavenger Hunt

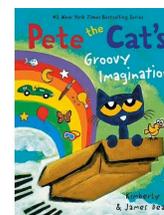
A new Scavenger Hunt to celebrate March Madness and St. Patrick's Day will be unveiled on Monday, March 2nd.

Story Walk

[Pete the Cat's Groovy Imagination](#) by Kimberly & James Dean

Beginning Monday, March 2nd

Come and wander the library as you explore the pages of [Pete the Cat's Groovy Imagination](#). 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 March
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, March 4th, 11th and 18th
****12:00-12:30** - NEW TIME**



Storytime will continue on these **select Wednesdays** in March! 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.



St. Patrick's Day Storytime

Monday, March 16th at 6:30 PM

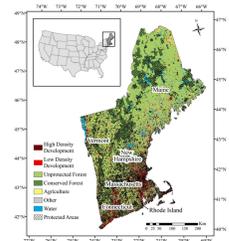
Join us on Monday, March 16th at 6:30 for a St. Patrick's Day storytime and special activities. A Leprechaun Hunt to find themed items, chocolate coins, green treats and a game will be featured. Wear green if you can! This is for children of all ages.

[Preregister for St. Patrick's Day Storytime](#)

Changing Landscapes

Presented by Ginny Apple
Thursday, March 19th at 6:30

Ginny will lead us through an exploration of how wildlife species have adapted to a changing environment throughout the years from Colonial times to the present.



[Preregister for Changing Landscapes Presentation](#)



March Madness Basketball Challenge

Grades 3 - 6
Saturday, March 21st at 11:00

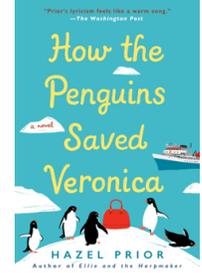
Get ready for your own hand-crafted basketball challenge. Use your 'engineering skills' to create your basketball hoop and test your skill at 3-pointers and free throws - with a ping pong basketball! Design your unique team jersey on paper and search for all the basketball terms you can find. Get ready to have fun celebrating all things basketball. A pizza lunch will be provided.

[Preregister for March Madness Basketball Challenge](#)

[How the Penguins Saved Veronica by Hazel Prior](#)

Wednesday, March 25th at noon

Book Discussion led by Mark Nystrom

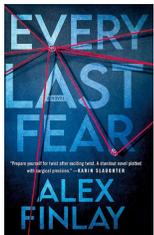


How the Penguins Saved Veronica is a heartwarming novel about a curmudgeonly woman, Veronica, who decides to leave her fortune to a charitable cause and travel to Antarctica to help with penguin research. Join us as we wonder at the power of family, forgiveness and - of course - penguins.

[Preregister for How the Penguins Saved Veronica](#)

Coming in April!

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[Every Last Fear by Alex Finlay](#)

Wednesday, April 29th at noon

Book Discussion led by Mark Nystrom

Every Last Fear by Alex Finlay is a psychological thriller about the Pine family, whose lives unravel after a true-crime documentary makes them infamous. The novel uses multiple perspectives and timelines to build suspense as one son investigates the deaths, which seem linked to the case that put his brother Danny in prison, all while confronting his own secrets and a hostile community.

On Display

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



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