

Bentley Happenings

October 2025



Welcome
to the Library



Why a Library?

"Libraries are the heart and soul of any community. They are a place to read and think and browse and dream."

— Mary McNear

Visit our Website



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Bentley Memorial Library.

Bentley Memorial Library

206 Bolton Center Road

Bolton, CT

860-646-7349 bentley@biblio.org

Hours

Mon. - Thurs., 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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

Library Closing

In observance of Columbus Day, Bentley will be closed on Monday, October 13th.

*Domestic Violence
Awareness Month*



Enjoy Autumn on The Patio

The patio behind the library is ready for your use anytime, not just during a library program. Linked to the Connectivity Trail, the patio is ready for walkers, hikers, bikers and readers. With generous grants from the Bolton Greater Together Community Fund, the patio now has two picnic tables with 9' umbrellas, a two-person bench and multiple Adirondack chairs. If you prefer, bring your own lawn chair and enjoy the space. October, and perhaps November, are wonderful months to take a break and appreciate the beautiful landscape.

News of Note

- Thanks to River Bend Bookshop of Glastonbury for their ongoing book donations.
- Remember that any library book may be returned to any PUBLIC library in the state. We do ask that any books signed out through the ILL (Interlibrary Loan) system please be returned to Bentley so they can be cleared from your account. They are clearly marked with yellow labels and cards.
- Come and enjoy the outstanding artwork on display in the library by Dorothy Hall.
- Bolton artists are welcome to display their art in the library. Please see a staff member for details.

Museum Key is Ready to Use!

Bentley's online Museum Pass Registration System



Our 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](#)



Shoutbomb

Bibliomation's New Text Messaging Service

Patrons who have opted to receive notifications about holds, item due dates, renewals or general help will now receive those text messages through the Shoutbomb system. If you are currently signed up for text message notifications you do not need to do anything. If you would like to sign-up for text messaging feel free to contact Bentley or log-in to your online account and select Preferences>Notifications and complete the brief form with your cell phone information. **Patrons should receive a welcome message from Bibliomation/Shoutbomb, including the cell number 860-506-7100, which should be added to your contacts. If you have not received the welcome message, please give the library a call so we can follow-up with Bibliomation.**

[Shoutbomb Fact Sheet](#)

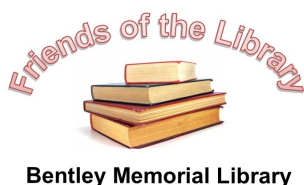
Eastern Highlands Health District (EHHD)

Healthy Blood Pressure Initiative

A blood pressure monitor has been provided to Bentley Memorial Library for patrons to borrow, as well as the 9 other towns comprising the Eastern Highlands Health District; purchased through a CT Department of Public Health Grant. Patrons are encouraged to check this monitor out, just as you would any other material from the library collection, and take the opportunity to monitor your own blood pressure to work towards improved heart health. Patrons are also encouraged, but not required, to register with EHHD to receive emailed resources related to a healthy blood pressure and information about upcoming educational programs sponsored by the Health District.



To register: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HEALTHY_BP
Questions: Please email blooma@ehhd.org



Bentley Memorial Library

Friends of the Library

Please consider joining the Friends of the Bentley Memorial Library. Our goal is to support the town library by sponsoring special events, refreshments and book sales. Join us at our next meeting on November 5th, at 6:30 pm.

The Friends of the Library's Featured Sale will showcase Cookbooks, just in time for the holidays. Children's, Young Adult and Adult books can be found in the revolving kiosk. Prices are as marked. If it's time to clean out your puzzles, games and books, please consider donating your gently used items to the Friends of the Library! All donations will support FBML to raise money to support the library. Thanks to the Friends of the Library for providing refreshments and supplies for our programs throughout the year.

Tech Assistance at Bentley

Bentley will be providing technical support for our patrons throughout the Fall months. If you need assistance with email, Hoopla, Libby, Facebook, your online account, Acorn, 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 **30 minute time slot**. Advance registration is essential to ensure that we are prepared to offer you the most useful assistance possible.

Coming This October!

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

Look for Those Clues Scavenger Hunt



A new scavenger hunt will soon be secreted around the Bentley bookshelves. Keep an eye open for Who, What, When, Where and Why to know when the hunt begins!



New Program **TODDLER PLAYTIME** Thursdays in October and November 10:00-11:00

Come and join our new parent-led toddler group which is designed for children from birth to age 3. A trained parent will lead age appropriate play and interactions. Toys will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Parents and care-givers are all welcome! Registration is not required.

