

Bentley Happenings

April 2026



Welcome
to the Library



Why a Library?

“What in the world would we do without our libraries?”

- **Katharine Hepburn**

[Visit our Website](#)



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Bentley Memorial Library

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.

Bentley will be closed on Saturday, April 4th in observance of the Easter holiday.



EARTH DAY
EVERY DAY

The month of April is set aside to celebrate Earth Day.

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.
- The library is purchasing **16 new Large Print** titles to enhance our collection.
- If you run a private book club outside the library, Bentley can help with ordering books. Contact the circulation desk and we can let you know if your selection is available and have copies delivered to the library.



Celebrating National Library Week

April 19th - 25th

National Library Week is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians and library workers play in strengthening our communities and transforming lives. Bentley Memorial Library will celebrate the week with several

activities:

- Scavenger Hunt themed on finding items unique to a library
- Library themed storytime
- Displays showcasing parts of Bentley's collection

- Jellybean Jar: use your estimation skills to guess how many jellybeans are in the jar
- Create and personalize your own bookmark
- Use your library passport to visit libraries all over the state

Passport to CT Libraries

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** 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

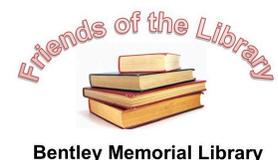
the new-book shelf, but one that spans all library branches, includes items that are checked out, and comes by convenient email. By showcasing the latest arrivals and allowing patrons to click through directly to the library website, Wowbrary makes it easy to scan quickly what's new and encourages greater 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 April 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, April 30th at 5:00.



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



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.

The Seed Library returns to Bentley

The Master Gardener Program, a University of Connecticut extension, has donated dozens of seed packets to Bentley Memorial Library. Stop by the library to choose your seeds and get a jump on your Spring planting.



News of Note

- The **Bolton Regional Lions Club** continues to collect donated prescription eyeglasses and prescription sunglasses at Bentley Memorial Library.
- The **Art Wall** at Bentley is featuring the work of Bolton High School artists. The current work will be displayed through April; new works will be presented later in May.
- 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.
- DOE & EPA have developed a guide for automotive fuel economy. An electronic version can be found at <https://www.fueleconomy.gov/feg/printGuides.shtml>

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.

April Programs!

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



The Search Begins Scavenger Hunt

A new seasonal Scavenger Hunt will be unveiled on Wednesday, April 1st.

Toddler Playtime

Thursdays in April

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, April 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd

12:00 to 12:30

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

Composting and Vernal Pools at Sunset

Soil to Salamanders: Composting and the Vernal Pool Connection

Presented by the Bolton Conservation Commission

Tuesday, April 7th at 6:00



See first-hand how to compost by turning your **spoils to soil** and experience a vernal pool at sunset, just steps from the library. During the presentation you can also sign-up to order a composter.

Speakers include:

- Nicholas Malouin, Food Waste Specialist from All American Waste
- Ed Pawlak, Professional Wetlands Scientist
- Rod Parlee, Conservation Commission Chair

Event will be held rain or shine. Waterproof footwear is recommended. For more information contact the Bolton Conservation Commission at 860-649-8066 ext. 6110 or email RParlee@boltonct.gov

[Preregister with the library for Composting and the Vernal Pool Connection](#)



Banking Scams and Fraud

Wednesday, April 15th at noon

Presented by Kathleen Titsworth, Banking Education Coordinator

Living in a fast-paced, technological world can open the public up to the dangers of scamming. The goal of this program is to raise awareness of con artists and to educate the general public on how to avoid becoming a financial victim.

[Preregister for Banking Scams and Fraud](#)

The Bald Eagle

America's National Symbol

Presented by Ginny Apple, Master Wildlife Conservationist

Thursday, April 16th at 6:30



Bald Eagles were once so endangered that many considered whether to replace them as America's national symbol. The ongoing story of their recovery as a species and CT's current healthy eagle population is a comeback story worth hearing. Join Ginny Apple, a Master Wildlife Conservationist with the State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, for a talk about these magnificent birds of prey that fascinate all who watch them soar.

[Preregister for The Bald Eagle: America's National Symbol](#)



Connecticut in Poems

Celebrating National Poetry Month

Thursday, April 23rd at 6:30 PM

Grayson Books, together with Bentley Memorial Library will host an evening featuring Connecticut poets. Reading from the *Nutmeg Anthology: Contemporary Poems of Connecticut*, four Connecticut poets plus Bessy Reyna, Bolton Poet Laureate, will share one of their poems and then open the floor to questions and discussion.

[Preregister for CT Poets Read!](#)

The Science of Slime

What it is and how it works

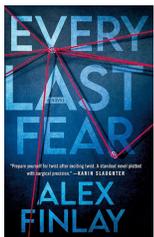
Saturday, April 25th at 11:00

Grades 3 - 6



Slime and Science - a great combination. Plan to join us and find out how slime works, make your own customized batch of slime and turn it into a squeezable stress ball.

[Preregister for The Science of Slime](#)



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.

[Preregister for Every Last Fear Book Discussion](#)

Coming in May!

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

Birds of Prey/Night and Day

Presented by Horizon Wings, Raptor Rehabilitation & Education

Saturday, May 16th at 11:00



Explore the world of raptors that share the same habitat but are active at different times – day and night. Falcons, hawks, and eagles often occupy the same territories as nocturnal owls: hardwood or mixed forests, pastures and marshlands, and even our suburbs and urban areas. Learn about what makes each species successful in its environment and the special adaptations they have for being diurnal or nocturnal.

[Preregister for Birds of Prey/Night and Day](#)



Rocks and Minerals

Thursday, May 21st at 6:30

Presented by Louis Fazzina

Connecticut, and the rest of New England, is rich in rocks and minerals. Louis will take us on a mineralogical tour of the region, and introduce us to 'rockhounding' and prospecting. An in-depth look at our local minerals will offer hands-on experience.

[Preregister for Rocks and Minerals](#)

On Display

Visit the Summer Sisters' Display Case 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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