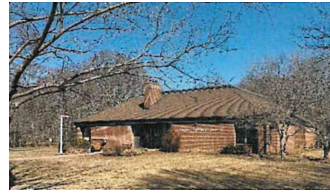


Bentley Happenings

April 2025



Welcome
to the Library



Why a Library?

"A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life."

- **Henry Ward Beecher**

[Visit our Website](#)



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.

The library will be closed on Saturday, April 19th for the holiday.

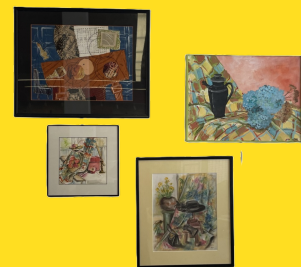
Earth Day - April 22, 2025

Earth Day is an annual event to demonstrate support for environmental protection.

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



Bentley Memorial Library

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In April we will be featuring "Mystery" books for sale on our revolving front lobby kiosk. The Friends will also be selling book bags in a variety of colors for \$3.00 apiece. All proceeds from these sales help support library programs and our new Coffee Bar located near the Program Desk.

If you love books and are interested in a volunteer position that only requires a few hours a month, please come to our next meeting on May 14th at 6:30.

National Library Week

April 6 - 12

National Library Week is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in strengthening our communities and transforming lives.



Seed Library

Seed Library Returns

The free seed library has returned. 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 seeds. Small envelopes are provided for your seed selections. 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")

Push Notifications for Acorn

- Get notified when holds are ready or when items are due.
- Go to settings and select notifications. Scroll down to find Acorn Catalog. Click on Acorn and select 'Allow Notifications'.

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 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.

Upcoming Programs!

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

April Scavenger Hunt

April 1st through April 15th



Stop by Bentley during the first two weeks of April to explore the library and hunt for our hidden clues!



Storytime at the Library

Wednesday, April 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd from 11:45-12:15

Join us for Storytime in April! Come and enjoy stories and a simple craft. April 9th's storytime will be library-themed in recognition of National Library Week! Feel free to bring your own snack or lunch. Registration is not required.



Spring Bulletin Board created by Amber Mosely

Bobcats

Presented by Ray Hardy
Thursday, April 10th at 6:30



Please join Ray Hardy, artist/naturalist and CTDEEP Master Wildlife Conservationist on April 10, 2025 at 6:30PM for a presentation on Connecticut's fascinating and elusive Bobcat. Ray will discuss the natural history and behavior as well as some of the results of recent research concerning Connecticut's widespread but elusive resident wild feline.

[Preregister here](#)



The Years between the Pequot War & King Philip's War

Part 2 of a 3 part series on Native Americans

Presented by Steve Penny

Thursday, April 17th at 6:30

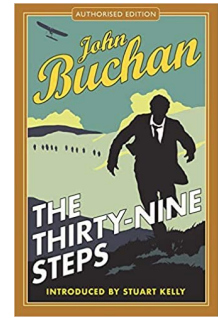
Steve Penny will lead us through an exploration of Native American history focusing on tribes of the eastern United States. This presentation will focus on the 40 years between the Pequot War and King Philip's War, when the Narragansetts and Mohegans battled over control of the former Pequot land. Plan to join us for the third presentation on May 8th which will examine King Phillip's War and it's effect on the New England tribes.

[Preregister here](#)

'Books That Inspired Movies' 3 Book/3 Month Book Discussion Series Concludes

The 39 Steps By John Buchan

Wednesday, April 30th at noon
Led by Mark Nystrom



The 39 Steps is one of the earliest 'man on the run' thrillers. Buchan introduces Richard Hannay who is caught up in a dramatic race against a plot to devastate the British war effort. The 39 Steps is Buchan's best known novel and has been continuously in print since its first publication in 1915, inspiring 3 film adaptations.

[Preregister here](#)



March Program Wrap-up

March was a full and busy month at the Library. Bentley hosted its regular **storytime** for our younger patrons who also enjoyed exploring the Library with a new **scavenger hunt** and a **Story Walk**. Steve Penny transported us back in time and we **learned about the Pequots and other local Native American tribes**. **Children's Yoga** was a new program to stretch our pre-school patrons. Our second **Book Discussion** in our three-part series - 'Books That Inspired Movies', **Chocolat by Joanne Harris**, was our featured novel which took us into the world of a small French village. Bentley hosted a **'Cereal Box Decoration'** session to help support the Center School's reading initiative. We ended the month with an on-site exploration of **vernal pools**.

Future Programs!

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

Read to the Dogs

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



King Philip's War, Part 3

Presented by Steve Penny
Thursday, May 8th at 6:30

Steve will take us through the events of King Philip's War and the

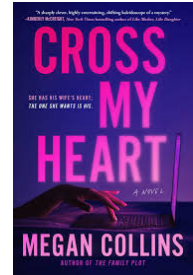
devastating consequences it had for the Native American tribes of Southern New England, including our local tribe - the Podunks.

[Preregister here](#)

Author Talk Megan Collins

Thursday, May 22nd at 6:30

Bentley Memorial Library is thrilled to welcome Megan Collins for an evening of exploration and insight into her works. Megan grew up right here in Bolton and still lives in Connecticut. She is the author of The Winter Sister, Behind the Red Door, The Family Plot, Thicker Than Water and most recently Cross My Heart. We look forward to this evening with a Simon and Schuster published author and are happy to announce that books will be available for purchase and signing.



[Preregister here](#)



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 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 April the Main Display Case will feature the Bolton Scholarship Fund.

Summer Sisters' Display Case

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

This display is presented by Jim Dwire and John Toomey -- owners of Two J's, glass collectors. You can find their website at: www.trocadero.com/stores/twojs

On Display Throughout the library

Adult Fiction: Poetry

Adult Nonfiction: Earth Day

J, ER & E: Poetry, Earth Day, Easter & Passover

UPCOMING EVENTS

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April

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**Scavenger Hunt
1st through 15th**

**Thurs. 10th
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6:30**

DVDs: The Unstreamables - A collection of movies and TV shows that are completely unavailable to stream online anywhere in the United States. Check one out during the month of April because it's the only way to see them!



Thurs. 17th
Between the Pequot War
& King Philip's War
part 2 of a 3 part series
presented by
Steve Penny
6:30
Preregistration required

Wed. 30th
Book Discussion
The 39 Steps
by John Buchan
Noon
Preregistration required

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.



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!

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, and drop in to visit the Library while you're in the area!



24th Annual Town of Bolton Photo Contest

Bolton Conservation Commission

Submit your image of what is special and unique about Bolton. There are four categories for images; Green Living & Farming, Beauty of Nature & Open Space, People in the Environment and Wildlife in

Bolton. Submissions are due by May 5th. Winners may be featured in next year's calendar. Scan the QR code for contest rules and how to enter.

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.



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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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