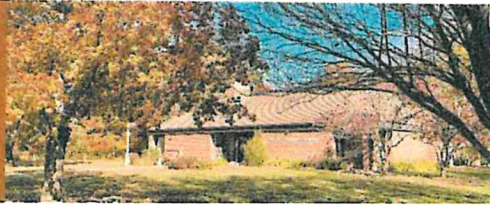


Bentley Happenings

November 2025



Welcome
to the Library



Why a Library?

"A simple act of kindness can bear fruit for a lifetime."

— Johnny Appleseed

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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 Tuesday, November 11th for Veterans Day and on Thursday, November 27th and Saturday, November 29th in observance of Thanksgiving.



Thursday, November 13th

Enjoy displays around the library focusing on kindness and compassion

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

Eastern Highlands Health District (EHHD) Healthy Blood Pressure Initiative

A blood pressure monitor has been provided to Bentley Memorial Library, as well as the 9 other towns comprising the Eastern Highlands Health District; purchased through a CT Department of Public Health Grant. Patrons are encouraged to check this monitor out, just as you would any other material from the library collection, and take the opportunity to monitor your own blood pressure to work towards improved heart health. Patrons are also encouraged, but not required, to



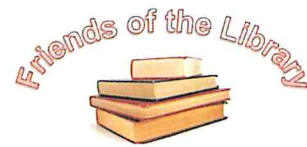
register with EHHD to receive emailed resources related to a healthy blood pressure and information about upcoming educational programs sponsored by the Health District.

To register: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HEALTHY_BP

Questions: Please email blooma@ehhd.org

Friends of the Library

Our sale of **Cookbooks** will continue through November in the front lobby. In addition to book sales, the Friends are also selling cloth Book Bags to help keep your library selections together. Please stop by Bentley to help support our sales. All proceeds help support the Bentley Memorial Library. If you'd like to learn more about the Friends of the Library, consider joining us at our next meeting on Wednesday, November 5th at 6:30.



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

Tech Assistance at Bentley

Bentley will be providing technical support for our patrons throughout the Fall months. If you need assistance with email, Hoopla, Libby, Facebook, your online account, Acorn, 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 **30 minute time slot**. Advance registration is essential to ensure that we are prepared to offer you the most useful assistance possible.

Coming This November!

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



The Search Begins Scavenger Hunt

A new Thanksgiving-themed Scavenger Hunt will challenge your 'sleuthing' skills. Stop by the library and begin your hunt for the

hidden pictures.

TODDLER PLAYTIME

Thursdays in November

10:00-11:00



Come and join our new 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 to bring your own. Parents and care-givers are all welcome!



Storytime at the Library Wednesday, November 5th and 12th 11:45-12:15

Storytime will continue on these **select Wednesdays** in November! Come and enjoy stories and a simple craft. Feel free to bring your own snack or lunch.

Hands on Drumming

Saturday, November 8th at 11:00

Presented by Craig Norton, Family Drum and Dance



Are you ready to make some noise? Craig Norton and Hands on Drumming will take us on a musical journey as we expand both our individual and group drumming abilities. Community drum circles are a great way to bring people together and give them an opportunity to connect and have a blast together. No experience necessary and all ages are welcome! We have enough drums for up to 50 people.

Preregister for Hands on Drumming



Bentley Memorial Library *the building turns 50!*

**Celebration on Thursday, November 13th
6:30**

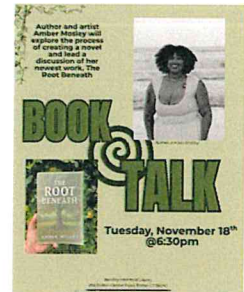
On November 13th we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of our wonderful library facility. Designed by Alan Wiedie, this building has been serving the community since the 1970's. Architect Alan Wiedie will be present to answer any questions on the building itself and historian John Toomey will be available to share the process and history of helping this building become a reality. The main display case will feature artifacts related to the development and construction of our library. Join us in celebrating this timeless building. Light refreshments will be served.

Book Talk: The Root Beneath

Tuesday, November 18th at 6:30

Led by Amber Mosely, author

Author and artist Amber Mosely will explore the process of creating a novel and lead a discussion of her newest work, The Root Beneath. Amber will also share samples from her earlier works. Copies of The Root Beneath will be available for purchase at this event.



Preregister for The Root Beneath



Traveling the World Through Fiction

Wednesday, November 19th at noon

Led by Mark Nystrom

The Elegance of the Hedgehog and The Alchemist took us on journeys through France and Northern Africa. We conclude our three book/three month book discussion series with Like Water for Chocolate by **Laura Esquivel** which transports us to Mexico and introduces us to some family recipes. Join us on **Wednesday, November 19th at noon**. Copies of the book are now available at the library.

Preregister for Like Water for Chocolate

Coming in December!

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

Storytime at the Library Wednesday, December 3rd & 17th 11:45-12:15

Storytime will continue on these **select Wednesdays** in December! Come and enjoy stories and a simple craft. Feel free to bring your own snack or lunch.



TODDLER PLAYTIME Thursdays in December 10:00-11:00

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Major Pettigrew's Last Stand Wednesday, December 10th at noon Led by Mark Nystrom



Plan on traveling to Edgecombe St. Mary, a small village in the English countryside filled with rolling hills, thatched cottages, and a cast of characters both hilariously original and as familiar as the members of your own family. Among them is Major Ernest Pettigrew (retired) who is wry, courtly, opinionated, and completely endearing. An unexpected friendship with a Pakistani shopkeeper who shares his love of literature begs the question 'can a provincial village accept this norm-breaking friendship'?

[Preregister for Major Pettigrew's Last Stand](#)



An Intimate Conversation with Ray Hardy Thursday, December 11th at 6:30

Ray will take us on a journey through wildlife exploration. He will share his mission, his process and the animals he so respects. This will be a small gathering with a limit of ten people. Preregistration is absolutely required and a waiting list will be developed.

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