

Bentley Happenings

November/December 2023

Hours

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

Sat., 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Farewell

Trish Brudz is leaving Bentley Memorial Library for a full-time librarian position. Trish loved helping patrons with technology questions, finding the right book, and providing engaging and interesting programming for the community. She will deeply miss seeing all the wonderful library patrons she has gotten to know over the years. We wish her the best.

The library will be closed on Saturday, Nov. 11 in honor of Veterans Day, Thursday and Saturday, Nov. 23 and 25 for Thanksgiving, and on Monday, Dec. 25.



The
Palace
Project

New e-resource for library patrons!

Introducing The Palace Project, an e-reading, e-listening experience developed by and for libraries. The Palace app allows you to access more of your library's ebooks and audiobooks in one place - including your library's full Libby collection. Plus, you can enjoy **thousands of free titles** on the Palace Bookshelf which are yours to keep for as long as you'd like. Download the Palace app for Android or Apple iOS today! (*Not compatible with Kindle, Nook, or Kobo devices for technical and privacy reasons*). It is compatible with mobile device assistive technologies such as Voice Over (iOS) and Talkback (Android) for those with visual impairments. Want help getting started? Check out the [FAQ page](#) and the [tutorial videos](#) on the Palace Project website or bring your device to the library. The app will only prompt you to enter your library card once, the first time you borrow or reserve an item. Note: *Our Hoopla collection remains separate, and is not accessible via the Palace Project app.*



Featured Displays

Main Display Case

Visit the library and enjoy the beautiful hand quilted items and quilts created by Gemma Biske.

Summer Sisters' Display Case

Stop in the study room to see the American-made clear depression dinnerware display courtesy of Jim Dwire and John Toomey.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed. 1st, 8th, 15th
Drop-in Storytime

11:00-11:30 a.m.

Thur. 2nd

On Sale

The Friends of the Library will be featuring cookbooks for sale throughout the month. Prices will be as marked.

On Display

- War themed adult books and movies
- Cozy mysteries
- Graphic novels - Juvenile books (grades 4-8)
- Delve into a new young adult (YA) series
- Fall and Thanksgiving children's books
- Adult and juvenile nonfiction - cookbooks

Learn the Harmonica. This program was fun and engaging. Participants received their own professional harmonica to keep courtesy of an anonymous donor and the CT State Library.



Orchid Care Tutorial Program. There were quite a few orchids, and they left the library much happier than when they arrived. Ellen Icart, orchid enthusiast, helped participants repot their orchids and shared proper care techniques, including her own fertilizer recipe. Thank you to Friends of the Library for sponsoring this program.



TixKeeper Coming Soon!

On December 1st we will be offering downloadable and e-passes for area museums and attractions as well as the physical pass. Access TixKeeper from our [website](#).

November Programs

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

Drop-in Storytime

Wednesdays Nov. 1, 8, 15, 11:00-11:30 a.m.

Come to the library for drop-in storytime from 11:00-11:30 a.m. Enjoy stories, simple activity sheets and time with friends. No registration needed.



4th Annual Oh So Cozy Blanket Drive November and December

The library will be collecting NEW handmade quilts and blankets to benefit Cornerstone Shelter in Vernon/Rockville and Holy Family Home Shelter in Willimantic. The shelter residents appreciate the skill and time required to create the beautiful handmade quilts and blankets. Drop off your new creations to the library throughout November and December.



Hand Drumming

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Mon. 6th

Lights Out Connecticut

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Thur. 16th

Art and AI

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Sat. 18th

Get Creative with Cardboard

10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Thurs. 30th

Adult Book Discussion

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Find the beat
at **the library** 
Instruments provided for all programs

Hand Drumming Fun

Thursday, Nov. 2, 6:30 p.m.

