

# Bentley Happenings

## August 2026 Supplemental

### Bentley Memorial Library

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### Hours

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

### Library Closings

Bentley will be **closed every Saturday in August** through  
Labor Day Weekend.

### Summer Reading 2026 at Bentley! Celebrating Our Country's 250th Anniversary

Join us in August to help finish off 2026  
Summer Reading in style!



Our bulletin board flag is almost complete but could still use a few more handprints! Come in and have your child sign one today!

We have **8 special prizes** left for the first children from Grades 5 and up who participate in Bentley's 2026 Summer Reading Challenge.

For our Summer Reading Challenge you have to read one American historical fiction book and one nonfiction American history book. That's it! The prize is almost yours!

While they finish moving their books and complete the finishing touches on the beautiful new Manchester Library, **Mary Cheney Library** will be closed for the month of August - so come out to Bentley for your library needs!

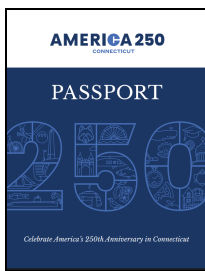
### Toddler Playtime

Toddler Playtime will be on vacation for the month of August but will return on  
Thursday September 3 at 10 AM!



### Hiring Soon!

Applications for the position of Library Page are available on the Town of Bolton website and must be submitted through the town, not the library!



## Summer 2026 Passports!

### Get Your America 250th Passport at Bentley!

America 250/CT Commission has provided Passports that educate patrons about many of the fascinating historical sites in our own backyard. The passport book features over 50 color pages that show off sites around Connecticut and encourages both residents & tourists to explore Connecticut's history.

**Free** for Bentley patrons! **Pick up yours today!**

Ask about our **discounted** passes for the following attractions included in the Passport:

CT's Old State House

New England Air Museum

New Britain Museum of American Art

Mystic Seaport Museum

## Bolton Social Services Pantry Collection

### Bentley will be collecting all Summer

Bentley has a donation box out to collect items for the **Bolton Social Services Pantry** for August.

While any nonperishable items are appreciated, here is **a list of what would be most utilized:**



Baked beans, canned chicken, canned chili, coffee, conditioner, crackers, deoderant, dish detergent, flour, fruit, home-style soup, jelly, ketchup, laundry detergent, mayonaise, napkins, oatmeal, oil, pancake mix, paper towels, pasta (canned, chef boyardee), peanut butter, rice, rice pilaf, salad dressing, shampoo, snacks, sugar, tea, toilet paper, tomatoes (crushed & whole peeled).

## United Way of CT - 988 Suicide Prevention Program

### 988 - Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

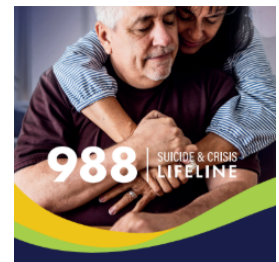
Depression is **not** a normal part of aging. Reach out to a loved one if you are struggling. Talking saves lives.

Call 211 in CT

Call/Text 988

Chat @ 988LifeLine.org

PreventSuicideCT.org



## August Programs!

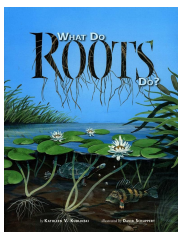
Register online, by phone at 860-646-7349, or by email at [bmlprograms@biblio.org](mailto:bmlprograms@biblio.org).

## The Search Begins

### Scavenger Hunt in August

The August Scavenger Hunt is themed around the CT Governor's Reading Challenge - "Plant a Seed, Read" will be revealed on Monday, August 3rd.





## Get Those Steps In! Book Walk in August

The August Book Walk is themed around the book "What Do Roots Do?" by Kathleen Kudlinski and will be unveiled on Monday, August 3rd.

## Lawn Game Fun!

August 6

11:00 to 2:00

Children of all ages will love Summer fun on the front lawn! Games include ring toss, frisbee, cornhole and more!



## PJ Storytime at the Library

Thursday August 6 & 20

6:30 PM

Thursdays in August

Bentley will be hosting Pajama Storytime on two Thursday nights throughout August. Feel free to bring your pillow, blanket, and a snack. Watch for separate notices of weekly theme.

Regular Storytime will resume on Thursday September 3 at noon.

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## On Display in August

This Summer, in honor of **America's 250th Birthday**, Bentley will have a display of movies about American history, freedom, independence and justice. Adult fiction displays will be **beach reads** and Adult nonfiction will be **Summer foods, travel** and **Shark Week**.



The **Main Display Case** will feature a charming display of vintage toys that should capture the imagination of adults and children alike, presented by Nancy & Gene Durocher.

Visit the **Sumner Sisters' Display Case** to view a display of beautiful vintage Pyrex, presented by Bolton resident Daniel Bergin.



## The Display Case at Bentley "We want you!"

Would you like to share your craft, art, travel or event with our fellow library patrons? Consider signing up to display your work in the main display case at Bentley Memorial Library. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your talent! We also have openings for October and December. Library patrons always enjoy admiring the display case presentations.

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## Coming in the Fall!

### Fall Book Discussion Announcement Coming in September!

Our monthly book discussion resumes in September with librarian Sam Bahre taking over hosting duties with a series of books that will provide lively and illuminating discussion about American authors and their inspirations.

We start with James McBride's **The Color Of Water** on Wednesday, September 23 at noon. Followed by the chilling novel **Misery** by Stephen King on Wednesday, October 21 at noon. And finally **Franny and Zooey** by JD Salinger on Wednesday, November 18 at noon.

We will have copies of September's book **The Color Of Water** available to borrow towards the end of August.

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## Enjoy the rest of your Summer!

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