

Bentley Happenings

April 2024



Why a Library?

“The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library.”

– Albert Einstein

[Visit our Website](#)

Welcome
to the Library

Bentley Memorial Library

206 Bolton Center Road

Bolton, CT

860-646-7349 bentley@biblio.org



April 22, 2024

Hours

Mon. - Thurs., 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Sat., 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

CT 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.

PASSPORT

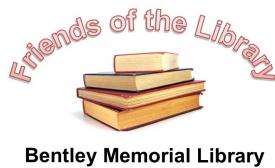


CONNECTICUT
LIBRARIES

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**.

Local library winners will be selected during mid-May. Each participating library will submit their four (2 adults & 2 children) winners for the state-wide drawing. On June 10th, the state-wide winners will be drawn. Winners of the \$200.00 gift cards will be notified by June 14th.



Friends of the Library

The Friends of Bentley Memorial Library's April Book Sale will feature books on Gardening and Crafts. Check out our new carousel in the front lobby. Also in April we will post a list of our favorite books.

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

Later this Spring, the 'Friends' will sponsor the "Sweets for Senior's" program at the library which 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." This program and the refreshments being served are all compliments of the 'Friends' group. If you would like to attend, please sign-up by calling the library at 860-646-7349 or by email at bmlprograms@biblio.org.

National Library Week April 7th - 13th



National Library Week is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities. Here at Bentley, we plan to observe this week with fun, library-oriented activities throughout the week. In addition to our regularly scheduled activities, there will be special bookmarks, an inside book walk and a jellybean guessing jar. Patrons can enter one guess per day and the number closest to the actual number of jellybeans will be the winner!



Read Across America

Read Across America continues into April. This program allows students to demonstrate their reading abilities, read a wide variety of literature and help foster the joy of reading!

To become a member of the Reading Hall of Fame, the student must meet certain grade-level requirements. Students have the opportunity to engage with all different genres of text from award winning fiction to impactful poetry, using digital platforms or traditional printed text. School library media specialists and the staff at Bentley Memorial Library are available to help find books for the individual grade level.

Students received individual logs on March 1st and the completed logs must be submitted to their classroom teacher by April 25th.

Every student can become a BCS Reading Hall of Fame member, so keep on reading!

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 Hartford Foundation. Light refreshments will be served.

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.



Tracy K. Smith New Book on Order! To Free The Captives: A Plea for the American Soul

Tracy K. Smith is a renowned literary figure in the US. She recently released her new book To Free The Captives: A Plea for the American Soul. This book is a collection of essays that examines the history of her family members and explores racial unrest and social tension of today.

One of Tracy Smith's strong beliefs is that knowledge should be available to all, and that libraries can and do play a significant role in empowering their local communities. She has stated that libraries belong to all and should be hubs where people gather to listen, share, and reflect. A library is a place without social status and is available to everyone.

Ms. Smith won the Pulitzer Prize for poetry and was a National Book Award nominee for her memoir. Smith is a professor, librettist and was the US poet laureate from 2017 – 2019. Tracy Smith is a strong voice for libraries, and a voice for knowledge.

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?

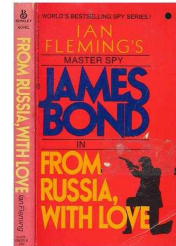
For many of our events you are asked to register. We do this for very practical reasons. Seating, handouts, prizes and refreshments all need to be ordered. Even more importantly, we need to know if it is viable to continue with a given event. Most of our programs have a significant cost and cannot be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

April Book Discussion

The Lives, Lies and Spies of Action & Adventure

Tuesday, 4/16 at 6:30 or Wednesday, 4/17 at noon
Led by Mark Nystrom



Join us at Bentley for an in-person book discussion of Ian Fleming's From Russia, With Love. This is the third discussion of a three-part series 'The Lies, Lives and Spies of Action & Adventure'. This discussion will explore the many facets of the author's life and how his experiences are reflected in his novels. This novel will have the discussion option of a Tuesday at 6:30 or a Wednesday at noon. Registration is required. Copies of the book are available at Bentley.