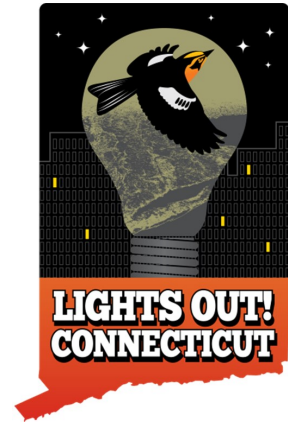
Professional musician, Bob Bloom is bringing a colorful cargo of drums for everyone to get their heart and hands around. Together with Bob, we'll launch legendary songs that have delectable beats. This program is great for adults and kids alike! There are 4 spots remaining. [Register.](#)



Lights Out Connecticut

Monday, Nov. 6, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Craig Repasz, co-founder and co-chair of Lights Out CT, will discuss light pollution and its effect on birds. Learn how you can help the millions of birds that pass through Connecticut every spring and fall on their way to and from their summer nesting grounds. Because our state is located along the Atlantic Flyway, many birds use our shorelines and green spaces to rest and refuel during their trip. But light pollution has wreaked havoc on our night sky. Artificial light emitted by our homes, buildings, street lights, bridges, and other structures can confuse and disorient birds, causing them to land near buildings, crash into windows, and/or circle around for hours until they drop from exhaustion. The result is catastrophic: Nearly 1 billion bird deaths in North America each year ([read more](#)). Join us for this important and informative program. [Register.](#)



The Implications of AI on Art and Creativity

Thursday, Nov. 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Dorothy Hall, professional artist and Bolton resident, will lead a timely discussion about the implications of AI on art and creativity, and how artists can protect their work. Join us for this thought-provoking program. [Register.](#)



Get Creative with Cardboard

Saturday, Nov. 18, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Drop-in event

Back by popular demand! We had so much fun creating this summer that we are pulling out the cardboard, duct tape, and markers once again. Stop in during the day and see where your creativity takes you! *Registration is not required.*



Adult Book Discussion

***The 100 Year Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson**

Thursday, Nov. 30, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join our discussion of a man who does not want to celebrate his 100th birthday and the crazy adventures that ensue. [Register.](#)



This book is a "great cure for the blues, especially for anyone who might feel bad about growing older." ~ Kirkus Reviews.

Knitting and Handcraft Tuesdays

Every 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.*



December Programs

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

Holiday Celebration at the Library

Saturday, Dec. 2, noon

Come and join in the day long fun in the town of Bolton to celebrate the holidays, from breakfast with Santa at the Fire Department to the tree lighting on the town green. Stop by the Bentley Memorial Library at noon for a special craft and treats and then later in the evening, enjoy a holiday story at the gazebo.

Storytime at the Library

Thursdays in December, 11:30-12:00

Drop-in event

Come and enjoy stories and simple crafts. Feel free to bring your own lunch. Storytime will be held on December 7, 14, 21, 28. *No registration needed.*

Pajama Storytime

Monday, Dec. 18, 6:45-7:30 p.m.

Come dressed in red and green and bring your pillow, blanket and stuffed animal. We will share quiet stories and music of the season and have special festive treats and a craft. [Register.](#)



Read to the Dogs

Date and time to be announced

Join us for a special Read To The Dogs event. Reading to a dog helps children gain reading confidence and fluency. It also encourages reading, leading to lifelong learning. Sign your child up to read a favorite story or chapter of a book to a Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dog.



Booked For Lunch

Thursday, Dec. 28, noon

Join us for a discussion of “Anxious People” by Fredrik Backman, a story of eight people who become unlikely friends when an inept bank robber lands them in a hostage situation. Bring a lunch if you like and the library will provide the dessert. *(This book discussion is rescheduled from its original date of 10/26).* [Register.](#)

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Quite a few of our young patrons are working toward their 1,000 books before Kindergarten goal. You'd be surprised how quickly the books add up - especially because reading the same book counts each time. Stop in the library and register your little one and start them on the path to reading.



Thank you Friends of the Library
for providing refreshments and supplies for our
programs and for sponsoring our Orchid Care
Tutorial program in October.



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