

Bentley Happenings

June 2024



Why a Library?

"When in doubt go to the library."
- J.K. Rowling

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Welcome
to the Library

Bentley Memorial Library
206 Bolton Center Road
Bolton, CT
860-646-7349 bentley@biblio.org



June 2024

Hours

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



Bentley Patio Complete

The new patio at Bentley is now complete! Funded by a grant from the Bolton Greater Together Community Fund, the patio concrete was poured last fall and the town crews finished the grading and landscaping in early May. With solar lights donated by the Bolton Lions Club and an umbrellaed picnic table, the patio is an incredible addition for both library programs and community enjoyment. Funding to purchase four Adirondack chairs was donated by Edward A. Bachl Jr. These chairs should arrive in a few weeks and will further enhance the patio's functionality. Weather permitting, the library door to the patio will be open from 10:00 AM to dusk. If a patron needs access to the library and the door is locked, there is a doorbell that will ring during library hours.

Friends of the Library

With the success of last summer's book sales, we will once again feature Children's Books for sale this June, July, and

August. There will be lots of great books to choose from for any summer reading programs!

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.

Friends of the Library



Bentley Memorial Library

The "Sweets for Senior's" program at the library will be held on Monday, June 3rd at 2:00 pm. The Friends will be providing some sweet and savory treats for our sponsored program, led by Martin Gitlin about the "Greatest Sitcoms of All Time." If you'd like to attend, please sign up by calling the library at 860-646-7349 or by email at bmlprograms@biblio.org.



Staff Training Safety at Bentley!

The staff of Bentley Memorial Library will receive emergency preparedness training in the correct method to administer CPR, the correct use of an AED (Automated External Defibrillator), Stop the Bleed and the proper use of fire extinguishers. This training, offered by the Town of Bolton, will help ensure that your library will maintain a proactively safe environment for all its patrons.

Bentley's Pages and Volunteer

Bentley Memorial Library has been extremely fortunate to have had two Bolton High School students serve as pages for the past two years, and another BHS student who has volunteered for two years. These three students have offered dedicated and creative service to the library's program, and they have truly helped Bentley function smoothly. We wish our pages and volunteer the best of luck as they move on and we look forward to hearing of their future accomplishments.



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.

Constant Contact: Changes in Registrations

Constant Contact, the online provider of our registration system, has changed their format. When a patron clicks on a link to register for a program, they will be brought to a 'landing page' that provides basic information about the event. To actually register, the patron must click on 'REGISTER'. You will be brought to a page with a 'FREE TICKET' heading. In the center of the screen click on the plus sign until it shows '1' and then click 'CONTINUE'. You will come to a screen where you need to fill out your contact



information and then click 'COMPLETE ORDER' - you are now registered. There is no physical ticket to print and there is no charge.

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.

Upcoming Programs

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



Summer Reading Program

Read, Renew, Repeat

Smokey Bear Summer Reading Challenge

Program kickoff

Saturday, June 1st at 11:00

Come to our kickoff on June 1st, listen to a themed story read by Bolton Volunteer Fire Department's Deputy Chief Matthew Perreira. The theme for 2024 is *Read, Renew, Repeat* which encourages readers to focus on conservation as a movement, on protecting species from extinction, maintaining and restoring habitats, enhancing ecosystem services, and protecting biological diversity. Explore the program and register for the challenge. Summer reading is the best! **Registration required**

Sweets for Seniors

Sponsored by the Friends of Bentley Memorial Library

Led by Marty Gitlin

Monday, June 3rd at 2:00

Join us for refreshments and an entertaining look at the history of sitcoms as we celebrate our SENIORS! Spots are filling up, so register soon! **Please Register**



Bentley Memorial Library - bmlprograms@biblio.org - 860-646-7349

Bolton Senior Center - cconcatelli@boltonct.org - 860-647-9196



On the Trail of the Elusive Fisher

Led by Ray Hardy

Thursday, June 6th at 6:30

Please join Ray Hardy, artist/naturalist, and CTDEEP Master Wildlife Conservationist, on June 6. He will share the natural history of, and the tracks and signs left by, this enigmatic member of the weasel family. **Registration required**

