

Bentley Happenings

September 2024



Why a Library?

The public library is where place and possibility meet.

-Stuart Dybek

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National Library Card Sign-up Month
September 2024



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, September 2nd - Labor Day

Special Notice to all Patrons

We have been notified by the vendor that Bibliomation alerts and notifications may not be going through. If you have any questions about holds, due dates, overdue notices, etc. - please contact the library at any time during our regular hours.

ART & words

Created by Dorothy Hall



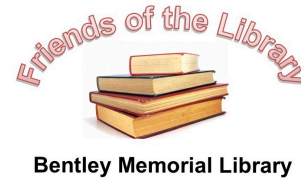
Dorothy Hall, professional artist and Bolton resident, is displaying four original works of art this month at Bentley. This four-piece collection is titled *ART & words* and focuses on our environment and its effect on our well-being.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of BML want to thank the Senior Citizens of Bolton for their generous donation of \$300 to support our library programs, which includes events like our recent “Sweets for Seniors” this past April.

Our fundraising efforts in September will be a sale of Mixed Media (DVDs/Audio Books/Music CDs), which you can locate in our revolving kiosk in the lobby. We have also received new Book Bags that are available to purchase for \$3.00.

If you would like to learn more about the Friends of BML, please join us at the library for our next meeting on September 11th at 6:30 pm.



Summer Reading Program Concludes *Read, Renew, Repeat* Smokey Bear Reading Challenge

The Smokey Bear Summer Reading Challenge has come to an end! Over 80 young patrons signed up to read 400 books over the summer and take the Smokey Bear Pledge. This pledge helps increase awareness about the possible hazards of matches and the danger campfires can cause if not properly managed. Congratulations to all our young patrons who completed this program, and don't forget to come in and get your prizes!

Tech Assistance for the Fall

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 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.

Build a Bouquet with Pamela Gray

Tuesday, September 10th at 6:30

Pamela will join us at Bentley and share her skill and artistry in creating floral bouquets. From flowers to vases, all materials will be provided, and each participant will take their own newly created arrangement home with them. This program has limited seating due to supplies and advance **registration is required**; unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate walk-ins.



[Register Here](#)



National Service Dog Awareness Month Read to the Dogs

Saturday, September 14th from 11:00 – 12:00

Join us as we celebrate National Service Dog Awareness Month with an hour of reading with our guest certified therapy dogs Toby and Amelia. A service animal is identified as any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability. Reading to a dog can improve reading abilities, help a child feel more comfortable about reading and improve a child's attitude towards reading. Plan to come and spend a great hour with two outstanding dogs.

[Register Here](#)

Book Talk

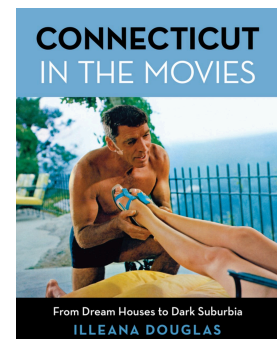
Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

Connecticut in the Movies

Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30

Illeana Douglas, author and discussion leader

Author Illeana Douglas is an Emmy-nominated actress, writer, producer, and director known for acting in such films as *Goodfellas* and *Cape Fear*. She will be appearing at Bentley for a special discussion and signing of her newest book Connecticut in the Movies which takes the



reader on a journey through Hollywood history and its connection to Connecticut. Plan to join us as we explore this unique aspect of Connecticut culture and industry. Books for this event are provided by Riverbend Book Store and will be available for purchase at \$39.95 on the night of the event.

[Register Here](#)

Book Discussion Series

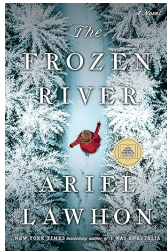
"How Women of the Past Impact Our Lives Today"

The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon, September 18th

Learning To See by Elise Hooper, October 16th

The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict, November 13th

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for this three-month book discussion series which will examine factual women in history and explore the impact they have made on our lives today. While the books are historical fiction, the women and their contributions are real!



[The Frozen River](#) by Ariel Lawhon

Wednesday, September 18th at noon

Led by Mark Nystrom

The Frozen River explores the world of a midwife in the harsh environment of 1700's Maine. Politics, prejudice, ignorance and integrity all come together to create a fascinating novel. The reader will also gain insight into rudimentary medical practices and documentation, and how they have evolved into the modern practices we know today.

