

# Bentley Happenings

June 2025



Welcome  
to the Library



## Why a Library?

"Without libraries what have we? We have no past and no future."

- Ray Bradbury

[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.

Juneteenth, June 19th, is a day of celebration, remembrance, and reflection on the long journey towards freedom and equality for African Americans in the United States.

## Bentley Memorial Library is Fine-Free

On May 1st Bentley Memorial Library became a fine-free library. The library joined over 130 other CT libraries in this initiative. The Bolton Board of Selectmen, at an April meeting, voted to have the library become fine free. All patrons must continue to honor due dates to ensure that fellow patrons will have equal access to our collection. Previous fines for late fees will be forgiven and no new late fees will accrue. Patrons will still be responsible for replacing any lost or damaged materials. Thanks go to the Library Board of Trustees for initiating this change.



## Museum Key Goes Operational!

### 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.

## June Food Drive - Hunger Awareness Month Benefitting the Bolton Social Services Food Pantry



Please consider donating non-perishable food items plus household cleaners, toiletries and/or paper goods to the Food Drive located at Bentley Memorial Library. Your donation will support our local Food Pantry which is available for all residents. The Pantry is located at the Bolton Senior Center and is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or by appointment during the remainder of the week. Bolton residents can apply to use the Pantry by filling out the Food Pantry application.



Bentley Memorial Library

### Friends of the Library

June through August will feature a wonderful variety of Kids and Young Adult Books for sale in the front lobby. Come pick something out for those rainy summer vacation days! All proceeds from our sales help support library programs and our 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 please come to our meeting in June, date to be determined.



### 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. Using the Acorn app will simplify text communications between Bibliomation and the patron.

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 patrons 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'.
- Push notifications are becoming essential as cell providers are not supporting text messaging from library consortiums (Bibliomation et al) and notifications using text messaging will not go through

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**Explore the Future of Bolton Heritage Farm  
Public Presentation & Display at the Library  
Hosted by the Bolton Heritage Farm Commission**

**Tuesday, June 3rd at 6:30**



Join us at Bentley Memorial Library for a special presentation introducing residents to an exciting new phase in the life of the Farm—highlighting a master site plan and proposed connectivity trail, funded through the Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP). Throughout the month of June, the Library will feature a special exhibit showcasing the plan and visual display, allowing residents to explore the evolving vision for Bolton Heritage Farm at their own pace.

The evening will include:

- A brief presentation offering background on the Farm, including historical highlights, future goals, and how the LOTICIP trail project fits into the broader master site plan.
- Details about the Town's 250th Anniversary and the Farm's role in those celebrations.
- Q&A session for community feedback and questions.
- A guided walk of the Farm site following the presentation (weather permitting).

This is a wonderful opportunity for residents to gain insight into the future of one of Bolton's most treasured landmarks and to get involved in shaping what's ahead.

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## **BCS 2nd Grade Class Visit**

### **June 3rd (rain date 6/4)**



The second grade is coming to Bentley this month. On Tuesday, June 3rd, the second grades will make their annual visit to the library. Storytime, a book talk, a scavenger hunt, crafts, and outdoor games will help the students explore the library and become familiar with what Bentley has to offer. A public library is a wonderful resource that stays with a person for their entire life, and we are fortunate to help the second graders begin their journey of reading for knowledge and pleasure. If you have a second grader in your life, make sure to ask them about [The Trouble With Chickens](#).



## **A Touch of Abstract**

Created by Dorothy L. Hall

A turkey is a turkey but with a colorful abstract display. It is almost noisy. A self-portrait doesn't look like Dorothy Hall, but has a resemblance of her personality. See for yourself; her art speaks for itself...clearly.

## **Free Seed Library**



The free seed library is ready to supply your gardening needs. 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.

## **Tech Assistance for the Summer**

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.