Teen Advisory Board at Bentley

Bentley Memorial Library's Teen Advisory Board (TAB) will have its orientation meeting on Saturday, June 8th at 11:00. We look forward to teen input which will further enhance our Young Adult collection and programs. Please call or email the library to register. 860-646-7349 or bmlprograms@biblio.org



Blue Iris Farm

Tuesday, June 11th, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

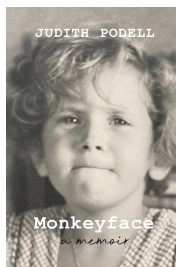
Rain Date: Tuesday, June 18th

Blue Iris Farm is a picturesque animal rescue farm nestled in the charming town of Lebanon, Connecticut. With 114 pastoral acres, you are invited on a journey through a sanctuary of healing and love. Blue Iris's mission is to rescue farm animals from various situations, provide them with a forever home, and to offer a peaceful retreat to those seeking respite from the chaos of daily life.



Guests of the farm can take part in a range of activities that include visiting the rescued animals, engaging in contemplative healing and creative art practices, and relaxing in the tranquil environment. On the grounds, the animals have found a place of safety and comfort amidst the nurturing environment of the farm. All who visit the farm are welcome to partake in its charm and enjoy the serenity that lies within.

Jamie Collins will bring her inspirational story of helping animals and people to Bentley. There will be rescued goats and rabbits for our patrons to 'visit' with and to serve as a testament to the benefits of a rescue program. **Registration required**



Judith Podell

local author

Thursday, June 13th at noon

Judith Podell will share her book, Monkeyface, and her life experiences as a first generation American, having a successful career in sales, and what it is to be Jewish-American. Judith will have copies of her book to sign and sell! **Registration required**

Congregational Church Yankee Street Fair

Saturday, June 22 from 11:00 to 7:00

Bentley will sponsor a table at the Yankee Street Fair this year. Visitors to our table will receive a customized bookmark and have the chance to answer a library trivia question. Special prizes will be awarded to all who answer their question correctly! While the fair runs from 11:00 to 7:00, the Bentley table will be open from 11:00 to 3:00.

Storytime at the Library

Wednesdays in June, 11:45-12:15

Storytime will continue in June! Come and enjoy stories and simple crafts on **Wednesdays**. Feel free to bring your own snack or lunch. Registration is not required.



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

Featured Displays

Main Display Case

Visit the library and view the beautiful crewel embroidery projects created by Cathy Nystrom

Summer Sisters' Display Case

Stop by the Study Room to view the newest crystal display, *Candlesticks of the American Depression Era*. American Depression Glass was known for its myriad of colors. Come see the beautiful examples that are on display. Courtesy of Jim Dwire and John Toomey.

On Display Throughout the library

What is Juneteenth?

Dating back to 1865, Juneteenth commemorates the day when 250,000 slaves in the state of Texas, which had become the last bastion for slavery during the final days of the Civil War, were declared free by the U.S. Army.

Non-Fiction: Birding, Juneteenth

Adult Fiction: Black authors

J: Birding, Summer Sports

ER & E: Father's Day, Birding

DVDs: Black artists

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS



June

Every Tuesday
Knitting and Handcrafts

6:30 – 7:45

Every Wednesday
Storytime

11:45 - 12:15

Sat. 1st

Smokey Bear

Summer Reading Challenge
Kickoff

11:00

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animal rescue farm

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local author - book talk

noon

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Seed Library Returns

The free seed library is now open. Bentley Memorial Library has received 600 new seeds from the Master Gardener Program, a UConn Extension. Stop by the library and browse our selection of vegetable and flower seeds. Now is the time to start planning your garden!

Museum Passes

Want to visit a museum? Use our new online museum pass program. The link is available on the [Library's 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.



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 Spring event.

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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Remember to follow us at Bentley Memorial Library.



Scout Bottle Drive

Saturday, June 1st

The local Scout troop will conduct their bottle drive on Saturday, June 1st from 9:00 to 2:00, in front of the Montessori School. Come to the Summer Reading Kickoff, and bring your bottles and cans to drop off!

Thank you Friends of the Library for providing refreshments and supplies for our programs throughout the year.



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