

Bentley Books & Bits

Bentley Memorial Library

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*In case of inclement weather, closing information can be found on WFSB Channel 3.
We will be CLOSED Monday, Feb. 15, for Presidents Day.*

Due to the increase of COVID-19 cases in the area, the library is CLOSED to in-person, internal appointments **until further notice**. **OUTSIDE PICK UP IS STILL AVAILABLE DURING THIS TIME.**
To schedule outside pick up, email bentley@biblio.org or call 860-646-7349.

Virtual Programs & Events

All programs are open to residents and nonresidents and are free of charge unless otherwise noted.

Sorry, there are no in-person programs at this time.

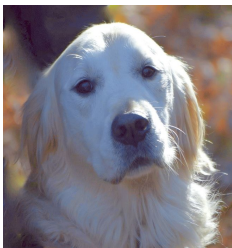
To register for a program, call 860-646-7349 or email bmlreference@biblio.org

Tomorrow! Groundhog Day Storytime

Thursday, Jan. 28, 11:30 a.m.

The following books will be read by Miss Liz and Miss Trish: "Who Will See Their Shadows This Year?" by Jerry Pallotta, "Grumpy Groundhog," by Maureen Wright, "One Snowy Rescue," by M. Christina Butler, and "Little Owl's Snow," by Divya Srinivasan.

Get the Zoom link when you register and schedule a pick up time for the groundhog Take & Make craft kit. We'll give a demonstration of the craft after the stories. Join us! Ideal for ages 8 and under.



Take the Library to Your Child Day Storytime with Riley

Saturday, Feb. 6, 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Join us for storytime with Riley, Bentley's unofficial mascot. We'll have a companion Take & Make bookmark craft kit for each child registered. Contact us to register, set a time to pick up your kit, and for the **Zoom** link. We have picture books about going to the library. Request one or more when registering.

Chocolate & Tea

Thursday, Feb. 11, at 6:30 p.m.

This fun, educational program highlights the history and varieties of chocolate and great tea pairings. You'll also learn how to make chocolate bark! Kim Larkin of Klassic Kreationz will share her experience as a chocolatier and discuss how to brew a proper cuppa tea. You'll receive the bark recipe, recommended teas, and a **Zoom** link upon registration. Try your hand at making bark before the program, then share how it went for you. Kim will answer questions and offer suggestions based on your experience. This joint program is offered by Bentley Memorial Library, Bolton Senior Center and Social Services, and Bolton Recreation Department.

Children's Zoom Storytime & Craft

Thursdays, Feb. 11, 18, 25, 1:30 to 2:00 p.m. *(New Time!)*

Join us for stories followed by a craft demonstration by Miss Trish. Ideal for ages 8 and under. This month's theme is friendship. Bolton residents and nonresidents welcome. Register and receive the **Zoom** link, activity sheet, and craft activity instructions.

Adulting 101 - Financial Literacy

Thursday, Feb. 18, 7:00-7:45 p.m.

What is one key to living a successful adult life? Understanding how to manage your finances. This often overlooked life skill is covered by speaker Patrina Dixon, owner of P. Dixon Consulting. She is a personal finance expert, international speaker, award-winning author, and advocate for financial literacy. Patrina will engage and educate as she covers the importance of credit, budgeting, saving, and so much more. This is the first in a series of Adulting 101 programs and is open to high school and college-aged students only. Contact us to register and for the **Zoom** link.

Adult Zoom Book Club

Monday, Feb. 22, 7:00 p.m.

New day and date! This month's discussion will be led by our own Trish Brudz. We'll be reading "Saving CeeCee Honeycutt," by Beth Hoffman. Set in the 1960s, we'll follow 12-year-old CeeCee Honeycutt on her unexpected journey to Savannah. It is a funny and touching story with rich characters who demonstrate the strength of female friendship. Join us for a lively discussion. We'll end the night talking about genres and themes for our next book choice. Register to receive the **Zoom** link.

Pajama Storytime

Thursday, Feb. 25, 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Get in your cozy pajamas and hunker down in a comfy spot for Pajama Storytime. We will feature winter stories. Register and receive the **Zoom** link.

Memorial Gifts

Bentley Memorial Library was the recipient of generous donations of memorial gifts in honor of Mr. James Aufman of Bolton, who passed away on November 6, 2020. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the Aufman family and our thanks to all of the donors.



Music CDs:

We continue to purchase the latest in music CDs. Give us a call to let us know what you would like to check out. We can help you with selecting artists or genres. Here is a sampling of some new CDs you might enjoy: Josh Groban "Harmony," Alicia Keys "Alicia," Bruce Springsteen "Letter To You," Sam Smith "Love Goes," Keith Urban "The Speed Of Now," Yo-Yo Ma "Songs of Comfort and Hope," and Gregory Porter "All Rise."

Bolton Charter Revision Commission Public Hearing

Thursday, Feb. 4, beginning at 7:15 p.m. via Zoom

The purpose of this hearing is to present and gather public comment regarding the BCRC's draft report to the Board of Selectmen recommending changes to the Town of Bolton Charter.

The Charter is Bolton's "constitution" which sets out the basic structure of the town's government, and defines the roles and authority of its public officers and commissions except where those subjects are mandated by state statutes.

The seven-member commission, chaired by Gwen Marrion, was appointed by the BOS in November 2019. The commission has been meeting since January 2020, reviewing the entire Charter to address issues and suggestions made by the BOS, members of other town boards and commissions, town staff, and members of the general public for updating and improving the Charter.

The other members of the commission are Eleanor Georges (Vice Chair), James Aldrich, Jay Brudz, Richard P. Hayes Jr., Adam Teller, and John B. Toomey Jr.

The commission's draft report is being compiled and will be posted on the town website prior to the public hearing. The draft report recommends that the town continue the current First Selectman/Board of Selectmen form of government with a Town Administrator handling day-to-day operations, but recommends both substantive and technical changes to the Charter.

Members of the public who would like more information should check the town website for the draft report

and the commission's agenda to be posted in the near future prior to the public hearing. The agenda will provide the telephone access number for the meeting, as well as information for how to obtain the link for participating by Zoom internet access. [Click Here for Zoom Details.](#)

Hours for Outside Pick Up

Mon, Tue, Thu 10:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Wed 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.