

Bentley Happenings

August 2025



Welcome
to the Library



Why a Library?

"Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation."

— Walter Cronkite

[Visit our Website](#)

National Book Lovers Day

August 9, 2025



Bentley Memorial Library

206 Bolton Center Road

Bolton, CT

860-646-7349 bentley@biblio.org

Hours

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

Library Closings

Closed Saturdays in August

Closed Labor Day Weekend



National Book Lovers Day is a day to celebrate the joy of reading and the impact books have on our lives.

Museum Key is Ready to Use!

Bentley's new online Museum Pass Registration System

Our new online museum pass reservation system has launched and is ready for use. The system works much the same as our previous system, Museum Tix. The link for Museum Key is posted on the library website, and at the bottom of this posting. This will allow patrons to sign out a museum pass from their mobile, tablet, laptop or desktop. Patrons may select their choice of museum to visit, the date they wish to visit and print their pass from home or at the library. Some museums will accept a screen shot of your reservation, but Bentley strongly encourages you to print your pass. Contact any staff member at Bentley if you have questions.

[Museum Key](#)



eGo The Palace Project Supporting Summer Reading

The Division of Library Development (DLD) purchases content that supports **Summer Reading Programs** with the aim to provide titles in eBook and eAudio format, and in Spanish when available. DLD also purchases multiple copies of titles, and many classics are available

without loan restrictions.

Copies of **Nutmegs**, **All CT Reads**, and many other titles from various summer reading lists have been added to the Palace Project collection.

During the month of June, DLD purchased a total of 337 items for eGO CT for both platforms including suggested titles from the [Summer With The Library](#) page. There are now over 50,000 items provided for free to public libraries.

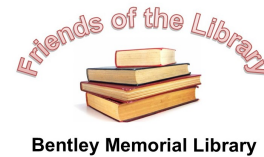
Remember to download the Palace Project app and then log in using your library card number.

Friends of the Library

Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraiser at the July 23rd Summer Concert on our Town Green! We will have another sales event at the August 13th "Nightshift" Concert where we will once again be offering a free kids book with a \$1 purchase of a snack bag. Selected hardcovers for \$1 and Book Bags for \$3 will also be available to buy.

Our sale of Kids and Young Adult Books continues in August with new books continually added. All proceeds from our Book Sales help to support our library programming.

If you love books and are interested in learning more about the Friends of the Library, please join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, September 17th at 6:30 pm in the library.

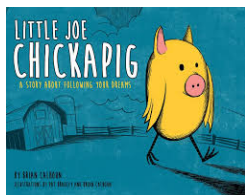


Tech Assistance at Bentley

Bentley will be providing technical support for our patrons throughout the Summer. 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.

Coming This Summer!

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



Scavenger Hunt and Story Walk in August

Bentley will offer two activities for our younger patrons during the month of August. Our **LITTLE JOE CHICKAPIG** Scavenger Hunt will run from August 4th to August 18th. Stop by the library to search for all of Little Joe's best friends. Our Story Walk for August will run from the 19th to the end of the month and will feature **LITTLE JOE CHICKAPIG - A Story About Following Your Dreams**. You can read the book and explore the library at the same time. Registration is not required.

Teddy Bear Sleepover and Picnic

Bedtime: Tuesday, August 5th at 6:30

Wake up: Wednesday, August 6th at 11:45



Send your favorite teddy bear on a mini-vacation and join us for our **TEDDY BEAR SLEEPOVER**. Get comfy, come in your pajamas and bring a blanket. You will walk your teddy bear around the library and find the perfect spot to tuck them in for the night. We'll have a story that features the magic of toys and stuffed animals and we'll wonder

about what mischief the teddy bears might get into! On Wednesday, August 6th you will return during storytime to reunite with your teddy bear, and perhaps discover what toys might do when no one's watching!

[Preregistration is required](#)



Storytime at the Library
Wednesday, August 6th & 13th
11:45-12:15

Storytime will continue on these **select Wednesdays** in August! Come and enjoy stories and a simple craft. Feel free to bring your own snack or lunch. Registration is not required.

Outdoor Scavenger Hunt **Around the Library** **Monday, August 11th - Thursday August 21st**

Come to Bentley and search for those 'things' that are unique to Bentley's lawn. They may be hidden in plain sight, or you may have to use your detective skills! Who knew Bentley has so many cool items outside, as well as inside.

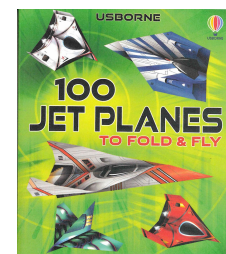


Game Day
Outdoor Games on the Patio
Wednesday, August 13th - Weather Permitting
11:00 - 1:00

Come to Bentley and enjoy a story and outdoor games on the patio: Corn Hole, Connect 4, Disc Toss and Ring Toss will challenge your outdoor skills. Have fun with the games and enjoy a cool glass of lemonade. Summer is here!

Jet Planes to Fold and Fly **How far will your plane fly?** **Tuesday, August 19th at 6:30**

Calling all patrons in grades 4 - 6. Come to Bentley and create your own engineering masterpiece - a paper jet! Watch the incredible skills of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, and then test your skills with your own paper jet!



[Preregistration is required](#)

Coming This Fall!

Check Your Soil pH
Presented by Jean Laughman
Thursday, September 18th at 6:30

[Preregistration is required](#)

Build a Bouquet with Pamela Gray
Tuesday, September 23rd at 6:30
This program has limited seating due to supplies and registration is essential.

Preregistration is absolutely required

Traveling the World Through Fiction

Three book/three month book discussion series

Led by Mark Nystrom

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for our three book/three month book discussion series. Our discussion group's focus will explore the world through the settings of three novels, each showcasing a different society, culture and locale. We will begin with **The Elegance of the Hedgehog** by Muriel Barbery on Wednesday, September 17th at noon. Our second novel will be **The Alchemist** by Paulo Coelho on Wednesday, October 15th at noon. We will conclude this three-part series with **Like Water for Chocolate** by Laura Esquivel on Wednesday, November 19th at noon.

Preregister for The Elegance of the Hedgehog

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



Featured Displays

Main Display Case

View the main library display case during the month of August and learn about the initiatives and programs the Bolton Center School PTA offers to our community.

On Display Throughout the library

Non-Fiction: Fancy Beverages

Adult Fiction: Armchair Travel

Young Adult: New Books

J, ER & E: Sea Creatures and Dinosaurs

DVDs: Travel

On Sale

The Friends of the Library are featuring Children's and Young Adult books for the month of August.



AUGUST EVENTS

Mon. 4th -18th
Little Joe Chickapig
Scavenger Hunt
in the library

Tue. 5th
Teddy Bear Sleepover
6:30

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Storytime
11:45 - 12:15

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Hunt
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on the patio
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Tue. 19th
Jet Planes
Fold and Fly
6:30

Mon. 19th - 28th
Little Joe Chickapig
Story Walk
in the library

Every Tuesday
Knitting and
Handcrafts



Bentley Memorial Library is a designated Cooling Center during regular library hours.

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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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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