

# Bentley Happenings

May 2026



## Why a Library?

"The health of our civilization can be tested by how well we support our libraries."

- Carl Sagan

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## Bentley Memorial Library

206 Bolton Center Road  
Bolton, CT  
860-646-7349 [bentley@biblio.org](mailto:bentley@biblio.org)

## Hours

Mon. - Thurs., 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Sat., 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Bentley will be closed on Saturday, May 23rd and Monday May 25th in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.



The month of May is recognized as National Military Appreciation Month.

## Did You Know.....

- Due to popular demand, the **Large Print** collection has been separated from the general Adult Fiction books.
- **Two dozen Large Print** titles have been ordered from the Connecticut State Library for a three-month loan to supplement the collection.
- The library purchased **16 new Large Print** titles to enhance our collection.
- If you run a private book club outside the library, Bentley can help with ordering books. Contact the circulation desk and we will let you know if your selection is available and have copies delivered to the library.



## Wowbrary

Wowbrary is a nonprofit service that provides free weekly emails about your local library's most recent acquisitions including new books, DVDs, and CDs. Our service reaches both avid library patrons and those who haven't used libraries in years. Wowbrary serves as an attractive online version of the new-book shelf, but one that spans all library branches, includes items that are checked out, and comes by convenient email. By showcasing the latest arrivals and allowing patrons to click through directly to the library website, Wowbrary makes it easy to scan quickly what's new and encourages greater library use.

## Signing up to receive weekly emails

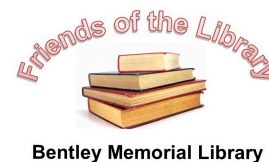
Go to <https://www.wowbrary.org> and type your ZIP code in the upper left box. Then hit the Go button. Wowbrary will display Bentley Memorial Library and other area libraries. Check Bentley, enter your email address and then click submit. You will start receiving updates within a week of the library's latest purchases.

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## Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library will offer **Biographies** for sale throughout the month of May in the front lobby. In addition to book sales, the Friends are selling cloth Book Bags to help keep your library selections together. Please stop by Bentley to help support our sales. All proceeds will be used to support future programs at the library.

If you'd like to learn more about the Friends of the Library, consider joining us at our next meeting in June.



Thanks to the Friends of the Library for providing refreshments and supplies for our programs throughout the year and for the complimentary coffee bar.

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## eGO The Palace Project *Download the app for free books!*

The Connecticut State Library now has over 54,000 titles in its collection of online books. These books include mysteries, thrillers, and backlist bestsellers. Our patrons are often looking for a standalone mystery or a mystery series – eGO Palace Project has both!

To access the eGO Palace Project, download the "Palace Project" app on your mobile device from the App Store or Google Play, then log in using your library card number and PIN to browse and borrow ebooks and audiobooks from the Connecticut State Library's eGO collection; you can access both your local library's collection and the statewide eGO collection through this app.

The [All CT Reads](#) program is in full swing for 2026! To support participation in this amazing program, the Palace Project has purchased all available copies of this year's titles. The Palace Project has also created an All CT Reads 2026 lane on every library's interface for improved discoverability.

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## The Seed Library at Bentley

The Master Gardener Program, a University of Connecticut extension, has donated dozens of seed packets to Bentley Memorial Library. Stop by the library to choose your seeds and get a jump on your seasonal planting.



## News of Note

- The **Bolton Regional Lions Club** continues to collect donated prescription eyeglasses and prescription sunglasses at Bentley Memorial Library.
  - The **Art Wall** at Bentley is featuring the work of Bolton High School artists.
  - The **study room** at Bentley is open for use by our patrons. The room must be reserved and patrons must check in at the circulation desk upon arrival.
  - DOE & EPA have developed a guide for automotive fuel economy. An electronic version can be found at <https://www.fueleconomy.gov/feg/printGuides.shtml>
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## Staffing Changes

Mark Nystrom has decided to retire from Bentley Memorial Library. He has truly enjoyed working with all the patrons and working to enhance the library's programming and technical support. The library is very pleased to announce that Sam Bahre will be moving into this position. We wish them both the very best!

