

Bentley Happenings

November 2024



Why a Library?

"Libraries change lives for the better ... A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people."

-Andrew Carnegie

[Visit our Website](#)



National Literacy Day Thursday, November 14th

"Promoting multilingual education:
Literacy for mutual understanding and
peace"

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.

Library Closing

Monday, November 11th - Veteran's Day

Bentley will close for the Thanksgiving
weekend and will reopen on Monday,
December 2nd.



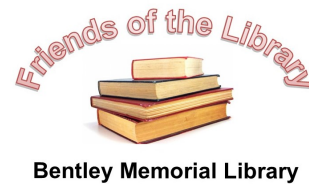
Black & White

Created by Dorothy L. Hall

Dorothy Hall, professional artist and Bolton resident, is displaying seven original works of art this month at Bentley. This seven-piece collection is titled **Black & White** and features both pen & ink and scratch boards.

Friends of the Library

We're calling our November Book Sale "Odds and Ends" as it will feature a small sample of books from various categories. You will find books on a wide variety of topics including Gardening, Crafts, Health and Fitness, Self-Help, Animals and more. Stop by our lobby kiosk to check them out!



For a future sale we would appreciate donations of gently used and newer **cookbooks**. If you have a great cookbook that you no longer use, please consider dropping it off at the front desk to support our library.

Our Coffee Bar is now available, located near the Reference Desk. Stop by to enjoy a warm cup of coffee to enhance your experience while visiting the library to pick out a new book or to enjoy during one of our upcoming events.

If you have any suggestions for the Friends of BML or have a few hours to volunteer, please join us at the library for our next meeting on Wednesday November 13th at 6:30 pm.



The Giving Tree

'Tis the season to think of others! The Holiday Giving Tree is a program where members of the community provide Holiday Gifts for residents that need some extra help during the Holiday season. Bentley will have gift tags from the Bolton Special Services Department later in the season. Keep your eyes open for details about the Giving Tree program.

5th Annual Cozy Blanket Drive November and December

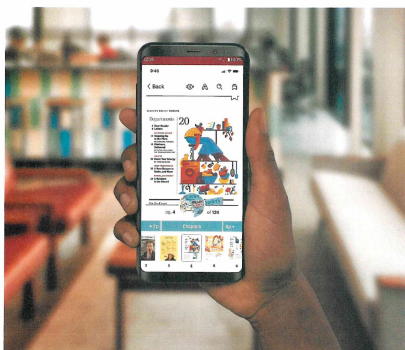
The library will be collecting NEW handmade quilts and blankets to benefit Cornerstone Shelter in Vernon/Rockville and Holy Family Home Shelter in Willimantic. The shelter residents appreciate the skill and time required to create the beautiful handmade quilts and blankets. Drop off your **NEW** creations to the library throughout November and December.



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.

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.



Borrow magazines
for free from
our library!

Libby.
The library reading app



Connecticut's Countryside Four-town Website

In 2020, Coventry partnered with the towns of Bolton, Mansfield, and Tolland to create a regional economic vitality plan. The towns share a commitment to preserving natural spaces and promoting outdoor activities, fostering vibrant arts communities, and maintaining rich agricultural traditions.



Over the summer of 2024 a four-town website was launched to increase the visibility of our area programs, businesses and environment. Please take a moment to explore this site and see what you might discover!

[Connecticut's Countryside](#)

Large Print Book Are Here

Bentley Memorial Library is featuring large print novels which are on loan to us from the Middletown Library Service Center. We will have these books for several months. These titles will enhance the range of large print titles available to our patrons. A holiday selection of Large Print is on its way.



Tech Assistance for the Fall and Winter

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

Why Register?

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.

Fearsome Foursome Presented by Ginny Apple Thursday, November 7th at 6:30

Master Wildlife Conservationist Ginny Apple will enlighten us on the life and habits of four common Connecticut nocturnal creatures: Opossum, Skunk, Raccoon, and Porcupine. Ginny will share how unique characteristics help these creatures navigate their environments, evade predators, and survive.



[Register here](#)



The Lutz Children's Museum Furs, Feathers or Scales

Saturday, November 9th at noon

Do mammals, birds, and reptiles share similar physical features, and how do we tell them apart? The Lutz will visit Bentley with three live animals, one from each group, along with biofacts from the museum's natural history collection. Younger patrons will show their understanding with a related craft and older patrons will play a team-based game.

[Register here](#)

Book Discussion

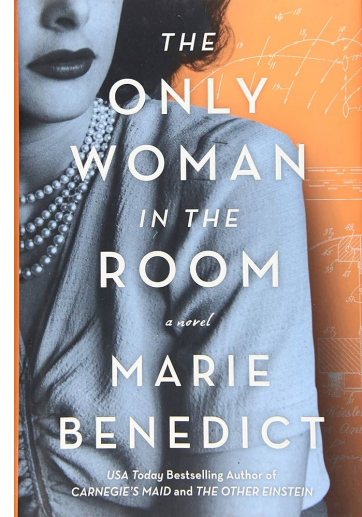
The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict

Wednesday, November 13th at noon
Led by Mark Nystrom

The Only Woman in the Room is the last novel in our three-part series which focuses on the impact women of the past

have on our lives today. The Only Woman in the Room follows the adult life of Hedy Kiesler, better known as Hedy Lamarr from her time as a stage actress in Vienna to becoming the wife of a munitions developer known as the "Merchant of Death" to a famed Hollywood film star. Perhaps Lamarr's greatest, and most lasting, contributions came from her intellect and desire to protect endangered people.

