

# Bentley Happenings

March 2025



Welcome  
to the Library



## Why a Library?

"Libraries are where stories live, and history breathes."

- **Alvin Toffler**

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## Bentley Memorial Library

206 Bolton Center Road  
Bolton, CT  
860-646-7349 [bentley@biblio.org](mailto:bentley@biblio.org)

### Hours

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



## Women's History Month

This month celebrates the achievements of women throughout history.



## The Still Life

Created by Dorothy L. Hall

Dorothy Hall, professional artist and Bolton resident, has created a collection of Still Lives rendered in water colors, pastels, acrylics and mixed media. For years artists have set up subjects, inanimate objects, to draw and paint.

## Friends of the Library

In March we will be featuring "Biography" books for sale on our revolving front lobby kiosk, beginning on Tuesday March 4th. All proceeds from our book sales help support library programs and our new Coffee Bar located near the Reference Desk.

If you love books and are interested in a volunteer position that only requires a few hours a month to gather books for our sales, please join us at our next Friends meeting on March 12th at 6:30 pm in the library.



Bentley Memorial Library

The free seed library will open on the evening of Monday, March 3rd. Bentley Memorial Library has received hundreds of new seeds from the Master Gardener Program, a UConn Extension. Stop by the library and browse our selection of vegetable and flower seeds. Now is the time to start planning your garden!

### Acorn Library Catalog App

Bentley Memorial Library, along with Bibliomation, offers a free mobile app which allows you to quickly & easily access Bentley Memorial Library's catalog! Simply go to the Apple App Store or to the Google Play Store, search for the Acorn app and download the app. If you already have Acorn on your smart device, please check to insure your app has been updated to the February 7th version.



The **Acorn Library Catalog mobile app** is streamlined & efficient, making it easy to:

- View & request holds
- View & renew items checked out

**Acorn Library Catalog** also...

- Puts Bentley Memorial Library's contact info right in the palm of your hand
- Includes a digital barcode version of your library card
- Allows patron to create their own personal title lists (e.g. "To Be Read" or "Books My Friends Recommend")

### Tech Assistance for the Spring

Bentley will be providing technical support for our patrons throughout the Spring. 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](mailto: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.

### Upcoming Programs!

Register online, by phone at 860-646-7349, or by email at [bmlprograms@biblio.org](mailto:bmlprograms@biblio.org).



### Storytime at the Library

**Wednesday, March 5th & 12th from 11:45-12:15**

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

### Storytime Special Program

#### Children's Yoga

**Wednesday, March 19th from 11:30 – 12:30**

Bentley Memorial Library is excited to offer a new



## program for our younger patrons: **Children's Yoga!**

This hour-long program will feature age-appropriate yoga activities including an ice-breaker activity, meditation, breathing exercises, basic yoga instruction and a themed book share. Each child is asked to bring either a yoga mat or a bath towel.

**[Preregister here](#)**



## **European Contact and the Pequot War Part 1 of a 3 part series on Native Americans Presented by Steve Penny Thursday, March 13th at 6:30**

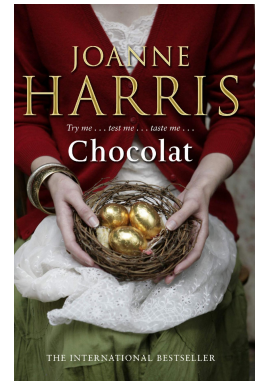
Steve Penny will lead us through an exploration of Native American history focusing on tribes of the eastern U.S. Who were the peoples settled in this area before Europeans arrived? How did these original people live before the Mayflower dropped anchor off Cape Cod? What changed for Native Americans as the European population increased? These and other questions will be explored as Steve leads us through this fascinating era of United States history. Plan to join us on April 17th for the second presentation on the years between the Pequot War and King Phillip's War and for the third presentation on May 8th which will examine King Phillip's War and its effect on the New England tribes.

**[Preregister here](#)**

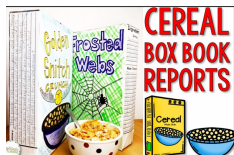
## **Chocolat By Joanne Harris**

**Wednesday, March 26th at noon  
Led by Mark Nystrom**

Chocolat is an intriguing tale of a French village, tradition bound people and charming rebels. The deliciousness of chocolate represents both the path of sin and the beauty of life. Read the book and join us for an eye opening exploration of life in the small French town of Lansquenet.



**[Preregister here](#)**



## **Reading Hall of Fame/Cereal Box Decoration Supporting Bolton Center School's Reading Initiative Saturday, March 29th from 11:30 to 1:30**

Bentley Memorial Library will have staff ready to assist BCS students as they select titles for the grade-level genre Reading Hall of Fame project. Bentley will also host a Cereal Box decorating session/pizza lunch on Saturday March 29th. Bring your cereal box and we'll supply the arts and crafts supplies you'll need. We will also have a limited number of empty cereal boxes if you forget yours at home. This event is sponsored by the Friends of Bentley Memorial Library.

