

Bentley Happenings

October 2024



Why a Library?

"... libraries have improved the general conversation of the Americans."

-Ben Franklin

[Visit our Website](#)



National Make a Difference Day Saturday, October 26th

-encouraging people to make a positive impact on their communities through acts of kindness, volunteer work, and community service.



Bentley Memorial Library
[206 Bolton Center Road](#)
Bolton, CT
860-646-7349 bentley@biblio.org

Hours

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

Library Closing

Monday, October 14th

Special Notice to all Patrons

We have been notified by the vendor that Bibliomation alerts and notifications may not be going through. If you have any questions about holds, due dates, overdue notices, etc. - please contact the library at any time during our regular hours.



ART & words Created by Dorothy Hall

Dorothy Hall, professional artist and Bolton resident, is displaying four original works of art this month at Bentley. This four-piece collection is titled *ART* & words and focuses on our environment and its effect on our well-being.

Friends of the Library

We will have a nice variety of great **Biography** books to purchase for our October Book Sale, located in the kiosk in the front lobby. For a future sale we would appreciate donations of gently used and newer cookbooks. If you have a great cookbook that you no longer use, please consider dropping it off at the front desk to support our library.



Bentley Memorial Library

In October the Friends will be introducing a free Coffee Bar to enhance your experience while visiting the library to pick out a new book or enjoy during one of our upcoming events. We hope to continue this throughout the colder months of the year when a warm cup of coffee would be welcome.

If you have any suggestions for the Friends of BML or have a few hours to volunteer, please join us at the library for our next meeting on Wednesday, November 13th at 6:30 pm.



Connecticut's Countryside Four-town Website

In 2020, Coventry partnered with the towns of Bolton, Mansfield, and Tolland, to create a regional economic vitality plan. This plan has six themes: agriculture, culture & entertainment, higher education, outdoor recreation, small business & entrepreneurship, and visibility & marketing. In each theme there is a set of ideas that when implemented would grow the whole region's economy.

The towns share a commitment to preserving natural spaces and promoting outdoor activities, fostering vibrant arts communities, and maintaining rich agricultural traditions.

Over the summer of 2024 a four-town website was launched to increase the visibility of our area programs, businesses and environment. Please take a moment to explore this site and see what you might discover!

[Connecticut's Countryside](#)

Large Print Book Are Here

Bentley Memorial Library is featuring large print novels which are on loan to us from the Middletown Library Service Center. We will have these books for several months. These titles will enhance the range of large print titles available to our patrons.



Connecticut Declares Lollipops the Official State Candy

Did you know Connecticut has a secret lollipop legacy? Way back in 1908, a New Haven confectioner named George Smith cooked up a lollipop design he called the "Lolly Pop" – basically the lollipop OG! This juicy fact became their secret weapon, proving lollipops weren't just yummy; they were a symbol of Connecticut's innovative spirit. Third graders from Dwight Elementary School in Fairfield took the initiative and lobbied the Connecticut General Assembly to adopt the lollipop as

the official state candy – and they succeeded. The next time you want a sweet, try a lollipop, and remember what can be accomplished when you put your mind to it. Stop by the Library and get your lollipop during the month of October!

Tech Assistance for the Fall

Bentley will be providing technical support for our patrons throughout the Fall. If you need assistance with email, Hoopla, Libby, Facebook, your online account, or other tech related issues – 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 time slot. Advance registration is essential to ensure that we are prepared to offer you the most useful assistance possible.

Why Register?

For many of our events you are asked to register. We do this for very practical reasons. Seating, handouts, prizes and refreshments all need to be ordered. Even more importantly, we need to know if it is viable to continue with a given event. Most of our programs have a significant cost and cannot be canceled at the last minute.

What does this really mean? We want you here to enjoy the programs we schedule. Please register to let us know you are coming so we can make all the preparations necessary to maximize your enjoyment. If you can no longer attend, please let us know.

Upcoming Programs!

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

Troublesome Garden Pests **Tuesday, October 8th at 6:30**

*Common Fall Pests and How to
Keep Them Out of Your Garden*



Autumn is a wonderful season, but it can present challenges for your gardens. Fall is actually the ideal time to work at controlling troublesome plants and identifying small critters that affect gardens and woods. This program will focus on ways to control several plants as well as identify characteristics of critters found in local woods and soil that are causing problems in local environments.