[Register Tues, 4/16 at 6:30](#) or [Register Wed, 4/17 at noon](#)



Recycling Updated

Celebrating Earth Day

Thursday, April 18th, 6:30-7:45 p.m.
Presented by Bolton's Conservation Commission,
All American Waste and Bentley Memorial Library

Are you passionate about reducing waste and protecting the environment? Do you want to learn practical tips and tricks for effective recycling? Come to Bentley Memorial Library for our upcoming Recycling Workshop, brought to you by All American Waste, The Bolton Conservation Commission, and the Bentley Memorial Library.

This engaging workshop aims to empower individuals and communities to make a positive impact on our planet through proper recycling practices. Whether you're a seasoned environmental advocate or just starting your green journey, this event is for you.

We will be joined by Brian Popovich, Municipal Contract Specialist at All American Waste and Rod Parlee, Chair of Bolton's Conservation Commission. They will be in attendance to answer all your recycling questions.

[Registration is required](#) by April 15th.

Beavers

Tuesday, April 30th at 6:30

Led by Ginny Apple and Ray Hardy

Leave It To Beavers – DEEP Master Wildlife Conservationist Ginny Apple will discuss beavers as a keystone species, beaver biology, behavior and history. Included in the talk will be the unique role of nature's engineers in shaping North American



landscapes as well as explaining how beaver ponds and wetlands can help us fight environmental problems from water pollution to erosion and climate change.

Registration is required by April 25h.

April



STORYTIME

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

Come and enjoy stories and simple crafts, on a new day **Wednesdays**. Feel free to bring your own lunch. Storytime will be held on April 3, 10, 17 & 24. Registration is not required.

Coming Soon

Bolton Greater Together Community Fund Celebration

A celebration of all the groups in town that have received awards over the past three years.
May 2nd

Blue Iris Farm

A local farm that shelters rescued animals and encourages contemplative healing and creative art practices.
May 16th

Book Discussion

Join us for a discussion of the New York Times best selling non-fiction book The Wager.
May 29 & 30

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

Featured Displays

Main Display Case

Visit the library and enjoy the beautiful Ukrainian folk art of Pysanky, curated by Tina Prior and Loni Hryn.

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

During the months of February, March and April, Dorothy Hall will have 2 paintings on display on our featured art wall. "The Grove" and "Sunset Silhouette", both scenes from the town of Bolton, will be featured. Stop by and enjoy!

On Display Throughout the library

UPCOMING EVENTS

April

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

Every Wednesday
Storytime
11:45 - 12:15

Mon.-Thu.
7th thru 13th
National Library Week
Activities each day

Earth Day and Recycling

Adult Non-Fiction: Gardening
Adult Fiction: Nature
J, ER & E: Earth Day, Recycling & Spring
DVD's: Back to Nature
CD's: Nature & Relaxation

On Sale

The Friends of the Library will be featuring books on Gardening and Crafts throughout the month. Prices will be as marked.



Tues. 16 6:30

Wed. 17 noon

Book Discussion

**Life, Lies & Spies of
Action & Adventure**
Registration required

Thurs. 18th

Recycling CT

6:30

Registration required

Thurs. 25th

Teen Advisory Board

Orientation Mtg

6:00 -7:00

Tues. 30th

Beavers

Ray Hardy & Ginny Apple

6:30

Registration required

Teen Advisory Board at Bentley

Bentley Memorial Library is planning to introduce a Teen Advisory Board. We anticipate that this group will be made up of 3 – 5 high school students who will meet quarterly. The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) will focus on our Young Adult collection and plan events to engage high school students with our library program. Our first meeting will be on Thursday, April 25th at 6:00. Please let us know if you are interested.

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!

Seed 
Library



Bolton Soccer Gear Swap

Remember to swing by the library to check out our bin of gently used soccer gear. You may find just what you need. Also, you may find you have some unused soccer gear hanging around the house, so why not donate that to the bin. Community members helping other community members!

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.

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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