# Upcoming Programs!

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



## Storytime at the Library

**Wednesday, June 11th & 18th from 11:45-12:15**

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

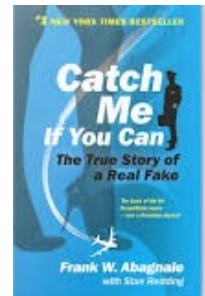
## Catch Me If You Can

### Book Discussion

**Led by Mark Nystrom**

**Wednesday, June 18th at noon**

Catch Me If You Can is a semi-autobiographical book about the criminal exploits allegedly engaged in by Frank Abagnale Jr., an American onetime con artist. Join us for a lively discussion of this nearly unbelievable tale which proves the adage 'truth is stranger than fiction'!



The books are in; stop by Bentley to pick up your copy!

[Preregistration is required](#)



## Planting Container Gardens

**Presented by Jean Laughman of Bolton Master Gardener and Master Wildlife Conservationist**  
**Thursday, June 19th at 6:30**

Green beans? Tomatoes? Even Potatoes? Cuphea and Fuchsia for hummingbirds?

Learn about the ins and outs of successfully growing vegetables and flowers in containers. This presentation will explore types of containers, planting mixes, fertilizer and watering, diseases, insects and other related topics.

[Preregistration is required](#)



## May Program Wrap-up

May 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 Memorial Day



themed **scavenger hunt**. Toby joined us to engage young readers during **Read to the Dogs**. The Montessori School visited Bentley for a **library orientation, story and craft**. The **Bolton Greater Together Community Fund** hosted its annual recipient celebration. Steve Penny transported us back in time as we **explored the history of King Philip's War**. **Author Megan Collins** joined us for an evening to explore her novels and insights into what makes a novelist. **Bike Walk Bolton partnered with Bentley** to offer a combined storytime & Bike Safety program. The month concluded with **Xen's Critters** bringing a corral of farmyard animals.

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## Future Programs!

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## Summer Reading in Bolton

Bolton Center School students will be maintaining summer reading logs as they complete the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge. Bentley Memorial Library will work throughout the summer to support students as they continue to expand their reading experiences.

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### Storytime this summer

Wednesday, July 16, 23 & 30 and August 6 & 13, from 11:45 - 12:15

Come and enjoy stories and a simple craft. Feel free to bring your own snack or lunch. Registration is not required.

## Scavenger Hunts in July

## Story Walks in August

### Build A Bouquet with Pamela Gray

Tuesday, September 23rd at 6:30

Presented by Pamela Gray

### Check Your Soil pH

Thursday, September 18th at 6:30

Presented by Jean Laughman

### 3 Book/1 series Book Discussion resumes in September

The novels for this series will be themed on reconnoitering the world whether by travel or exploring a distant community and setting.

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## 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

In June the Main Display Case will feature  
**BOLTON HERITAGE FARM.**

### On Display Throughout the library

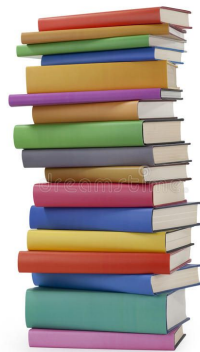
**Adult Fiction:** Summer Beach Reads

**Adult Nonfiction:** Yoga - 6/21 International  
Yoga Day

**ER & E:** Father's Day

**J:** Flags - Celebrating Flag Day 6/14

**DVDs & CDs:** Juneteenth



**Bentley has discount coupons for the Connecticut Science Center. These coupons will take 20% off the admission price for up to four people.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### June

**Tue. 3rd**  
**Bolton Center School**  
**2nd Grade Visit**

**Tue. 3rd**  
**Bolton Heritage Farm**  
**6:30**

**Wed. 11th & 18th**  
**Storytime**  
**11:45 - 12:15**

**Wed. 18th**  
**Book Discussion Catch**  
**Me If You Can**  
**noon**  
**Preregistration required**

**Thurs. 19th**  
**Planting Garden**  
**Containers**  
**presented by Jean Laughman**  
**6:30**  
**Preregistration required**

## Improving the Patron Experience at Bentley Memorial Library

Funded by the Bolton Greater Together Community Fund



Bentley Memorial Library was fortunate to again 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, increased our available outdoor seating on the patio and provided new seating around our large

meeting table.



## 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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