

Bentley Happenings

February 2025



Why a Library?

"I have found the most valuable thing in my wallet is my library card."

- **Laura Bush**

[Visit our Website](#)



Presidents Day Monday, February 17th

Presidents Day is celebrated to honor all those who served as presidents of the United States. The library will be closed in observance of the holiday.

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.

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.

Museum Pass Update

TixKeeper, our former online museum pass provider, ceased operations at the end of December. Bentley is committed to providing patrons with an easily accessible way to sign out our passes and plans to have a new system

up and running shortly. In the meantime, patrons are encouraged to contact the library after January 1st 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.

MUSEUM PASSES

AT THE LIBRARY



The Trees Around Me

Created by Dorothy L. Hall

Dorothy Hall, professional artist and Bolton resident, has created a collection centered on trees around us. The art is painted in Gouache, watercolor and acrylics. The trees are also drawn with pastels and ink, and some works are crafted from cut paper.

Friends of the Library

Thank you to our library supporters who generously donated so many terrific cookbooks for our book sale! We will continue to offer these cookbooks for sale throughout this month, located on a cart next to the lobby display case.

In theme with February's Valentine's Day, we will also be featuring "Romance" books for sale on our revolving front lobby kiosk. All proceeds from our book sales help support library programs and our new Coffee Bar located near the Reference Desk.

If you love books and are interested in a volunteer position that only requires a few hours a month to gather books for our sales, please join us at our next Friends meeting on March 12th at 6:30 pm in the library.

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Complimentary Coffee Bar

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

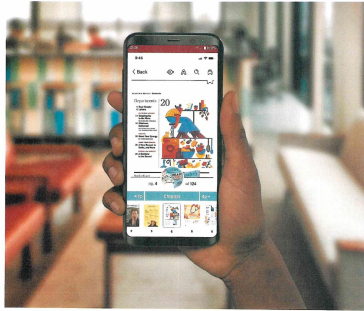
In the chill of this wintry season, a cup of hot coffee can be just what's needed to warm up and enjoy a book, the internet or a newspaper. To enhance your experience while visiting the library, stop by our new Coffee Bar located near the Reference Desk to enjoy a warm cup of coffee.

Take Your Child to the Library Day Saturday, February 1st

Take Your Child to the Library Day (TYCLD) is an international initiative that encourages families everywhere to take their children to their local library. Launched in 2011 in Connecticut by librarians Nadine Lipman (Waterford Public Library, retired) and Caitlin Augusta (Stratford Library) with artist Nancy Elizabeth



Wallace, TYCLD raises community awareness about the importance of the library in the life of a child, and promotes library services and programs for children and families. Bentley Memorial Library invites you to join us for a day of scavenger hunting, story walking and exploring the library!



Read Magazines with Libby

Magazines can be borrowed through your regular Libby account. A patron only needs to open their Libby account, select Bentley Memorial Library and browse for magazines. When you see the cover of a magazine you'd like to read, tap the cover and then tap borrow. When you wish to read the magazine tap the shelf icon. Tap the middle of the screen to view a page, tap the left or right side of the screen to navigate through the magazine.



Borrow magazines for free from our library!

Libby.
The library reading app

Magazines are always available to read, but they must be subscriptions that Bentley Memorial Library has subscribed to. These magazines will not count

towards your checkout limit. Also, magazines automatically return at the end of the loan period so there are no overdue issues.

The Libby app is a great way to access magazines. **Please remember that Bentley has print copies of 50 magazine titles and 6 newspapers.**



eGO The Palace Project

Last month the Connecticut State Library purchased over 3,000 new titles bringing the total number of online books to over 48,000 items. These books include mysteries, thrillers, and backlist bestsellers. Our patrons are often looking for a standalone mystery or a mystery series – eGO Palace Project has both!

Whether it's a cozy mystery, police procedural, or hard-boiled mysteries, they are all in Palace. All of your favorite characters including Hercule Poirot (Agatha Christie), Danny Patrick (Don Winslow), Agent Pendergast (Preston & Child), Vera Stanhope (Ann Cleeves), Adam Dalgliesh (P.D. James), and so many more are here!

To access the eGO Palace Project, download the "Palace Project" app on your mobile device from the App Store or Google Play, then log in using your library card number and PIN to browse and borrow ebooks and audiobooks from the Connecticut State Library's eGO collection; you can access both your local library's collection and the statewide eGO collection through this app.

Wowbrary

Wowbrary is a nonprofit service that provides you free weekly emails about your local library's most recent acquisitions including new books, DVDs, and CDs. Our service reaches both avid library patrons and those who haven't used libraries in years. Wowbrary serves as an attractive online version of the new-book shelf, but one that spans all library branches, includes items that are checked out, and comes by convenient email. By showcasing the latest arrivals and allowing patrons to click through directly to the library website, Wowbrary makes it easy to scan quickly what's new and encourages greater library use.

Signing up to receive weekly emails

Go to <https://www.wowbrary.org> and type your ZIP code in the upper left box. Then hit the Go button. Wowbrary will display Bentley Memorial Library.

Tech Assistance for the Winter

Bentley will be providing technical support for our patrons throughout the Winter. 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 time slot. Advance registration is essential to ensure that we are prepared to offer you the most useful assistance possible.

Why Preregister?

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.

Upcoming Programs!

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



Storytime at the Library

Wednesday, February 5th at 6:30 and February 12th & 19th from 11:45-12:15

Join us for Storytime in February! Come and enjoy stories and a simple craft. Feel free to bring your own snack or lunch. Registration is not required.

