

# Bentley Happenings

July 2025



Welcome  
to the Library



## Why a Library?

"A library is as if thousands of strangers have given away their imaginary friends, they're sitting on the shelves and calling to you as you walk past."

—Fredrik Backman

[Visit our Website](#)

## Bentley Memorial Library

206 Bolton Center Road  
Bolton, CT

860-646-7349 [bentley@biblio.org](mailto:bentley@biblio.org)

## Hours

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

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

## Library Closings

Saturday, July 5th

Closed Saturdays in August

Summer  
2025



This month is dedicated to celebrating the diversity and accomplishments of people with disabilities.

## 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](#)



Bentley has discount coupons for the Connecticut Science Center. These coupons will take 20% off the admission price for up to four people. New passes are now available to check out and receive 20% off general admission for up to 4 people



## June is Audiobook Month eGo The Palace Project

Audiobooks can enliven your car ride and are a perfect complement for your ride to work. Be entertained or learn something new while you navigate rush hour traffic. Perfect for commuting or family trips, audiobooks provide engaging entertainment and facilitate discussions. Car rides fly by when you get wrapped up in a great story!

There are now **7,660** audiobook titles in Palace! The collection provided by the Connecticut State Library exceeds **50,000** items, including **29,000 open access titles** provided by Lyrasis in the Palace Bookshelf.

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

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### Bentley News Briefs

- There is a solar powered cell phone charger near the bench on the front walkway.
- A second picnic table has been added to our rear patio. Stop by for a rest, snack or picnic.
- During exceptionally hot weather, Bentley will serve as a cooling center during our regular operating hours- avoid the heat and enjoy a book!



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### Planning a Vacation Guides to See the World

Bentley Memorial Library has received 8 new travel books to enhance our existing collection. If you'd like to plan a local vacation, check out our new Connecticut Walk Book, a complete guide to Connecticut's Blue-Blazed hiking trails. If you're interested in exploring the British Isles, we have Fodor's London and DK Scotland. We also have Fodor's Essential Ireland covering both Ireland and Northern Ireland. If Europe is calling you, we now offer Fodor's Essential Spain to guide you through the Iberian Peninsula. Returning to the United States, Frommer's Hawai'i will direct your journey through the islands that make up our 50th state. Birnbaum's Walt Disney World 2025 will reveal the magic of the theme parks and hints on preparing for this epic vacation. Our final new travel book is Amazing Train Journeys. For all train enthusiasts this book will showcase magnificent train journeys all over the world. It might be time to plan that next vacation!

### Friends of the Library

Our sale of Kids and Young Adult books continues this month in the front lobby. We're also be having 2 special sales events during the July 9th and July 23rd Summer concerts on the Town Green. In addition to selling Book Bags and selected Adult Hardcovers, we'll be offering a free kids book with every sale of a bag of chips or popcorn. Please stop by and check out our table and to learn more about the Friends of the Library. All proceeds from our sales help support the



Bentley Memorial Library

## Connecticut Reads 2025

The Governor's  
Summer Reading Program



Summer Reading Journal

## Bolton Center School Summer Reading Program

BCS students will be following the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge by logging all the books they read. Log sheets were sent home with students at the end of the school year. If you need a replacement log sheet, or an extra, stop by Bentley

Memorial Library to pick one up. The library staff will be here all summer to help you with your reading needs.

## 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](mailto: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.



## 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Many of our young patrons are working towards their 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten goal. You'd be surprised how quickly the books add up - especially because reading the same book counts each time.

You still have two months to complete your goal before school starts! If you haven't registered for the program, stop by the library and sign up your little one and start them on the path to reading.

## Coming This Summer!

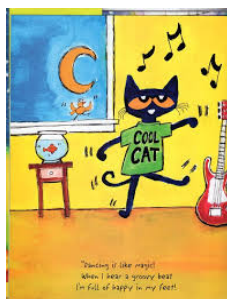
Register online, by phone at 860-646-7349, or by email at [bmlprograms@biblio.org](mailto:bmlprograms@biblio.org).

## Storytime at the Library

Wednesday July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th and August 6th  
& 13th  
11:45-12:15



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



## Scavenger Hunt and Story Walk in July

Bentley will offer two activities for our younger patrons during the month of July. Our **Pete the Cat** Scavenger Hunt will run from July 1st to July 15th. Stop by the library to search for all of Pete's best friends. Our Story Walk for July will run from the 16th to the end of the month and will feature **Pete the Cat and the Cool Cat Boogie**. You can read the book and explore the library at the same time. Registration is not required.

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## Game Day

### Outdoor Lawn Games

Wednesday, July 16th - Weather Permitting

11:00 - 1:00



Come to Bentley and enjoy lawn games around the Bentley yard: Corn Hole, Connect 4, Disc Toss and Ring Toss will challenge your outdoor skills. Work your way around to the patio and enjoy a cool glass of lemonade. Summer is here!

**Coming This Fall!**

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## Check Your Soil pH

Presented by Jean Laughman

Tuesday, September 17th 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.

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Register online, by phone at 860-646-7349, or by email  
at [bmlprograms@biblio.org](mailto:bmlprograms@biblio.org).



## Featured Displays

### Main Display Case

Visit the library during the month of July and marvel at the transformation of the Hop River

Trail. A photographic viewing of the trail, before and after it's reconstruction from an abandoned railbed to a popular linear park, will showcase the trail's improvements. John Hankins (1993 photos) and Sylvia Ounpuu (2018 photos) provided the photographs used in this display and Jim Adams

## UPCOMING EVENTS

July

**Tues. 1st -15th**  
**Pete the Cat**  
**Scavenger Hunt**



facilitated the installation

## On Display Throughout the library

**Non-Fiction:** Summertime Recipes and Daytripping

**Adult Fiction:** Beach Reads

**Young Adult:** New Books

**J, ER & E:** Summer, Sharks & Creepy Crawly Bugs

**DVDs:** Beaches and Sharks

## On Sale

The Friends of the Library are featuring Children's and Young Adult books throughout the months of July and August.



## Improving the Patron Experience at Bentley Memorial Library Funded by the Bolton Greater Together Community Fund

Bentley Memorial Library was again fortunate to receive grant funding from the Bolton Greater Together Community Fund, which is a division of the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. This current grant has greatly improved our ability to offer high quality presentations to large groups with a new projector and a large portable screen, new seating around our large meeting table and has increased our available outdoor seating on the patio with an additional picnic table and bench. Our patio is linked to the connectivity trail and offers a convenient spot to take a break as you walk and enjoy the beauty of Bolton.

## 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

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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in the library

## Storytime

**Wed. 2nd, 9th,  
16th, 23rd & 30th**  
11:45 - 12:15

**Wed. 16th**  
**Outdoor Lawn Games**  
11:00 - 1:00

**Wed. 16th - 31st**  
**Pete the Cat**  
**and the Cool Cat**  
**Boogie**  
**Story Walk**

**Every Tuesday**  
**Knitting and**  
**Handcrafts**  
6:30 - 7:45

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