

## Bentley Books & Bits

### Bentley Memorial Library

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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](mailto:bentley@biblio.org) or call 860-646-7349.

### Bolton Center School's Reading Hall of Fame

March 2-April 16

We're partnering with the school to provide students with the books they need to join the BCS Reading Hall of Fame. We'll create a bag of books by request for you to pick up outside. Contact us!

### Celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday all March long!

Check out and read 3 (or more) Dr. Seuss books to receive a "You Did It" certificate, a bookmark and more! Have fun reading and celebrating this beloved author.

Select which books you would like or we can select them for you. Call or email us and we'll put books outside for you to pickup.

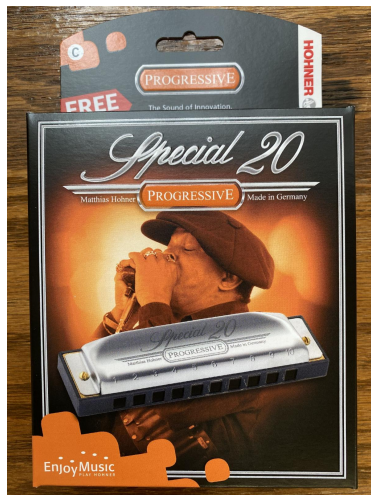


### Virtual Programs & Events

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 [bmlprograms@biblio.org](mailto:bmlprograms@biblio.org)



### Tweens & Teens - Free Harmonica and a Concert and Lesson with Steve Clark.

Monday, March 8, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Bolton residents only)

This program combines a concert and harmonica lesson. Steve demonstrates how professionals use a variety of harmonicas and equipment to create seemingly unlimited musical effects. He will then provide a short group lesson on harmonica playing. **Open to Bolton residents in middle school and high school** interested in learning to play the harmonica. You'll receive a free professional Hohner Progressive Series Diatonic Special 20 harmonica. Thank you to the Connecticut State Library and an anonymous donor for providing the FREE Hohner harmonicas! Spaces are limited so register early. You'll receive the **Zoom** link and schedule a time to pick up your harmonica.

### Children's Zoom Storytime for Spring

Thursdays, March 11, 18, 25, 1:30 to 2:00 p.m.

Join us for stories followed by a craft demonstration. Ideal for ages 8 and under. Bolton residents and nonresidents welcome. Register and receive the Zoom link, activity sheet, and craft activity instructions.

## Kahoot Family Trivia Night!

Thursday, March 18 7:00-8:00

Test your knowledge in this fun hour of Trivia. We'll have four separate games, each with its own theme. Join us! For more information or to register, contact Bentley Memorial Library.

This is a joint program with Bentley Memorial Library, Bolton Recreation Department, and Bolton Senior Center and Social Services.

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## Adult Zoom Book Club

Thursday, March 25, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

This month's discussion will be led by Liz Thornton. We'll be reading "**The Red Address Book,**" by **Sophia Lundberg**. 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 and a copy of the book.

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## Crumbling Foundations

Coming later in March

Tim Heim of Connecticut Coalition Against Crumbling Basements and Bolton's own Professor Jonathan Gourley of Trinity College will share information and answer questions about this complex issue. Join us via Zoom.

Date and time details coming soon!



## Cooking with SarahBeth!

### French Toast Rollups

Saturday, March 27, 10 a.m.

Join us for lunch in your pajamas! This recipe is perfect for all ages to get involved. Bring the family together and cook brunch following along with Sarahbeth right from your kitchen via Zoom.

This is a joint program with Bentley Memorial Library, Bolton Recreation Department, and Bolton Senior Center and Social Services.

There is no cost for this program. To receive virtual class information and the grocery list, register with the Bolton Recreation Department with this link:

<https://boltonrec.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=879>

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## Coming April 5-10

Celebrate **National Library Week** with us! Scheduled activities include Birding with Ernie Harris; a Zoom Book Lunch; a Tween Dot Mandala Paint Night; storytimes and pajama storytimes for kids; Escape Room fun and more activities still in the planning stages. Stay tuned!



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## What is Your Favorite Dip Recipe?

Bolton Senior Center, Bentley Memorial Library, and the Bolton Recreation Department are sharing our favorite dip recipes during the month of February! Send us your favorite dip recipe for the chance for it to be shared in our newsletters! Also, stay tuned for a Bolton dip recipe list that will be displayed on our website, where we compile all of our recipes for the whole town to try.

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**130 blankets collected!**  
**Thank you.**

We closed out our blanket drive on a high note

with 46 handmade blankets donated in February.

The outpouring of support for our neighbors in need has been tremendous. In 3 months, **130 handmade blankets** were donated to keep our neighbors warm.

Thank you to everyone in Bolton and the surrounding communities who donated your time and talents.

We received a lovely note from Holy Family Home and Shelter in Willimantic. They are *"most appreciative of your very generous donation of blankets. They were so welcomed. It was fun just unpacking them. Each was so pretty and we just knew what personality to match with each... Trying to meet the needs of all guests is always a challenge. This donation will help us to provide total care and we are so appreciative. Each person is provided her/his own blanket, pillow, etc. and are encouraged to take them with them when they move to more stable housing. This has been an additional cost to the shelter so all donations are gratefully received"*



#### **Sock donations**

14 pairs of socks were donated this month as well and will be greatly appreciated at our local shelters!

#### **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.