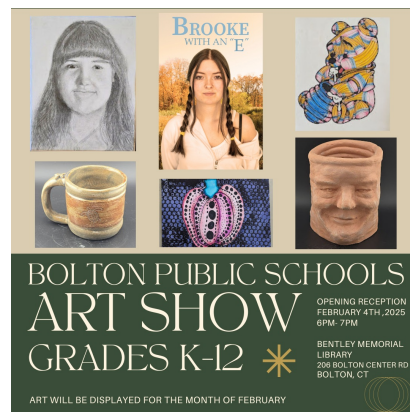


Bulletin Board designed by Amber Mosely

Bolton Public Schools Art Show Students of Bolton High School & Bolton Center School

**The month of February
Reception, Tuesday February 4th at 6:00**

Stop by Bentley Memorial Library to appreciate the incredible artwork created by students of Bolton High School and Bolton Center School. A reception, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, for the artists, families and library patrons will be held on Tuesday, February 4th at 6:00. Plan to stop in!



The Fashions of Downton Abbey - Rescheduled

**Wednesday, February 5th at noon
Presented by Spirits of Fashion**

Are you a fan of Downton Abbey? Would you love to know more about the fashions of the period? If so, join us for an informative presentation about the lives and fashions of the residents of Downton Abbey. Travel with us through time while we explore the styles of 1912, represented in Season 1 of Downton Abbey, through the 1920s, when

major changes occurred both in fashion and in society. Immerse yourself in Downton Abbey, where we will explore all of the changing fashions of this intriguing period.

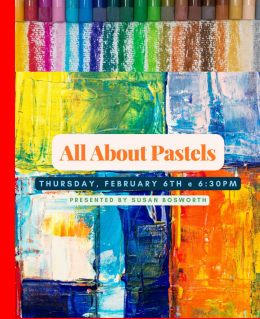
[Register here](#)

All About Pastels Presented by Susan Bosworth Thursday, February 6th at 6:30

Local artist and Bolton resident Susan Bosworth will share her expertise on the techniques of working with pastels. She will discuss their history in the world of art as well as the materials, tools and the process used to create a beautiful pastel painting. She will also give a short demonstration of a

landscape in Bolton. A display of Susan's artwork will be featured in the Main Display Case for the month of February.

[Preregister here](#)



Valentine Fun Thursday, February 13th

Join us at Bentley for a fun day of Valentine's Day themed activities. A scavenger hunt, games and coloring will be running all day, from 10:00 to 8:00. A Valentine's story and treat will be shared at 6:00.

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

Timeline by Michael Crichton, Wednesday, February 26th at noon

Chocolat by Joanne Harris, Wednesday, March 26th at noon

The 39 Steps by John Buchan, Wednesday, April 30th at noon

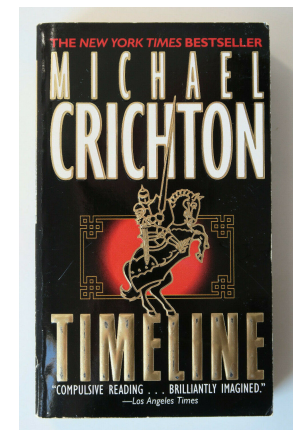
Mark your calendars and plan to join us for this three-month book discussion series which will explore three distinct novels that inspired film adaptations.

TIMELINE By Michael Crichton

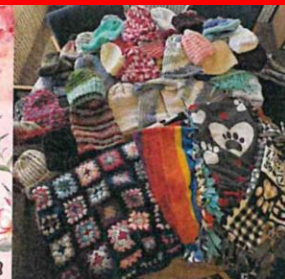
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Led by Mark Nystrom

TIMELINE is a fascinating novel that presents both as historical fiction and as science fiction. When a major experimental program goes astray and leaves team members trapped back in time, you might wonder what else could go wrong. Read the book and join us on February 26th as we explore the world of 14th century France, the ethics of altering established timelines and the powerful bond of relationships that can span centuries.



[Preregister here](#)



January Program Wrap-up

January was a great month to enjoy the calm after the excitement of December. Bentley hosted it's regular **storytime** for our younger patrons. A program for teens to learn about study abroad and to create a lotus lantern was offered. Eastern Highland Health District

shared information on **radon and radon testing**. Bentley finished the month with the conclusion of the **5th annual blanket drive**.



The 5th Annual Blanket Drive Concludes

Thank you to everyone who joined in to help complete this year's blanket drive. The Cornerstone Shelter in Rockville is so appreciative of this support!

Future Programs!

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

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Wednesday, March 26th at noon

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Wednesday, April 30th at noon

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, November and December are still available for the 2025 calendar year. Contact the library and find a month that works for you.



Featured Displays



Sumner Sisters' Display Case

This month's color is red for Valentines Day. All of the glass displayed is American-made.

Whether it is from the early 1930's or later in the 1980's, red has always been a favorite color for the American household.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

February

Sat. 1st
Take Your Child to
the Library Day

Bolton Public Schools
Art Show

On Display Throughout the library

Adult Fiction: Library Lovers Month

Adult Nonfiction: Knitting & Handicrafts

J: Presidents

ER & E: Valentine's Day, Winter, Groundhog Day



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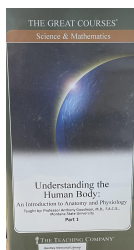
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12th & 19th
11:45 - 12:15**

**Thu. 6th
All About Pastels
presented by
Susan Bosworth
6:30
Preregistration required**

**Thu. 13th
Valentine Fun Day
Scavenger Hunt, Games,
Coloring - All Day
Valentine Story & Treat at
6:00**

**Wed. 26th
Book Discussion
TIMELINE
by Michael Crichton
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.



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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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