

Bentley Happenings

May 2024



Why a Library?

"Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life."

– Sidney Sheldon

[Visit our Website](#)



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Welcome
to the Library

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 Closures

Saturday, May 25th - Memorial Day Weekend
Monday, May 27th - Memorial Day observed

Bentley Hosts Bolton Greater Together Community Fund Celebration

The Bolton Community is invited to attend the Bolton Greater Together Community Fund's Spring Award Presentation on Thursday, May 2, from 6-8PM at Bentley Memorial Library. We will be celebrating Bolton's 2024 grant recipients: Bentley Memorial Library, Bolton Booster Club, Bolton High School Project Graduation, Bolton Senior Center, Community Child Guidance Clinic, and the Hartford Interval House. Weather permitting, we will hold the presentation ceremony on the newly installed library patio, which was funded by the Harford Foundation. Light refreshments will be served.



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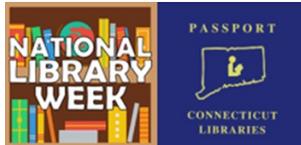
Hartford Foundation
FOR PUBLIC GIVING



In 2019, the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving established community funds for each of the 29 towns in the Foundation's region, including the town of Bolton. The purpose of Bolton's Community Fund is to support residents in taking ownership of the needs in their town and to encourage broad and inclusive civic engagement. Grant awards are made by the Bolton Community Fund Advisory Committee. In its three previous grant cycles over \$83,000 in grants were awarded to benefit Bolton community groups.

Please join us on May 2nd to celebrate all the enhancements this program has brought to our community.

Bentley Memorial Library has been awarded grants over the last three years. These grants have improved our facility by adding outdoor space, improving the quality of our indoor air and enhancing our in-person programs with the availability of speakers and microphones.



National Library Week CT Passport to CT Libraries All trails lead to Bentley!

National Library Week, April 7th to the 13th, was a busy time at Bentley. 66 patrons took the challenge to explore our Book Walk based on the story Curious You - On Your Way! by Kathleen W. Zoehfeld and illustrated by H.A. Rey. Dozens of patrons used their best estimating skills to guess the number of jellybeans in the stacked tubs. Custom bookmarks were handed out to each patron as they checked out books.

The Connecticut Library Association (CLA) sponsored **Passport to CT Libraries** during the month of April. CLA's goal was to promote National Library Week, to offer an outlet for using free time during Spring Break, and to encourage an exploration of our state's libraries..

Bentley Memorial Library was a hub of activity during the entire month. 141 adults and 53 children came to visit BML and explore our corner of the state. Bentley also passed out 37 passports to help patrons on their trail of exploration.

Stamped passports must be turned in to Bentley Memorial Library by May 10th. Two winners will be drawn (1 adult & 1 child) from each category.

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

Once our local library winners are selected, their names will be shared with CLA for the state level drawing on June 10th. Winners of the \$200.00 gift cards will be notified by June 14th.

Friends of the Library

In May the Friends of BML will be selling hardcover fiction books for \$1.00 in our carousel in the front lobby. Proceeds from this sale help to fund programming and refreshments at library events. Stop by to pick up a great novel for your summer vacations!



Bentley Memorial Library

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 1st at 6:30 pm at the library. Anyone interested in joining our group is invited to attend!

The "Sweets for Seniors" program at the library will be held on Monday, June 3rd at 2:00 pm. In addition to some sweet treats, there will be a program by Martin Gitlin about the "Greatest Sitcoms of All Time." If you'd like to attend, please sign-up by calling the library at 860-646-7349 or by email at bmlprograms@biblio.org.



BCS 2nd Grade Class Visit May 7th (rain date 5/8)

The second grade is coming to Bentley this month. On Tuesday, May 7th the second grades will make their annual visit to the library. Storytime, a book talk, a scavenger hunt, crafts, and outdoor games will help the students explore the library and become familiar with what Bentley has to offer. A public library is a wonderful resource that stays with a person for their entire life, and we are fortunate to help the second graders begin their journey of reading for knowledge and pleasure. If you have a second grader in your life, make sure to ask them about [The Trouble With Chickens](#).

Upcoming Programs

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



Constant Contact: Changes in Registrations

Constant Contact, the online provider of our registration system, has changed their format. When a patron clicks on a link to register for a program, they will be brought to a 'landing page' that provides basic information about the event. To actually register, the patron must click on **'REGISTER'**. You will be brought to a page with a **'FREE TICKET'** heading. In the center of the screen click on the plus sign until it shows **'1'** and then click **'CONTINUE'**. You will come to a screen where you need to fill out your contact information and then click **'COMPLETE ORDER'** - you are now registered. There is no physical ticket to print and there is no charge.

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.



Blue Iris Farm Thursday, May 16th, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Blue Iris Farm is a picturesque animal rescue farm nestled in the charming town of Lebanon, Connecticut. With 114 pastoral acres, you are invited on a journey through a sanctuary of healing and love. Blue Iris's mission is to rescue farm animals from various situations, provide them with a forever home, and to offer a peaceful retreat to those seeking respite from the chaos of daily life.