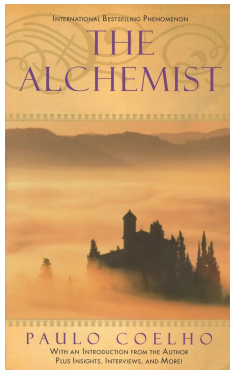
Storytime at the Library Wednesday, October 1st, 8th & 22nd 11:45-12:15



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



Fall Bulletin Board created by Amber Mosely



Traveling the World Through Fiction

Wednesday, October 15th at noon

Led by Mark Nystrom

Join us as we explore The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho; books are now available at Bentley. This second book discussion of our three book/three month book discussion series will continue to explore the world, particularly northern Africa, through the settings of novels. In November we will conclude this three-part series with Like Water for Chocolate by Laura Esquivel on Wednesday, November 19th at noon.

[Preregister for The Alchemist](#)

Exploring the Galapagos Islands

Thursday, October 16th at 6:30

Presented by Karen Cordero, former BHS Science Teacher

Come and learn about the Galapagos Islands as Karen Cordero shares her recent vacation with us. This volcanic chain of islands is located in the Eastern Pacific Ocean near the equator, west of South America.



[Preregister for the Galapagos Islands](#)



Stories at Indian Notch

Saturday, October 18th from 4:30 - 6:00 pm

60 Tolland Road, Bolton

Co-sponsored by the Bolton Recreation Department & Bentley Memorial Library

A great evening of stories, S'mores and a firepit by the lake! Come and join members of the Recreation Department and the Library staff as we enjoy the season.

[Preregister for Stories at Indian Notch](#)

Halloween Storytime

Tuesday, October 28th at 6:30

Bentley will help you get in the spooky spirit of the season with a themed Family Halloween storytime. Put on your costume and join us on Tuesday, October 28th at 6:30 for a spooky story, a treat and a special Halloween scavenger hunt.



[Preregister here](#)



Connecticut Wineries with "The Nutmeg Nose" Thursday, October 30th at 6:30

Plan to take a virtual ride through Connecticut's wine country and learn about our state's 40+ wineries. Our wine guide is Michelle Griffis, an enthusiast of Connecticut's wineries, nicknamed by friends as "The Nutmeg Nose." Michelle will discuss the array of fantastic, award-winning wineries here in our state. She will also share dining options which include vineyards with on-site cafes, food trucks, and BYO picnic options. Whether you like a dry rose', a crisp white, or a hearty red, our state offers a wine for your palette. With beautiful scenery, daily tastings, and live music, Connecticut wineries make great destinations.

[Preregister for "The Nutmeg Nose"](#)

Coming Later This Fall!

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



Bentley Memorial Library, *the building*, Turns 50!

Coming this November we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of our wonderful library facility. Designed by Alan Wiedie, this building has been serving the community since the 1970's. Be on the lookout for an announcement with all the details.

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Hands on Drumming Saturday, November 8th at 11:00 Presented by Craig Norton, Family Drum and Dance

Are you ready to make some noise? Craig Norton and Hands on Drumming will take us on a musical journey as we expand both our individual and group drumming abilities.

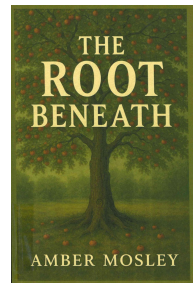
[Preregister for Hands on Drumming](#)

Book Talk: The Root Beneath

Tuesday, November 18th at 6:30

Led by Amber Mosely, author

Author and artist Amber Mosely will explore the process of creating a novel and lead a discussion of her newest work, The Root Beneath. Amber will also share samples from her earlier works.



Preregister for The Root Beneath



Book Discussion: Like Water for Chocolate

Wednesday, November 19th at noon

Led by Mark Nystrom

Join us for the third book discussion of our three book/three month series as we continue to explore the world through the settings of novels. 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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Featured Displays

Main Display Case

Visit the library during the month of October to view our special retro

Halloween display.

On Display Throughout the library

Non-Fiction: Frightening Phenomena

Adult Fiction: Horror

Young Adult: Horror

J: Halloween

ER & E: Halloween and Fall

DVDs: Horror



OCTOBER EVENTS

Wed. 1st, 8th, 22nd &
29th

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11:45 - 12:15

Thursdays

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