

Bentley Happenings

August 2023

Hours

Mon. - Thurs., 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sat., Closed in August

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Farewell & Welcome

Diane Danna has retired after 22 years of service. Her tireless energy and creativity were seen throughout the library. Diane's extensive knowledge of our collection helped people find just the right book, and she brought joy to our littlest visitors during many storytimes and activities.

We are excited to welcome Amber Mosely to the position. Amber is a Bolton native as well as a published author and poet. You may have already met her as she has been a library substitute for almost three years.

The library will be closed on Saturdays through Labor Day.

Automatic Renewals

Begin on August 1

Materials borrowed from the library will automatically renew one time with **two exceptions**.

Items will **not** auto renew if:

- The item is marked as new
- There is a hold on the item

Auto renew periods will be the same, movies=1 week, all other items=3 weeks.

Library Displays

- YA books adults will love
- Mental health
- Summer reads
- Sharks and summer kids books
- Summer movies

On Sale

The Friends of the Library are continuing the children's books throughout August. Prices will be as labeled.

UPCOMING EVENT DATES

Wed. 2nd

**Celebrate National
Coloring Book Day**
Drop in - all day event
and
Drop-in Storytime
11:00 a.m.

Tues. 15th

Creative with Cardboard
Drop-in event
10 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Mon. 21st

Ticks, Ticks, Everywhere
6:30-7:30 p.m.

**Scavenger
Hunts are Back!**
New hunts weekly

Wednesdays
Drop in Storytime
11:00 a.m.

On Display in August

Featured Display Case

Ukrainian Embroidery - Vyshyvanka

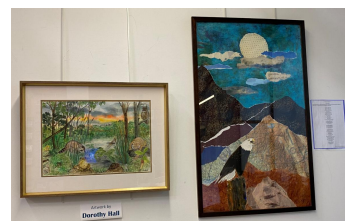
Long believed to be a talisman protecting people from everything bad, Vyshyvanka is a symbol of well-being, peace, perfection and harmony. During war, soldiers (men and women) wear a little piece of Vyshyvanka on their uniform when going to battle. This beautiful and meaningful display is courtesy of Loni Hryn.



Thank you to Brian Zompanti for his colorful display of Americana fireworks exhibited in July.

Art Display Wall

Visit the technology/reference desk to view the art display by Bolton resident and professional artist Dorothy Hall. "It's Only A Paper Moon" was inspired by memories of singing the song of the same name with her granddaughter.



Study Room Display

Visit the study room to view "A Patriotic Collection" display of Fenton glass, mostly from the Bicentennial line. Pieces include: Jeffersonian Compote, mug, bell, plates, an eagle paperweight, and a rare square planter. Also included is a Stars and Strips hat vase issued in 2001 in commemoration of 9-11. This colorful and patriotic display is courtesy of John Toomey and Jim Dwire, owners of Two J's Collectible Glassware.



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Win a \$25 Barnes & Noble gift card

Complete the Adult Summer Library Challenge and enter to win the \$25 Barnes & Noble gift card, courtesy of Friends of the Library. To participate, pick up a Summer Reading Challenge bookmark on your next library visit or download a copy here. Can you get through everything on the list?



Personal Hygiene Product Collection

Thank you to everyone who donated to our collection drive. Over **50 items** were donated to Bolton Social Services. Thank you!



Kid Governor - Meet the Candidates Display

Monday, Aug. 21-Thursday, Aug. 24

Meet the Candidates highlights students who ran for Connecticut's Kid Governor during the 2022-23 school year and their platforms. Each exhibit panel features a student's explanation of their selected community issue, information about that issue, and their three-point plan. This year's exhibit features 30 student panels and will inspire people of all ages to be active, engaged citizens.



August Programs

The following programs are free of charge and are open to residents and nonresidents. Unless otherwise noted, programs are in person and **registration is required** due to space limitations.

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



National Coloring Book Day - fun for all ages!

Wednesday, Aug. 2 - all day

Drop by the library and celebrate National Coloring Book Day. We will have coloring pages for all ages from tots to adults. Come enjoy some relaxation and creativity. Take your pages with you or leave them to be displayed at the library - it's your choice! No registration required.



Get Creative with Cardboard

Tuesday, Aug. 15, 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Drop-in event

Back by popular demand! We had so much fun creating in July we're pulling out the cardboard, duct tape, and markers again in August. Stop in during the day and see where your creativity takes you! Registration is not required.

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Ticks, Ticks, Everywhere! Monday, Aug. 21, 6:30 p.m.

Ticks are a huge problem this year, particularly in our area. Courtney LeBlanc, RN BSN from Eastern Highlands Health District is back for a timely program about tick-borne diseases and their prevention.



Get a free DIY kit to try in your yard. One per household.

Weekly Events in August

Drop-in Storytime

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

Come to the library on Wednesdays in August. We will have a drop-in storytime each week. Enjoy stories, simple activity sheets and time with friends. No registration required.



Scavenger Hunts are Back!

Stop in the library each week for a new scavenger hunt! Bring your completed sheet back and get your hand stamped or a library sticker!





1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program

Join anytime all year long!

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten encourages families and caregivers to read 1,000 books with their young children before they enter kindergarten. Read any book (yes, you can repeat books!) to your newborn, infant, or toddler before they begin kindergarten. Sound daunting? You have more time than you think.

Read 1 book/day x 365 days = 1,095 in three years.

Read 10 books/week x 52 weeks = 1,040 in 2 years.

Read 3 books/day x 365 days = 1,095 in 1 year.

Studies have shown that families who start reading aloud to their children at birth help strengthen language skills and build vocabulary. One out of five children have trouble learning to read. This program hopes to improve that statistic and also encourage family bonding.

Sign up for this program at the library. You and your child will receive a welcome bag, recording sheets, and tokens to celebrate your progress along the way.

Drop-in Continuing Programs

Registration is not required.

Knitting and Handcraft Tuesdays

Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Drop in any Tuesday to join this friendly and experienced group. All skill levels are welcome, including beginners!



Coming Soon

- September 19 - National Voter Registration Day. Come register or talk with one of Bolton's registrar of voters.
- Fall Adult Book Discussion humor series with John Valeri will begin in September
- October: Meet and Greet Bolton's poet laureate Bessy Reyna. Bring your favorite poem or share one of your own.

Thank you Friends of the Library
for providing refreshments for our programs.



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