[Register here](#)



Putting Your Garden to Bed **Thursday, October 10th at 6:30**

UConn Master Gardener Vicki DeLeo will present a timely and informative program on what steps should be taken to close down your garden for the winter, so that it

will be ready for the Spring season. With winter on its way, this is the perfect time to prepare your gardens for the stresses of the coming winter.

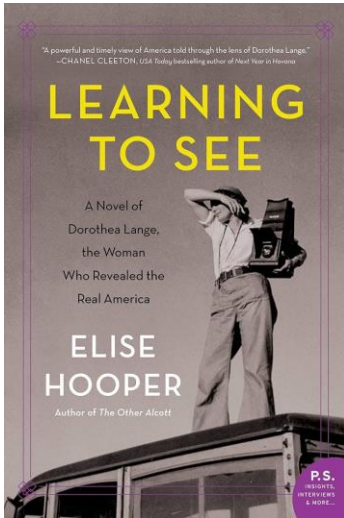
[Register here](#)

True Ghost Stories of Connecticut **Tuesday, October 15th at 6:30** **Presented by Charles Rosenay!!!, author**

True Ghost Stories of Connecticut is Charles Rosenay!!!'s most recent release. This presentation will expose you to the stories of Fairfield Hills Asylum, the Sterling Opera House, Old New-Gate Prison, New Haven Center Church, cemeteries around Connecticut and much more. Some stories might stay with you through the night and possibly change your mind about the paranormal and other unusual encounters.



[Register here](#)



Book Discussion

Learning to See by Elise Hooper

Wednesday, October 16th at noon

Led by Mark Nystrom

Learning to See is the second novel in our three-part series which focuses on the impact women of the past have on our lives today. Learning to See traces the development of Dorothea Lange as a commercial portrait photographer to a renowned and influential photojournalist who helped bring about change for the disenfranchised. Lange's photographs from the Great Depression and the Japanese Internment Camps of WWII represent some of her most iconic works.

[Register here](#)

Halloween Storytime

Wednesday, October 30th at 6:30

Bentley will help you get in the spooky spirit of the season with a themed Family Halloween story time. Put on your costume and join us on Wednesday, October 30th at 6:30 for a spooky story, a treat and a special Halloween activity.



[Register here](#)



Storytime at the Library

Wednesday, October 2nd, 9th and 23rd from 11:45-12:15

Join us for Storytime in October! Come and enjoy stories and a simple craft. Feel free to bring your own snack or lunch. Registration is not required.



bulletin board designed by Amber Mosley



September Program Wrap-up

September was a busy month at the Bentley Memorial Library with diverse programs, story times and engaging displays. We hosted an evening of flower arranging where everyone took home a fresh bouquet they created. Toby and Amelia, two certified therapy dogs visited Bentley to spend a morning reading with our young patrons. Illeana Douglas, an Emmy nominated performer and author, presented a fascinating program highlighting Hollywood movies, performers, and Connecticut's connection to the big screen. The Friends of the Library sponsored the program and sold 10 copies of her book, earning the Friends \$80.00 to help support future programs. The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon was the source for our September book discussion, and we ended our programming for the month with an evening of poetry featuring Bessy Reyna, Bolton's poet laureate, and her evocative and inspirational poetry.

Future Programs!

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

Our three-part book series examining the impact of historical women will conclude in November.

Book Discussion

The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict

Led by Mark Nystrom

November 13th at noon

December's book discussion will feature **The Lido by Libby Page**.

Featured Displays

Main Display Case

Bolton's Cub Scout Troop 157 will be featured in our main display case this month. This display will explain what Scouting is and how to join. Bolton has a rich history of scouting and Bentley is pleased to support our young citizens. The Scouts will offer a bottle drive on Saturday, October 5th by the Library.

