

Bentley Happenings

July/August 2024



Why a Library?

A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert.

—Andrew Carnegie

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Bentley Memorial Library

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Bolton, CT

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Summer 2024

Hours

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

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

Library Closings

Thursday, July 4th

All Saturdays in August



Summer Reading Program Continues

Read, Renew, Repeat

Smokey Bear Reading Challenge

The Smokey Bear Reading Challenge is continuing throughout the entire summer. If you haven't already signed up, swing by the library to pick up a pledge sheet. When you have read your five books and filled out the sheet return it to Bentley and receive a special Smokey Bear Challenge pin, bookmark and other special Smokey themed prizes. Your name will go on a campaign hat, just like Smokey's, and we'll place it on the glass door around our poster of Smokey Bear.

Friends of the Library

Our summer book sale will continue to feature Children's Books for this July and August. There will be lots of great books to choose from for any summer reading programs!



Bentley Memorial Library

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 10th at 6:30 pm at the library. Anyone interested in joining our group is invited to attend! If you can't make this date but would still like to contribute, please send us your ideas in our front desk Suggestion Box.



Bolton Center School Summer Literary Adventure

Middle School students at BCS will be embarking on a 'Literary Adventure' this summer! Each student received a map of the world with 27 activity stops – all designed to promote an engagement with literature and to enhance their literary skills. Each activity has differing miles assigned to it, depending on the complexity of the task. As students accrue more miles, they increase their chance to win a prize at the end. Bentley Memorial Library is the site of one activity; so stop by to check out a book or sign up for a library card.

Understanding your blood pressure

Wednesday, July 17th at 5:00

The Eastern Highlands Health District will present a program on the importance of understanding your blood pressure. Information will also be available on the town green before the concert begins.



Patio Update

The Adirondack chairs are ready for you to enjoy and relax in. Thanks to Edward A. Bachl, Jr. for this generous donation.

Tech Assistance at Bentley

Bentley will be offering four sessions dedicated to providing technical support over the summer. If you need assistance with email, Hoopla, Libby, Facebook, your online account, or other tech related issues – we're here to help. The tech sessions for July are July 16th from 3:00 to 4:00 and July 25th from 6:30 to 7:30. The sessions for August are August 6th from 3:00 to 4:00 and August 15th from 6:30 to 7:30. Registration is required. Please call Bentley at 860-646-7349 or email us at bmlprograms@biblio.org to select your date and time slot.

Bentley Memorial Library

Promotional Video

Created by Sam Bahre, Library Assistant

Keep an eye out for the first of a series of promos about some of the library's services. This summer's video is



about the Museum Pass program at BML. It will be available on our facebook page and it will also be airing on the Community Voice Channel throughout the month of July.



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Many 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.

You still have three months to complete your goal before school starts!

If you haven't registered for the program, stop by the library and sign up your little one and start them on the path to reading.

Why Register?

For many of our events you are asked to register. We do this for very practical reasons. Seating, handouts, prizes and refreshments all need to be ordered. Even more importantly, we need to know if it is viable to continue with a given event. Most of our programs have a significant cost and cannot be canceled at the last minute.

What does this really mean? We want you here to enjoy the programs we schedule. Please register to let us know you are coming so we can make all the preparations necessary to maximize your enjoyment. If you can no longer attend, please let us know.

Coming This Summer!

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

Storytime at the Library

Wednesday July 10th, 24th and August 7th from 11:45-12:15

Storytime will continue on these **select Wednesdays** in July and August! Come and enjoy stories and a simple craft. Feel free to bring your own snack or lunch. Registration is not required.



Scavenger Hunts in July

Bentley will offer two scavenger hunts during the month of July. Our Smokey Bear Scavenger Hunt complements our summer reading challenge and will run from July 1st to July 16th. Stop by the library and have fun looking for our 'Smokey' hidden clues. Our second scavenger hunt is Outdoor Bolton and will run from July 16th to July 31st. For this scavenger hunt you can pick up a sheet at Bentley and take it with you to complete at home and around town. When you're finished, come back to the library and claim your prize! Registration is not required.

