

Bentley Happenings

February 2024



Hours

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

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

[Visit our Website](#)

Library Closings

Monday, February 19th, Presidents' Day

Welcome!

Please welcome Sam Bahre to the library staff. Sam is a lifelong patron of the library, having grown up next door in the white colonial house with the wraparound porch. And he's very excited to help you utilize the many resources that BML has to offer. He went to school for filmmaking and has been making movies in and about Bolton since he was 11 years old. He hopes to make a series of short documentaries about BML and its history. When he's not behind the circulation desk you may find him hiking (and writing) on one of the area's many beautiful nature trails.

Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather please check Channel 3 WFSB and/or the town website, <https://town.boltonct.org/>, to see if the library plans to close or alter its hours.



K-12 Art Show

Bolton Public Schools will present their **K-12 STUDENT ART SHOW** at Bentley Memorial Library on Monday, April 5th. Artwork created by students from kindergarten through the 12th grade will be represented. The entire show will be displayed from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. A reception with refreshments will be held from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Selected

pieces from the Art Show will be featured in the library's main display case throughout the month of February. Stop by the library to experience the incredible talent of our student artists!

Friends of the Library

The Friends of BML met on Monday evening January 22, 2024. The Friends of the Library's mission is to bring together a group of citizens who actively support the library through advocacy, volunteering and fundraising. The group is looking forward to supporting many new initiatives for the library in the coming year. In February, there will be a suggestion box at the library where patrons can voice their ideas for special purchases or programs that they would like to have at the library sponsored by the Friends. Some of the ideas from the meeting include sponsoring another Scholastic Book Sale, "Friends Picks"-favorite books and movies of the members and revitalizing the award winning "Sweets for Seniors" program.

Currently the Friends sponsor the sale of library book bags, the monthly book and AV sales, refreshments for programs, and the TixKeeper printable museum pass program. Next year, the Friends will sponsor the "Take Your Child to the Library Day" in February 2025.

Each month, the group will have an article in the library newsletter called "The Friends Corner". Please watch for updated information there.

The next meeting of the Friends of the BML will be a Thursday in March , 2024 at 6:30 at the library. Anyone interested in volunteering for this group is invited to attend. Please RSVP to bentley@biblio.org or by calling 860-646-7349.

Raise the Coop

Bentley Memorial Library will present a fascinating program, Raise the Coop: The Ultimate Guide to Backyard Chickens for the Whole Family, on Thursday, February 29th at 6:30 pm. Tri Gable Lea is a family-owned farm located on their homestead. Mark Gostkiewicz, our presenter, developed his passion for sustainable farming with his first job at the certified organic Highland Thistle Farm in Canterbury, CT, where he learned about holistic management and sustainable practices. In 2014, Mark and a friend and co-worker started a school farm/garden program where they worked, teaching students about natural processes, organic and sustainable practices, homesteading, and how to care for a plant from seed to plate. In 2018, they started teaching classes on the farm and building chicken coops to support local families in their homesteading efforts. Plan on joining us for an informative and fascinating program on 'Everything Chicken'. **Registration is required.**



Featured Displays

Main Display Case

Visit the library and enjoy the amazing artwork created by Bolton Public School students, grades K-12. We appreciate the dedication of the school art teachers in bringing this display to life.

Summer Sisters' Display Case

Stop by the Study Room to view the newest crystal display. ***Colors of the American Depression Glass 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 and March, 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!

Future Displays

If you would like to share your creations, travels or

UPCOMING EVENTS



February

Sat. 3rd
Take Your Child to the Library Day
10:00-3:00
No registration required

Mon. 5th
Bolton Public Schools K-12 Art Show
Display 4:00-7:00
Reception 6:00-7:00
No registration required

Every Tuesday

collections – please contact bentley@biblio.org to secure an available slot. We look forward to sharing your work with our community.

On Display Throughout the library

- Books, Movies & Music - Black History Month
- Groundhog Day & Valentine's Day stories for Easy Readers and Easy Fiction
- Great Courses: college-level courses on CD and DVD
- Chicken Raising and Care

On Sale

The Friends of the Library will be featuring cookbooks throughout the month. Prices will be as marked.



Jigsaw Puzzles

Visit our expanded puzzle area at the back of the library. We have new puzzles for adults and children coming in all the time! What a great way to fill those wintry afternoons.



Bolton Women's Club

The Bentley Memorial Library staff and the Library Board of Directors would like to thank the Bolton Women's Club for their very generous donation of \$3000.00. The library was selected as one of the recipients of their donations for this year. A check was presented at the last Library Board meeting on January 9th. Some of the funds will

be used toward a special program featuring a Connecticut writer. Thank you again to the club members for their amazing generosity.