Guests of the farm can take part in a range of activities that include visiting the rescued animals, engaging in contemplative healing and creative art practices, and relaxing in the tranquil environment. On the grounds, the animals have found a place of safety and comfort amidst the nurturing environment of the farm. All who visit the farm are welcome to partake in its charm and enjoy the serenity that lies within.

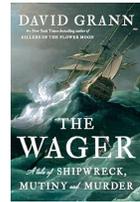
Jamie Collins will bring her inspirational story of helping animals and people to Bentley. There will be rescued goats and rabbits for our patrons to 'visit' with and to serve as a testament to the benefits of a rescue program.

Registration is required by May 13th

May Book Discussion The Wager by David Grann

Wednesday, 5/29 at noon or Thursday, 5/30 at 7:00

Led by Mark Nystrom



Shipwreck, survival, savagery and a naval court martial are some of the issues David Grann explores in his non-fiction book The Wager.

Join us as we explore David Grann's riveting non-fiction account of the HMS Wager's final voyage. Grann attempts to impartially review all the conflicting reports of blame and mutiny, leading the reader to develop an informed opinion on the true fate of this British ship. We will explore the route this naval expedition took and examine navigational instruments of the day. What led to the ship's fate and what role did human decisions play?

Register Wed, 5/29 at noon OR Register Thurs, 5/30 at 7:00



Storytime at the Library Wednesdays in May, 11:45-12:15

Storytime will continue in May! Come and enjoy stories and simple crafts on **Wednesdays**. Feel free to bring your own lunch. Storytime will be held on May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29. Registration is not required.

Coming Soon

Teen Advisory Board

Bentley's Teen Advisory Board (TAB) will hold it's orientation meeting.
June 8th at 11:00

Bike Walk Bolton

Bike Walk Bolton will present a program on bike safety and proper maintenance of your bike.
June, T.B.A.

Judith Podell

A local author will share her book, Monkeyface, and her life experiences as a first generation American, having a successful career in sales, and what it is to be Jewish-American.
June 13th at noon

Sweets for Seniors

Bolton's seniors will join us at Bentley for an afternoon of sweets and sitcoms.
June 2nd, 2:00

Smokey the Bear Summer Reading Challenge

Come to our orientation in late June, listen to a themed story, and register for the challenge. Summer reading is the best!
June 22, 11:00

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

Featured Displays

Main Display Case

Visit the library and view a presentation of the many local organizations that have been awarded grants from the Bolton Greater Together Community Fund.

Summer Sisters' Display Case

Stop by the Study Room to view the newest crystal display. ***Candlesticks of the American Depression Era.*** American Depression Glass was known for its myriad of colors. Come see the beautiful examples that are on display. Courtesy of Jim Dwire and John Toomey.

Art Display

Dorothy Hall will have 3 paintings on display on our featured art wall. "The Hunter", "Her Blue Elephant", and "Garden of the Future". Stop by and enjoy!

On Display Throughout the library

Mental Health Awareness Month

Women's Health

Adult Non-Fiction: Mental Health Awareness

Adult Fiction: Historical Fiction - ***Back in Time***

Adult & J: Inventors

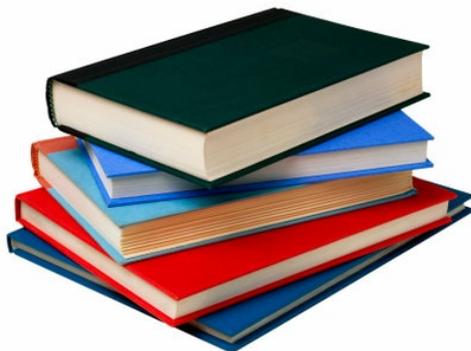
ER & E: Mother's Day & Counting Books

DVDs: Anime & films with a historical setting

Books & Artifacts: Shipwrecks

On Sale

The Friends of the Library are featuring hardcover fiction throughout the month for \$1.00 per book.



UPCOMING EVENTS



May

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

Every Wednesday
Storytime
11:45 - 12:15

Thurs. 2nd
Bolton Greater
Together Community
Fund
Community Celebration
6:00

Tues. 7th
2nd Grade Visit

Thurs. 16th
Blue Iris Farm
Rescue animals &
healing
6:30

Registration required

Wed. 29 at noon
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Teen Advisory Board at Bentley

Bentley Memorial Library's Teen Advisory Board (TAB) has rescheduled its orientation meeting for Saturday, June 8th at 11:00. We look forward to teen input which will further enhance our Young Adult collection and programs.



Seed Library **Seed Library Returns**

The free seed library is now open. Bentley Memorial Library has received 600 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!

Museum Passes

Want to visit a museum? Use our new online museum pass program. The link is available on the [Library's website](#). Springfield Museum, CT State Parks & the Science Center still need to be picked up at Bentley. A \$20.00 deposit is no longer required.



Library of Things – Cake Pans

The library has a collection of 35 cake pans of varying shapes and sizes for you to borrow. Browse our photo book and select a pan for your upcoming Spring event.

Knitting and Handcraft Tuesdays

Tuesday, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

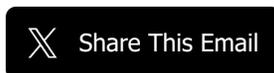
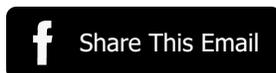
Drop in any Tuesday to join this friendly and experienced group. All skill levels are welcome! Join the group anytime. Registration is not required.

Facebook

Facebook is back! 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.



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