[Register Here](#)

Poetry on the Patio

When poetry happens, and what poets do about it

Tuesday, September 24th at 6:30 (rain date 9/26)

Bessy Reyna, Poet Laureate of Bolton



Come to the patio for an elegant evening of poetry and refreshments where we can appreciate the beauty and power of poetry. Our poet laureate, Bessy Reyna, will share her experiences in becoming a poet and share some of her inspirational poetry and the unexpected sources that inspired her. We will also share the experience of selected poems by other poets to further expand our appreciation of the diversity poetry can offer. Books of poetry for all ages will be on display in the library.

[Register Here](#)

Storytime at the Library

Wednesday, September 11th, 18th and 25th from 11:45-12:15

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



Highlights of Events coming later this Fall

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

Putting your Garden to Bed

Presented by UConn Master Gardener Vicki DeLeo
October 10th at 6:30

True Ghost Stories of Connecticut

Presented by Charles Rosenay!!!
October 15th at 6:30

Book Discussion

Learning to See by Elise Hooper

Led by Mark Nystrom
October 16th at noon

Things That Go Bump in the Night

Presented by Ginny Apple
Date to be confirmed

Featured Displays

Main Display Case

Visit the library during the month of September and explore the history of Bolton High School as we celebrate its 60th anniversary! John Toomey and the Bolton Historical Society will curate this presentation.

Summer Sisters' Display Case

Stop by the Study Room to view the newest crystal display, Birds. Come see the beautiful examples that are on display. Courtesy of Jim Dwire and John Toomey.

On Display Throughout the library

Non-Fiction: Humor, Healthy Aging Month, Service Dogs

Adult Fiction: Humor

Young Adult: New Books

J, ER & E: Back to School, Bugs

UPCOMING EVENTS



September

Every Wednesday Storytime

11:45 - 12:15

Tue. 10th Build a Bouquet led by Pamela Gray

6:30 - 8:15

Registration essential

Wed. 11th Friends of the Library

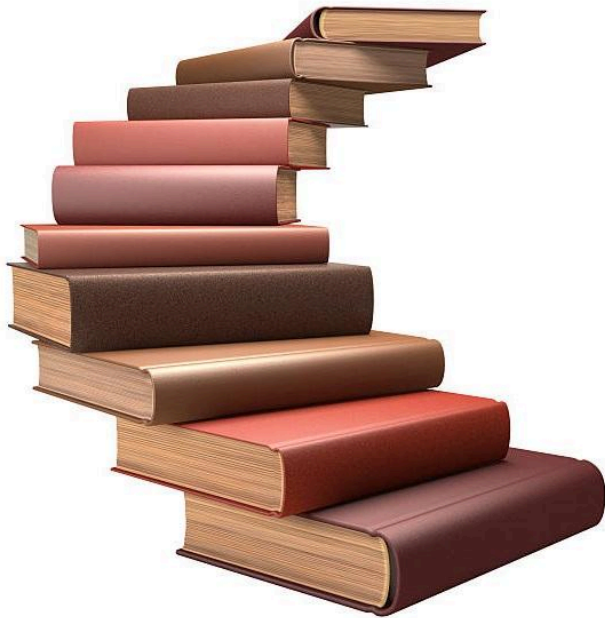
6:30

DVDs: Humor

Adult & J CDs: Classical Music Month

On Sale - Mixed Media

The Friends of the Library are featuring DVDs, Audio Books and Music CDs for the month of September.



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Every Tuesday

Knitting/Handcrafts

6:30 - 7:45



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, CT State Parks & the Connecticut Science Center still need to be picked up at Bentley. A \$20.00 deposit is no longer required.

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.

National Good Neighbor Day!

September 8, 2024 is recognized as National Good Neighbor Day. This national holiday was signed into law in 1978 by President Jimmy Carter. This celebration creates an opportunity for neighbors to get to know each other better. September 8th acknowledges and celebrates the importance of a good neighbor.



CT's New Wheelchair Law, PA 24-58

Connecticut has a new law concerning 'Wheelchair Repairs.' This law requires wheelchair suppliers to respond promptly and requires the suppliers to order any needed parts within three business days. The suppliers are also required to have the wheelchair repaired within ten business days of the original call seeking repair. The wheelchair owner has the right to have the repair done at home or in a shop and advance authorizations are prohibited. A fact sheet is attached which details the steps a concerned person would need to take. This sheet has detailed information for 'What You Need to Know', 'What You Need to Do', 'Report Delays' and 'Contact Information'. This new law should help people maneuver through the process of repairing equipment in a timely manner.

Wheelchair Repair Fact Sheet

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Thank you Friends of the Library for providing refreshments and supplies for our programs throughout the year.



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