Book Drop

The book drop is now open 24/7 for your convenience! You can return your books anytime. Of course, we're always happy to see you come into the library, but if you prefer to do an outside drop it's now an option.



Museum Passes

Want to visit a museum? Use our new online museum pass program. The link is

Knitting and Handcrafts

6:30 – 7:45

Every Thursday

(2/1,8,15,22 & 29)

Storytime at the Library

11:30-noon

Wed. 14th

Valentine Fun Night

4:00-7:30 pm

No registration required

Wed. 21 noon

Thu. 22 6:30

Book Discussion

Life, Lies & Spies of Action & Adventure

Registration required

Thu. 29

Raise the Coop

The Ultimate Guide to Backyard Chickens for the Whole Family

6:30-7:45 pm

Registration required



available on the [Library's website](#).

Connecticut Science Center

Bentley is pleased to offer coupons for reduced admission to the Connecticut Science Center. While not part of our museum pass program, these coupons offer 20% off general admission for up to 4 people. Just stop by the library to pick up a coupon.

New Magazines

New magazine subscriptions are coming in every week. We have added *allrecipes magazine*, *Astronomy*, *Chickens*, *Lake & Home*, and *Sound & Vision* magazines to our collection. More new titles will be arriving soon. Stop by and check them out! Don't forget that there are magazines available for children to check out; *Ranger Rick*, *National Geographic Kids*, *Sports Illustrated Kids*, *OWL*, *Lego Life Magazine* and *BEANZ*.

Bolton Regional Lions Club/Recycle For Sight

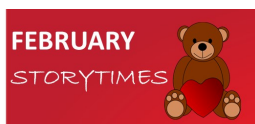
Bentley Memorial Library continues to collect donated prescription eyeglasses and prescription sunglasses.

Calendar Sales

Bentley Memorial Library will continue to sell the 2023/2024 Bolton Town Calendar for \$10.00 each, while supplies last. These beautiful calendars feature photos from the Annual Town-Wide Photo Contest. Calendar sales support the goals and efforts of the Bolton Conservation Commission.

Upcoming Programs

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



Storytime at the Library Thursdays in February, 11:30-12:00

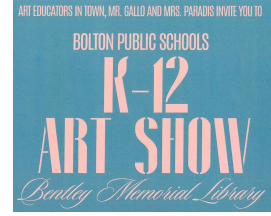
Come and enjoy stories and simple crafts. Feel free to bring your own lunch. Storytime will be held on February 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29. Registration is not required.

Take Your Child to the Library Day Saturday, Feb. 3, 10:00-3:00

On the first Saturday in February, the 3rd, thousands of libraries across the world celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day. Bentley Memorial Library is an ideal place for children to read, learn, discover, make friends, and have fun, and Take Your Child to the Library Day is the perfect time to discover some library magic. Here at Bentley our young patrons can make their own customized bookmark, do a scavenger hunt and enjoy a treat! Drop in, no registration required.

Bolton Public Schools K-12 Art Show and reception Monday, Feb. 5, 4:00-7:00 display, 6:00-7:00 reception

Please join us for the Bolton Public School K-12 Art Show. The student Art will be displayed at Bentley Memorial Library, with a reception AND refreshments to follow, from 6:00 - 7:00. No registration is required so plan to stop by and support our student artists!



Knitting and Handcraft Tuesdays

Every 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.



Valentine Fun Night

Come to the Bentley Memorial Library on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, from 4-7:30 p.m. for a fun night of games, puzzles and coloring. The library has all kinds of board games including chess sets to enjoy. Corn toss will be set up. Adult and children's coloring books and puzzles will be on hand. Try to complete the Valentine's

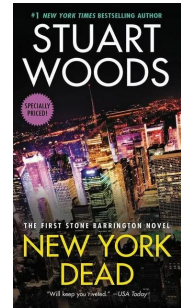
Day scavenger hunt and win a treat. Registration is not required.

February Book Discussion

The Lives, Lies and Spies of Action & Adventure

Led by Mark Nystrom

Join us at Bentley for an in-person book discussion of Stuart Wood's New York Dead. This is the first discussion of a three-part series 'The Lies, Lives and Spies of Action & Adventure'. This discussion will explore the many facets of the authors' life and how their experiences are reflected in their novel. The second session will feature Clive Cussler's Serpent on March 20 or 21st and the third session features Ian Fleming's From Russia, With Love on April 17th or 18th. Each novel will have the discussion option of a Wednesday at noon or a Thursday at 6:30. Registration is required.



New York Dead Discussion

Register Wed. 2/21 at noon

or

Register Thur. 2/22 at 6:30



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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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