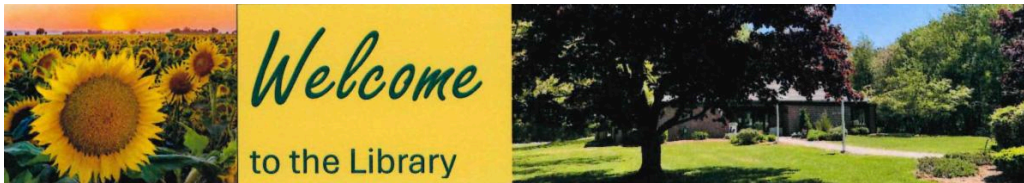


# Bentley Happenings

June 2026



## Why a Library?

"Libraries are the living memory of mankind."

- **Aldous Huxley**

[Visit our Website](#)



Follow us on Facebook at Bentley Memorial Library.

## 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.

### Library Closing

Bentley will be closed on Saturday, July 4th in observance of the holiday.



June begins our Summer long celebration of America's 250th birthday!

## Did You Know.....

- Bentley Memorial Library provides complimentary **WiFi** for all of our guests. The password is: **bmlbooks**
- 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.

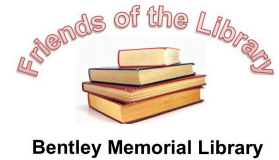
## Signing up to receive weekly emails

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.

## Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library will offer biographies for sale throughout the month of June 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.



## 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.



## The Palace Project Celebrates Recent Pulitzer Prize Winners

On May 4, the 2026 Pulitzer Prizes were awarded by the Pulitzer Prize Board for work during the 2025 calendar year.

To support demand for these titles, the Palace Project has purchased all available copies of this year's Pulitzer Prize winners and finalists and made them available through their app.



## BCS 2nd Grade Class Visit

The second grade joined the Bentley librarians on May 27th for an annual morning of fun. Book selection, storytime, a scavenger hunt, and outdoor games helped the students explore the library and become familiar with what Bentley has to offer. A public library is a wonderful resource that stays with a person for their entire life, and we are fortunate to help the second graders begin their journey of reading for knowledge and pleasure. If you have a second grader in your life, make sure to ask them about [The Book With No Pictures](#) by BJ Novak!

## The Bentley Memorial Library Patio

The BML patio is open for the season and we have additional seating and an additional coffee table. Enjoy a picnic with a book in this fine weather!



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## News of Note

- **Storytime at Bentley Library** will now be on **Thursday** mornings at noon through the month of June following Toddler Playtime. Please let us know how this new schedule works for you.
- The **Bolton Regional Lions Club** continues to collect donated prescription eyeglasses and prescription sunglasses at Bentley Memorial Library.
- 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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## June 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 Juneteenth Scavenger Hunt will be unveiled on Monday, June 1st.

### Toddler Playtime Thursdays in June 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 Thursdays, June 4th, 18th, and 25th 12:00 to 12:30

Storytime will now be on these **select Thursdays** throughout the month of June. Feel free to bring your own snack or lunch.

### 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. Refreshments will be provided by the Bolton Historical Society.

[Preregister for The Web They Wove](#)



## Simply Soil... and Some Dirt Too

Presented by Jean Laughman, Bolton Master Gardener and Master Wildlife Conservationist

Thursday, June 18th at 6:30

What is soil? Where does it come from? Is there "bad" soil or "good" soil? Why is soil not just dirt? Learn why understanding soil is worthwhile for gardeners and non-gardeners alike.

### [Preregister for Simply Soil](#)

## Read to the Dogs

w/ Reese & Amelia

Faithful Friends Therapy Dogs

New England Human Animal Bond Foundation

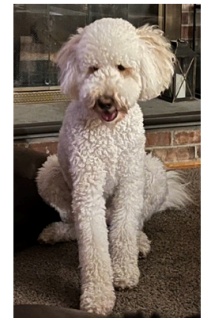
Saturday June 27, 10:30-11:30

Bentley will feature a morning visit from two of our guest certified therapy dogs Reese and Amelia. Reading to a dog can improve reading abilities, help a child feel more comfortable and improve a child's attitude towards reading.

Call or email to register: 860-646-7349 or [bmlprograms@biblio.org](mailto:bmlprograms@biblio.org)



Reese



Amelia

## On Display in June



This month, in honor of **Juneteenth**, Bentley will have a display of books on the African American experience.

Juneteenth, **June 19th**, is a day of celebration, remembrance, and reflection on the long journey towards freedom and equality for African Americans in the United States. If you would like to read more about Juneteenth, the following books will be on display within the library: [On Juneteenth](#) by Annette Gordon-Reed, [Juneteenth](#) by Ralph Ellison, [What is Juneteenth?](#) by Kirsti Jewel, and [A](#)

[Flag for Juneteenth](#) by Kim Taylor.

Visit the **Sumner Sisters' Display Case** to view a display of vintage glass, commemorating America's 250th. This presentation is offered by Jim Dwire and John Toomey of Two J's Glass Collectors.



The **Main Display Case** will feature a fascinating and informative collection of artifacts showing the history of fireworks in the United States presented by Brian Zompanti.



## The Display Case at Bentley

"We want you!"

Would you like to share your craft, art, travel or event with our fellow library patrons? Consider signing up to display your work in the main display case at Bentley Memorial Library. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your talent! AUGUST is coming and we have a slot available for you. We also have openings for October and November. Library patrons always enjoy admiring the

display case presentations.

The Art Wall at Bentley is available for all local artists who would like to display their art. Please contact the library at 860-646-7349 or [bmlprograms@biblio.org](mailto:bmlprograms@biblio.org)

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## May Program Wrap-up

May was a full and busy month at the Library. Bentley hosted its regular storytime for our younger patrons who also enjoyed exploring the Library with a delightful dog themed scavenger hunt. The Bolton Greater Together Community Fund hosted its annual recipient celebration. The BCS 2nd Graders joined us for storytime, lawn games, book selection and a library themed scavenger hunt. Horizon Wings, Raptor Rehabilitation & Education treated us with an illuminating presentation featuring owls, a hawk and a falcon. The Bolton Prevention Council held their first book discussion. Louis Fazzina brought in a plethora of rocks and minerals to teach about this region's geological features. And all along the way our Tuesday Knitting group went strong and met every week.



In the month of **May 2026** Bentley Patrons downloaded **539** audiobooks, comics, ebooks, movies, music and television from **Hoopla** totalling **\$1,253.76** paid from the Library budget!

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## Coming in July!

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

## 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. Book Selection, 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 July newsletter.



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