Story Walks in August

Our first story walk will follow the trail of Pete The Cat's Groovy Imagination by Kimberly & James Dean. This story walk will run from August 1st to August 15th. Be sure to visit Bentley to share in the fun that only imagination can create. Our second story walk will get you ready to take off with On the Go Awesome by Lisl H. Detlefsen, which



will run from August 19th to August 30th. You will have fun exploring how we get to where we go! All story walks will take place inside Bentley and will be available during our regular hours. Registration is not required.

Coming This Fall!

Build a Bouquet with Pamela Gray

Tuesday, September 10th at 6:30

This program has limited seating due to supplies and registration will be essential.

Illeana Douglas

Author Book Talk

Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30

Author Illeana Douglas is an Emmy-nominated actress, writer, producer, and director known for acting in such films as *Goodfellas* and *Cape Fear*. She will be appearing at Bentley for a special discussion and signing of her newest book Connecticut in the Movies - a cinematic road trip through Hollywood history and Connecticut geography.

How Women of the Past Impact our Lives Today

Three book/three month book discussion series

Led by Mark Nystrom

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for our three book/three month book discussion series. Our discussion group's focus for this series is to examine factual women in history and explore the impact they have made on our lives today. While the books are historical fiction, the women and their contributions are real! We will begin with The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon on Wednesday, September 18th at noon. Our second novel will be Learning To See by Elise Hooper on Wednesday, October 16th at noon. We will conclude this three-part series with The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict on Wednesday, November 13th at noon.

Poetry on the Patio

An evening outdoors to share the beauty and power of poetry.

Details to be announced soon!

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



Featured Displays

Main Display Case

Visit the library during the month of July and view woodworking tools and projects created by Mark Nystrom. For the month of August the display

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**



July

Every Tuesday

case will feature Karen Cordero's presentation of National Parks.

Summer Sisters' Display Case

Stop by the Study Room to view the newest crystal display, Birds. Come see the beautiful examples that are on display. Courtesy of Jim Dwire and John Toomey.

On Display Throughout the library

Non-Fiction: Sharks & Travel America

Adult Fiction: Beach Reads

Young Adult: New Books

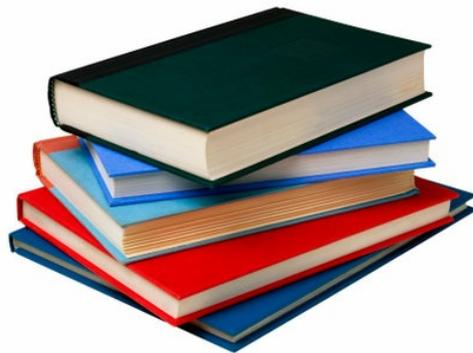
J, ER & E: Sharks, Sea Life & Creepy Crawly Bugs

DVDs: Sharks

Cake Pans: standard and creative pans to enhance your baking.

On Sale

The Friends of the Library are featuring Children's Books throughout the months of June, July, and August.



Knitting and Handcrafts

6:30 – 7:45

Mon. 1st
Smokey Bear
Scavenger Hunt
in the library

Wed. 10th
Friends of the Library
meeting
6:30

Storytime
Wed. 10th & 24th
11:45 - 12:15

Mon. 15th
Bolton Outdoors
Scavenger Hunt
at home & around Bolton

August

Every Tuesday
Knitting and Handcrafts
6:30 – 7:45

Mon. 5th
Pete the Cat's
Groovy Imagination
Story Walk
in the library

Storytime
Wed. 7th
11:45 - 12:15

Mon. 19th
On the Go Awesome
Story Walk,
in the library

Museum Passes

Want to visit a museum? Use our new online museum pass program. The link is available on the [Library page on the town of Bolton website](#). Springfield Museum, CT State Parks & the Science Center still need to be picked up at Bentley. A \$20.00 deposit is no longer required. Don't forget to check out our new promotional video created by Sam Bahre, now streaming on Facebook.



Library of Things – Cake Pans

The library has a collection of 35 cake pans of varying shapes and sizes for you to borrow. Browse our photo book and select a pan for your upcoming Summer event.



The Kill A Watt Kit

Eversource's Kill A Watt kit is intended to assist residents in understanding their energy use. The meter provided in the kit allows you to easily measure the electrical use of household appliances. With this information, you may determine ways to reduce your energy consumption and electric costs. Check it out today!

Knitting and Handcraft Tuesdays

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.

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