UPCOMING EVENTS



October

**Wednesdays
2nd, 9th & 23rd
Storytime
11:45 - 12:15**

Sumner Sisters' Display Case

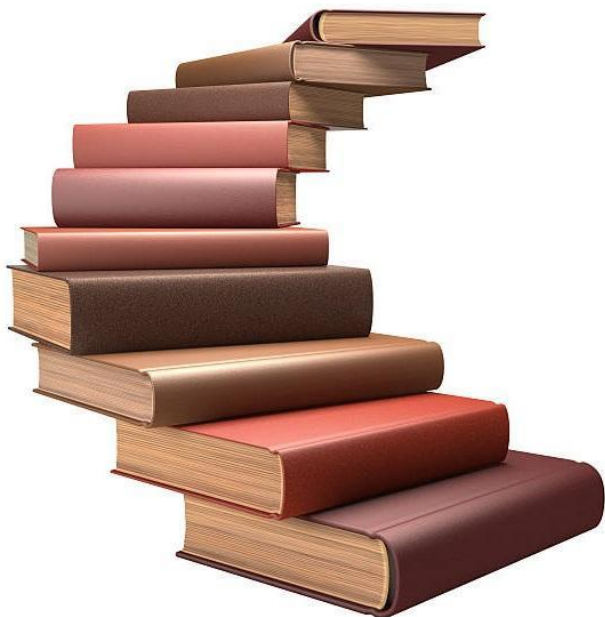
Stop by the Study Room to view the newest crystal display, Birds. Come see the beautiful examples that are on display. Courtesy of Jim Dwire and John Toomey.

On Display Throughout the library

Adult Non-Fiction: True Crime
Adult Fiction: Horror
Young Adult: Fantasy
J: Spooky Books
ER & E: Back to School, Halloween
Adult BCD's & DVDs: Horror

On Sale - Biographies

The Friends of the Library are featuring Biographies for the month of October.



Tue. 8th How to Control Troublesome Garden Pests

6:30
Registration Required

Thu. 10th Putting Your Garden to Bed

6:30
Registration Required

Tue. 15th Author Presentation True Ghost Stories of Connecticut

led by the author
Charles Rosenay!!!
6:30

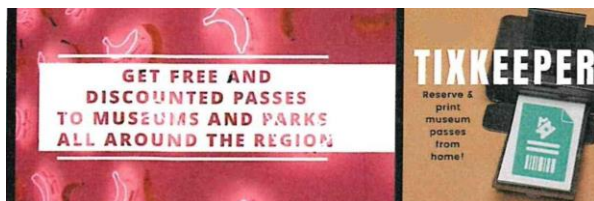
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Wed. 16th Book Discussion Learning to See by Elise Hooper

noon
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Wed. 30th Themed Family Halloween Party 6:30

Every Tuesday
Knitting/Handcrafts
6:30 – 7:45



Museum Passes

Want to visit a museum? Explore Bentley's collection of Museum Passes by viewing our promotional video created by Sam Bahre, now streaming on Facebook, and use our online museum pass

program. The link is available on the [Library page on the Town of Bolton website](#).

Springfield Museum, CT State Parks & the Connecticut Science Center still need to be picked up at Bentley. A \$20.00 deposit is no longer required.

The Kill A Watt Kit

Eversource's Kill A Watt kit is intended to assist residents in understanding their energy use. The meter provided in the kit allows you to easily measure the electrical use of household appliances. With this information, you may determine ways to reduce your energy consumption and electric costs. Check it out today!



Knitting and Handcraft Tuesdays Tuesday, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Drop in any Tuesday to join this friendly and experienced group. All skill levels are welcome! Join the group anytime. Registration is not required.



CT's New Wheelchair Law, PA 24-58

Connecticut has a new law concerning 'Wheelchair Repairs.' This law requires wheelchair suppliers to respond promptly and requires the suppliers to order any needed parts within three business days. The suppliers are also required to have the wheelchair repaired within ten business days of the original call seeking repair. The wheelchair owner has the right to have the repair done at home or in a shop and advance authorizations are prohibited. A fact sheet is attached which details the steps a concerned person would need to take. This sheet has detailed information for 'What You Need to Know', 'What You Need to Do', 'Report Delays' and 'Contact Information'. This new law should help people maneuver through the process of repairing equipment in a timely manner.

Wheelchair Repair Fact Sheet

Facebook

Remember to follow us at Bentley Memorial Library.



Thank you Friends of the Library for providing refreshments and supplies for our programs throughout the year.