# May Programs!

Register online, by phone at 860-646-7349, or by email at [bmlprograms@biblio.org](mailto:bmlprograms@biblio.org).



## The Search Begins Scavenger Hunt

A new seasonal Scavenger Hunt will be unveiled on Saturday, May 2nd.

## Toddler Playtime Thursdays in May 10:00-11:00



Come and join our parent-led toddler group which is designed for children from birth to age 3. A trained parent will lead age appropriate play and interactions. Toys will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Parents and care-givers are all welcome!



## Storytime at the Library Wednesday, May 6th, 13th and 20th 12:00 to 12:30

Storytime will continue on these **select Wednesdays** in May! Come and enjoy stories and a simple craft. Feel free to bring your own snack or lunch. The change in time was made to accommodate the nursery school schedule.

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## Birds of Prey/Night and Day

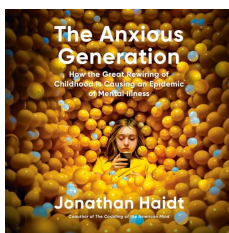
**Presented by Horizon Wings, Raptor Rehabilitation & Education**  
**Saturday, May 16th at 11:00**



Explore the world of raptors that share the same habitat but are active at different times – day and night. Falcons, hawks, and eagles often occupy the same territories as nocturnal owls: hardwood or mixed forests, pastures and marshlands, and even our suburbs and urban areas. Learn about what makes each species successful in its environment and the special adaptations they have for being diurnal or nocturnal.

[Preregister for Birds of Prey/Night and Day](#)

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## The Bolton Prevention Council Book Discussion of The Anxious Generation Presented by Ashley Perreira Hosted at Bentley Memorial Library Wednesday, May 20th at 6:00

Join the Bolton Prevention Council for their inaugural book discussion of The Anxious Generation by Jonathan Haidt on May 20th at 6pm. This book has taken the parenting and clinical world by storm over the past few years, emphasizing the influential nature of technology and social media on today's youth and the impact its had on mental health and engagement. All are welcome to join, whether you've read the book or not! Free copies will be available to the first 5 people who register for the event at [BoltonPreventionCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:BoltonPreventionCouncil@gmail.com). Additional copies are available through the library, with audio versions available on Libby and Hoopla.

## Rocks and Minerals

Thursday, May 21st at 6:30

Presented by Louis Fazzina

Connecticut, and the rest of New England, is rich in rocks and minerals. Louis will take us on a mineralogical tour of the region, and introduce us to 'rockhounding' and prospecting. An in-depth look at our local minerals will offer hands-on experience.



### [Preregister for Rocks and Minerals](#)

## Coming in June!

Register online, by phone at 860-646-7349, or by email at [bmlprograms@biblio.org](mailto:bmlprograms@biblio.org).



## Celebrating America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### The Web They Wove

Presented by Dirty Blue Shirts

Thursday, June 4th at 6:30

Helping Bolton celebrate the nation's 250th anniversary, Dirty Blue Shirts will present a hands-on program featuring the techniques women used with textiles, and the impact they had during the American Revolution.

### [Preregister for The Web They Wove](#)

## Summer Reading Kick-off

Celebrating Our Country's 250th Anniversary

Saturday, June 13th from 11:00 - 2:00

Join us at the library as we march into the wonders of **Summer Reading**. Sign your name on a 'hand' and add it to our special flag Bulletin Board. Coloring Sheets, Word Searches, a Scavenger Hunt and Friendship Bracelets will be part of our celebration. More **Summer Reading** information will be available in the June newsletter.



## On Display

Visit the **Summer Sisters' Display Case** to view a display of Rocks and Minerals commonly found throughout New England. Louis Fazzina will be presenting at Bentley on Thursday, May 21st.

The **Main Display Case** will feature a fascinating and informative collection of artifacts presented by BikeWalkBolton.



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