

Bentley Books & Bits

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Mask Up! We're Open by Appointment

Give us a call to make your appointment to come peruse the shelves, read a newspaper, or use the computer. Or you can choose curbside pick up, if you prefer. We're open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Visit our [website](#) for all the details.

Bolton Center School Reading Hall of Fame March 2 - April 16

The library has all of the books for the BCS Reading Hall of Fame available to borrow. Come in to browse by appointment or we can create a bag of books by request for you to pick up outside. Contact us!

Virtual Programs & Events

Programs

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, call 860-646-7349 or email bmlprograms@biblio.org

Celebrate National Library Week with Us! **April 5 - April 10**

We have a week of programs planned with a little something for everyone.

Connecticut Birding Monday, April 5, at 6:30 p.m.

Ernie Harris, former Bolton resident and long-time bird aficionado, will explore Connecticut birding — whether in the backyard or nearby park. Ernie will cover equipment basics, ID helps, where and when to go birding, and some backyard feeding tips.



Kahoot Family Trivia Night Tuesday, April 6, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Our last trivia night was so much fun we decided to do it again!



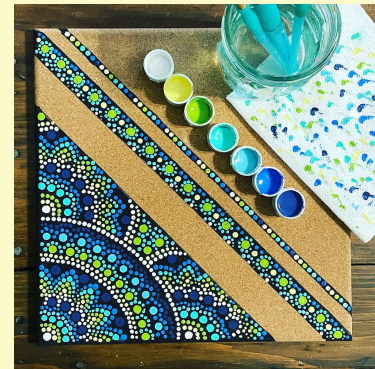
We'll host four separate games, each with a different theme. You can compete as individuals or as a team. Come test your knowledge and have a lot of laughs along the way.

Paint Night for Teens and Tweens Dot Manadala Cork Board

Wednesday, April 7, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Paint Night pro Lindsey Hottin of Lindsey's Craft Studio is bringing out our creative sides once again. You don't have to be a master artist. Lindsey will walk you through the project step by step.

We will provide the paint and corkboard, you provide the brushes. *This program is open to middle school and high school students only.*



Two storytimes to celebrate National Unicorn Day

Thursday, April 8

1:30 to 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Join us for fun stories about unicorns at either or both of our storytimes. Ideal for ages 8 and under. When you register, you will receive coloring pages, activity sheets, and the Zoom link. We will have a Take & Make craft kit for anyone interested. Call or email to set up a time to pick up your kit.

NASA Friday

Friday, April 9

The library is closed but we have interesting and fun things for you to do. Use the links below to explore some exciting and interesting items from NASA.

Spot the Station

Use the NASA map to know when you should look to the sky to spot the International Space Station. It's bright, moves very fast and can be seen with the naked eye. <https://spotthestation.nasa.gov/>

Podcasts

NASA has a host of podcasts sure to catch your interest. From learning about gravity and what NASA scientists are discovering about it in "Gravity Assist" to "On a Mission" filled with "thrilling stories about NASA missions, told through the lives of those who make space exploration possible," there is a lot to explore.

<https://www.nasa.gov/podcasts>

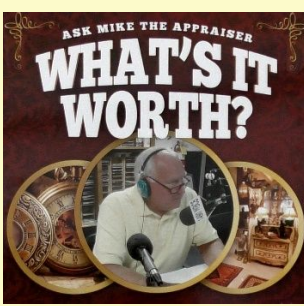
Mars Rover

Watch this NASA YouTube video with the latest update on the Mars Rover. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E35deNrJEIY>



What's It Worth?

Saturday, April 10, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Do you have a family heirloom, a special item, or something quirky and want to know the value? This is your chance to find out. Author, auctioneer, appraiser and radio show host Michael Ivankovich will introduce you to "*What Determines Value*"...and reveal what your antiques, collectibles, and personal treasures are really worth today. **The first 25 to register are invited to share an item over Zoom for Mike to appraise.**

Mike Ivankovich has been involved in some phase of the antiques and collectibles business for more than 40 years. He is a frequent lecturer, has authored more than 20 books, and is the host of the "*What's It Worth? Ask Mike the Appraiser*" radio show that airs weekly in Philadelphia, Penn.

FAMILY PROGRAM offered jointly by Bolton Recreation Department, Bentley Memorial Library, and Bolton Senior and Social Services

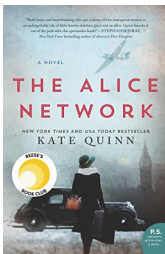
Jukebox Bingo

Saturday, April 24, at 7:00 p.m.



We have changed the way you play bingo forever! No more numbers in our game, they're gone! We have replaced the 75 numbers with 75 songs. On each bingo card, there are 25 song titles and no two cards are the same. As the game begins, we play 25 seconds of a song. The player then has to name that tune, check their card, and if it's there, mark it off. The first one to match the pattern of the game, yells BINGO! If a player doesn't know the name of the song, we actually display it on the shared screen in Zoom.

Get your snacks ready and get the **entire family** involved! Register for this program through the Bolton Recreation Department at <https://boltonrec.recdesk.com>



Adult Book Discussion

Monday, April 26, at 7:00 p.m.

Our choice for April's read is "*The Alice Network*," by **Kate Quinn**, an enthralling tale of the unsung valor of female espionage agents in the Great War. This book is a favorite among the library staff! Contact us to register and reserve your copy.

One-on-One Reading to the Dogs

Time slots available during the following days/times:
April 24, May 8 and May 22 between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m.
April 24 and May 1, 8, and 29 between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m.

Build your budding reader's confidence and boost their desire to read with one-on-one reading to a dog over **Zoom**. These lovable dogs offer judgement-free listening and will sit or lay as your child reads to them. We have a mix of therapy dogs and personal pets who are ready to listen to whichever book your child chooses. **Spaces are limited.** To request a 20-minute time slot, please complete the library request form using this link <https://bit.ly/39xpbVb>.



**White-tailed Deer in Spring and Summer:
It's All About the Fawns**
Thursday, April 29, at 6:00 p.m.



In January, Master Wildlife Conservationist, tracker, and Bolton resident Ray Hardy took us on a journey through the lives and adaptations of the white-tailed deer in fall and winter. Now we'll catch up with these magnificent animals in spring and summer, when it's all about the fawns! Contact us to register and receive the Zoom link.

Books and movies about libraries and bookstores

Library and bookstore themed books and audiobooks, and movies about librarians are on display for the month of April. From "Twelve Angry Librarians" and "The Bookman's Tale" to "The Haunted Library" series and "Library Mouse," there's something for everyone Pre-K through adult. Come browse by appointment or request items for outside pickup.

Library Notices

Courtesy reminder notices are automatically sent three days before an item is due.

All items must be returned to the outside book drop, after which they are taken off-site to quarantine before being removed from your account. **WE DO NOT CHARGE FINES FOR THIS QUARANTINE PERIOD (UP TO TWO WEEKS).** Please give us at least two weeks before alerting us to anything that still appears on your account.