

Bentley Happenings

September 2025



Welcome
to the Library



Why a Library?

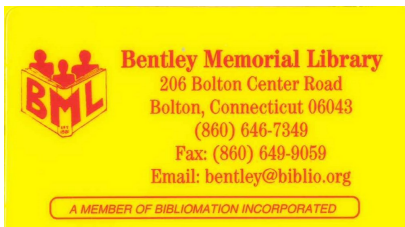
"A library is a place where you can get anything you want to know, in any format you want to know it in."

— Alvin Toffler

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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.
(Bentley has resumed regular Saturday hours)

Library Closing

In observance of Labor Day, Bentley will be closed on
Saturday, August 30th and Monday, September 1st

National Library Card Sign-up Month

September is **Library Card Sign-up Month**, and it's the perfect time to welcome new patrons or renew your card and celebrate everything your library offers.



Summer Reading Survey and Wrap Up

Summer Reading at Bentley has come to an end! Throughout the months of June, July & August Bentley offered 19 opportunities for our younger patrons to visit the library and explore our collection. There were over 500 instances of participation which filled our Storytimes, StoryWalks, Scavenger Hunts, Sea Shells and support of Bolton Center School reading programs.

The Connecticut State Library has requested that we survey our summer patrons to evaluate our current programming and to aid in planning for next year. **If you or your child participated in any of the Summer Reading programs please stop by the library and fill out a brief survey.** Information must be collected by September 25th so that it can be submitted to the state.

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



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.

Shoutbomb Fact Sheet

Eastern Highlands Health District (EHHD) Healthy Blood Pressure Initiative

A blood pressure monitor has been provided to Bentley Memorial Library, 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

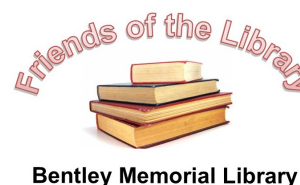


The Bolton Food Pantry Donations

Please consider donating non-perishable food items plus household cleaners, toiletries and/or paper goods to support our local Food Pantry. Some sample suggestions for consideration are: Pasta Sauce, Peanut Butter, Crackers, Paper Towels, Garbage Bags, Sponges and Toothpaste. A complete list of suggestions is available at Bentley Memorial Library and the Bolton Senior Center. These items will directly support Bolton residents who have a demonstrated need. Residents may apply to use the Pantry by filling out the Food Pantry application available at the Bolton Senior Center. Any donations may be dropped off at the library during our regular hours or at the Senior Center Monday through Thursday from 9:00 to 4:00 or on Fridays from 9:00 to 3:00.

Friends of the Library

Our sale of Kids and Young Adult books will continue through September in the front lobby. In addition to our book sales, the Friends are also selling cloth Book Bags to help keep your



library selections together. Please stop by Bentley to help support our sales. All proceeds help support the Bentley Memorial Library. If you'd like to learn more about the Friends of the Library, consider joining us at our next meeting on Wednesday, September 17th at 6:30.

Thank 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 September!

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



New Program
TODDLER PLAYTIME
Thursdays in September
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 to bring your own. Parents and care-givers are all welcome! Preregistration is not required.

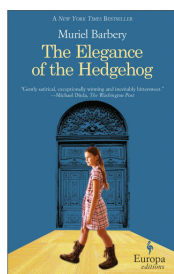
Storytime at the Library
Wednesday, September 10th & 24th
11:45-12:15

Storytime will continue on these **select Wednesdays** in September! Come and enjoy stories and a simple craft. Feel free to bring your own snack or lunch.



Preregistration is now required: September 10th

Preregistration is now required: September 24th



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**.

Preregister for The Elegance of the Hedgehog

Check Your Soil pH

Presented by Jean Laughman Master Gardener and Master Wildlife Conservationist

Thursday, September 18th at 6:30

Jean Laughman will lead patrons through the importance of checking your soil pH and steps you can take to insure your property is ready for the Spring.



Preregistration is required



Build a Bouquet with Pamela Gray

Winter Bee Garden, Gardener and Floral Arranger

Tuesday, September 23rd at 6:30

Pamela will join us at Bentley and share her skill and artistry as she guides you in creating your own bouquet. There is a limit of 10 participants. If online registration closes, please call the library and you will be put on a waiting list.

Preregistration is absolutely required

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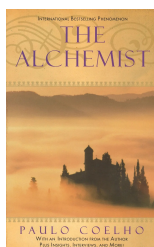
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Book Discussion: The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho

Wednesday, October 15th at noon

Led by Mark Nystrom

Join us for the second book discussion of our three book/three month book discussion 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 September to learn about the Bolton Greater Together Community Fund and all the support they give to Bolton organizations.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

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Wed. 10th & 24th

On Display Throughout the library

Non-Fiction: Books on 9/11

Adult Fiction: Heist books

Young Adult: Mysteries

J: Books on 9/11

ER & E: Back to School and Pop-up books

DVDs: Celebrating the American Worker

On Sale

The Friends of the Library are featuring Children's and Young Adult books throughout the month of September.



Storytime

11:45 - 12:15

Thursdays

Toddler Playtime

10:00 - 11:00

Wed. 17th

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