**[Preregister here](#)**

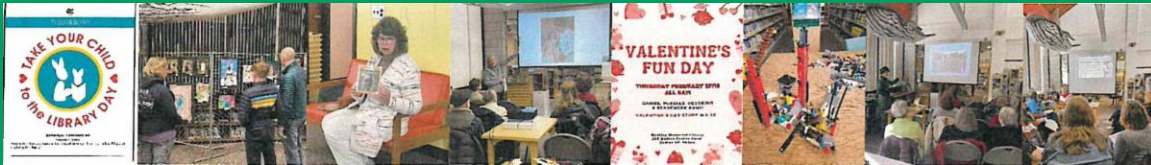
## **Vernal Pool Sunset Serenade**

## Monday March 31st from 6:00 to 7:30 PM

Join the Bolton Conservation Commission and Bentley Memorial Library for an enchanting evening at the **Vernal Pool Sunset Serenade** on Monday, March 31st, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. Discover the wonders of Connecticut's small yet productive vernal pools, as wetlands professional Ed Pawlak shares his expertise. Ed's informative presentation will be followed by a short, easy walk to an active vernal pool located just behind the library. As the sun sets at 7:15 PM, be serenaded by the soothing calls of peepers and croaking wood frogs while Ed identifies signs of species that rely on vernal pools. For more information, please contact BCC Chair Rod Parlee at 860-649-8066 ext. 6110 or RParlee@BoltonCT.gov or Bentley Memorial Library at 860-646-7349.



### [Preregister here](#)



## February Program Wrap-up

February was a great, and busy, month at the Library. Bentley hosted its regular **storytime** for our younger patrons. We welcomed dozens of young patrons as they took part in **Take Your Child to the Library Day** activities. The Bolton Public Schools exhibited a **month-long display of student art**. Patrons were able to dive back in time as Spirits of Fashion presented an afternoon program on the **Fashions of Downton Abbey**. Local artist Susan Bosworth led an evening program exploring **the world of Pastel Art**. Bentley hosted **Valentine Fun Day**, a day-long event for our young patrons to enjoy several activities while visiting the Library. **LEGO Day** offered the chance to stretch one's imagination and challenge the building of an idea. Bentley ended the month with its first **Book Discussion** in our three-part series - Books that inspired a film. **TIMELINE** by **Michael Crichton** was our featured novel and took us on a journey through time and space.

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## Future Programs!

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### Bobcats

Presented by Ray Hardy

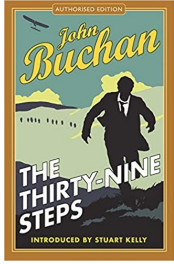
Thursday, April 10th at 6:30



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**3 Book/3 Month Book Discussion Series Continues**  
**'Books That Inspired Movies'**  
Led by Mark Nystrom

The third and final book of this series.



The 39 Steps by John Buchan  
Wednesday, April 30th at noon

The 39 Steps is one of the earliest 'man on the run' thrillers. Plan to join us for this riveting tale.



## Read to the Dogs

Saturday, May 3rd  
10:30 - 11:30

## Show Your Interest: Main Display Case

Do you have a craft you'd like to share with our community? Have you been to exotic or fascinating places? Do you belong to a group that makes a positive contribution to our area? If you answer **yes** to any of these questions, we'd love to feature you in our Main Display Case! July, August, November and December are still available for the 2025 calendar year. Contact the library and find a month that works for you.



## Featured Displays

### Main Display Case

During the month of March the Main Display Case will feature the artwork of Bonnie Massey.

### Summer Sisters' Display Case

This month's display of green glass reflects the spirit of the month.

This display is presented by Jim Dwire and John Toomey -- owners of Two J's, glass collectors. You can find our website at:

[www.trocadero.com/stores/twojs](http://www.trocadero.com/stores/twojs)

### On Display Throughout the library

**Adult Fiction:** All things Irish, World Book Day

**Adult Nonfiction:** Women's History

**J, ER & E:** St. Patrick's Day, Spring, Pete the Cat, World Book Day

**DVDs:** Basketball, All things Irish

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### March

**Scavenger Hunt**  
**St. Patrick's Day and**  
**March Madness**  
**1st through 19th**

**Story Walk**  
**Bats at the Library**  
**1st through 5th**

**Wednesdays**  
**Storytime**  
**5th & 12th**  
**11:45 - 12:15**

**Thurs. 13th**  
**The Pequot War**  
**presented by**  
**Steve Penny**  
**6:30**



Preregistration required

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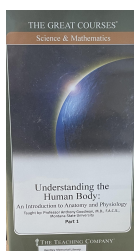
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Reading Hall of Fame  
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11:30 - 1:30  
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Preregistration required**

**Vernal Pool Serenade  
Mon. 31st  
Bolton Conserveation  
Commission  
6:00 - 7:30**

**Bentley has discount coupons for the Connecticut Science Center. These coupons will take 20% off the admission price for up to four people.**

## Museum Passes at Bentley

Bentley Memorial Library will soon have a new online museum pass provider! Details will be shared with all patrons when the system becomes operational. In the meantime, patrons are encouraged to contact the library if they wish to sign out a pass. Until the new online system is operational, patrons will need to stop by Bentley to physically pick up a pass. There will be no cash deposit required to reserve your pass. Bentley has also added a new pass, the Springfield Basketball Hall of Fame to our collection of museum passes. If you have any questions, stop by the library or give us a call at 860-646-7349.



## Keep Learning with Great Courses

Great Courses are college-level courses on CD and DVD led by professors chosen for their ability to teach. We currently offer over 100 different titles. Choose a subject matter and we'll bring out the course for you to review and decide if you'd like to check it out.

**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.



## Save Your Cans and Bottles

Bolton's local Cub Scout Pack will be running a can and bottle drive on Saturday, April 5th from 9:00 - 2:00. Stop by the parking lot in front of the Montessori School and help make this drive a success!

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## Facebook

Remember to follow us at Bentley Memorial Library.



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

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