[Register here](#)



Black Bears of Connecticut Presented by Ray Hardy Thursday, November 21st at 6:30

Please join Ray Hardy, local artist/naturalist, and CTDEEP Master Wildlife Conservationist, who will be discussing the natural history and behavior of Connecticut's Black Bear. Ray will also

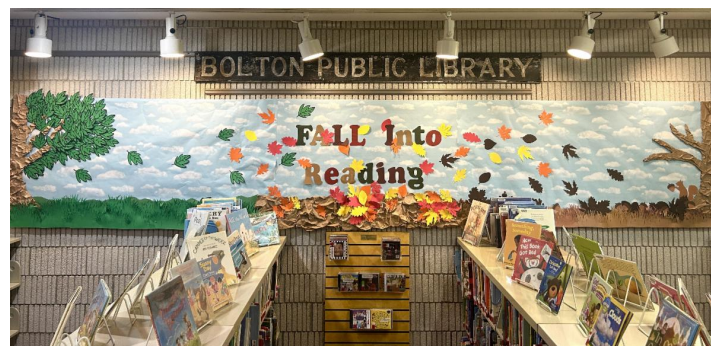
discuss practices that we can implement in order to peacefully coexist with this fascinating wild neighbor.

[Register here](#)



Storytime at the Library Wednesday, November 6th and 20th from 11:45-12:15

Join us for Storytime in November! 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 Mosley



October Program Wrap-up

October was another busy month at the Bentley Memorial Library with wide-ranging programs, story times and engaging displays. We hosted a two-program week featuring garden care. Jean Laughman shared her expertise in dealing with troublesome garden pests and Vicki Deleo gave us the steps and knowledge to winterize our gardens. Charles Rosenay!!! shared his new book release, True Ghost Stories of Connecticut, leading a lively discussion of paranormal happenings in CT. Our book discussion series on women of history and their impact today featured Elise Hooper's Learning to See. We finished our month's programming with the second meeting of our Teen Advisory Board.

Future Programs!

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

Lotus Lanterns

Create your own lantern

Presented by the Korean Spirit & Culture Promotion Project

Thursday, December 12th at 6:30

Read to the Dogs

Saturday, December 7th

10:30 - 11:30

Book Discussion

The Lido by Libby Page

Led by Mark Nystrom

Wednesday, December 18th at noon

The Fashions of Downton Abbey

Presented by Spirits of Fashion

Wednesday, January 29th at noon (snow date is 2/5/25)

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! **February of 2025 is open**, and there are other openings throughout the 2025 calendar year. Contact the library and find a month that works for you.



Featured Displays

Main Display Case

The newly formed Town of Bolton Veteran's Commission will use the main display case to honor and respect the men and women who wore the uniforms of the United States of America, and thank these patriots for their service.



Sumner Sisters' Display Case

The Sumner Sisters' Display Case, located in the study room, features a collection of covered candy dishes from the Depression Era. These dishes are richly varied in color, size, shape, and pattern. This display is courtesy of Jim Dwire and John Toomey.

On Display Throughout the library

Adult Non-Fiction: Cookbooks for Thanksgiving & Alzheimer's Awareness

Adult Fiction: War Stories

Young Adult: Romance

J Non-Fiction: Native American Month

ER & E: Fall & Thanksgiving

Adult BCD's & DVDs: Military

UPCOMING EVENTS

November

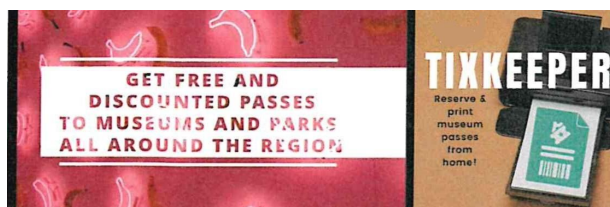
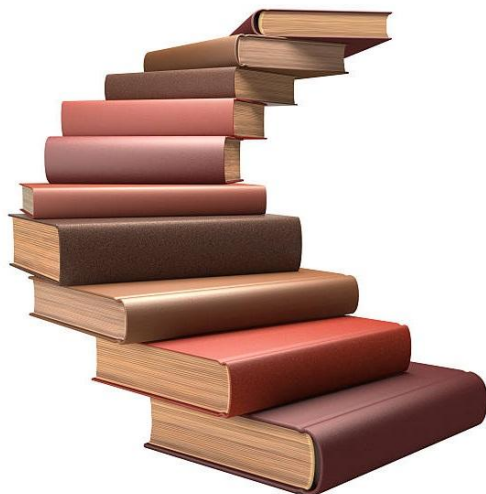
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Museum Passes

Want to visit a museum? Explore Bentley's collection of Museum Passes by viewing our promotional video created by Sam Bahre, now streaming on Facebook, and use our online museum pass program. The link is available on the [Library page on the Town of Bolton website](#). Springfield Museum and CT State Parks still need to be picked up at Bentley. A \$20.00 deposit is no longer required.

In addition to these museum passes, Bentley also offers discount coupons for the Connecticut Science Center. These coupons will take 20% off the admission price for up to four people.

The Kill A Watt Kit

Eversource's Kill A Watt kit is intended to assist residents in understanding their energy use. The meter provided in the kit allows you to easily measure the electrical use of household appliances. With this information, you may determine ways to reduce your energy consumption and electric costs. Check it out today!



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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