

Bentley Happenings

March 2024



Hours

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

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

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Why a Library?

"Libraries allow children to ask questions about the world and find the answers. And the wonderful thing is that once a child learns to use a library, the doors to learning are always open"
– Laura Bush

Library Closings

Saturday, March 30th, Easter Observance

Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather please check Channel 3 WFSB and/or the town website, <https://town.boltonct.org/>, to see if the library plans to close or alter its hours.

Read Across America Month

March 2nd is Read Across America Day which will serve to kick off the Reading Hall of Fame program for Bolton Public School students and partnering with Bentley Memorial Library. This program will allow students to demonstrate their reading abilities, read a wide variety of literature and help foster the joy of reading!



To become a member of the Reading Hall of Fame, the student will have to meet certain grade-level requirements. Students will have the opportunity to engage with all different genres of text from award winning fiction to impactful poetry, using digital platforms or traditional printed text. Some appropriate digital platforms are Newsela, Scholastic Scope, Hoopla, Go Epic and/or Storia. School library media specialists and the staff at Bentley Memorial Library will be available to help find books for the individual grade level. Many book selections are on display at Bentley Memorial Library

The Reading Hall of Fame award must be earned outside of school time, and both parent and student are encouraged to discuss the requirements and plan how to achieve their goal.

Students will receive individual logs on March 1st and the completed logs must be submitted to their classroom teacher by April 25th.

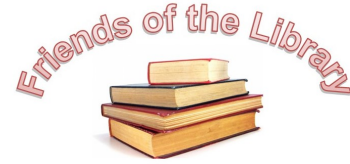
Every student can become a BCS Reading Hall of Fame member, so get ready to experience the joy of reading!

Don't forget your preschooler can join Bentley's 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program to get a head start!

Friends of the Library

The Friends of BML will meet on Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 6:30 at the library. The Friends of the Library's mission is to bring together a group of citizens who actively support the library through advocacy, volunteering and fundraising. "Friends Picks", favorite books and movies of the members, will be displayed during the month of April. The award winning "Sweets for Seniors" program is back and will be held at the library on Monday, June 3rd at 2:00. The program will feature Martin Gitlin and 'A Funny Program About Funny Programs: The Greatest Sitcoms of All time'. Delicious refreshments will be served. The program and the refreshments are all complements of the Friends group.

Anyone interested in volunteering for this group is invited to attend the March 7th meeting. Please RSVP to bentley@biblio.org or by calling 860-646-7349. There is no fee to becoming a member of the Friends of BML, just participation in volunteering in some way for the library.



Bentley Memorial Library

Upcoming Programs

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

Lutz Children's Museum Tales from the Trails Saturday, March 9th, 1:30 - 2:15

Join us on Saturday, March 9th from 1:30 - 2:15 for an indoor simulated trail walk. Our younger patrons might run into animal tracks, fur, skulls, and scat. These findings will tell you about the animal's interactions. After the trail walk, patrons will mold their own animal tracks and help piece together a story about daily animal interaction. And you might just meet one animal visiting from the Lutz! We are limited to 25 young patrons, so make sure to sign up early! **Registration is required** by March 6th. .



Bushnell Comes to Bentley! Can't come to The Bushnell? Let it come to you! Thursday, March 14th, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Experience the beauty of The Bushnell through a virtual, interactive presentation. Trained volunteer tour guides will bring a projector to Bentley to show you backstage spaces, talk about the history of the venue and tell stories about their favorite shows and performers. Come and immerse yourself in the world of this renowned performance hall. **Registration is required by March 12th.**

St. Patrick's Day Storytime Monday, March 11th, 6:30

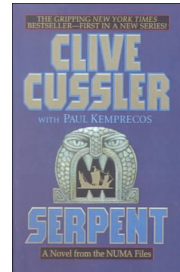
Join us on Monday, March 11th at 6:30 for a St. Patrick's Day storytime and activities. A special Leprechaun Hunt to find themed items and chocolate coins. Green treats and a game will also be featured. Wear green if you can! This is for children of all ages. **Please register by March 7th.**

Puzzle and Pizza Competition **Tuesday, March 19th, 6:00 - 7:30**

Join us on Tuesday, March 19 from 6:00-7:30 for a night of puzzles and pizza. This program is for kids in grades 5, 6 and 7. The library will provide multiple copies of the same puzzle. Kids will be asked to put together the puzzle as fast as they can. The first to complete the puzzle will win a prize. A pizza dinner will be provided by the Friends of the library. **Registration is required by Monday, March 18th.**

March Book Discussion **The Lives, Lies and Spies of Action & Adventure** **Led by Mark Nystrom**

Join us at Bentley for an in-person book discussion of Clive Cussler's Serpent. This is the second discussion of a three-part series 'The Lies, Lives and Spies of Action & Adventure'. This discussion will explore the many facets of the authors' life and how their experiences are reflected in their novel. The third session will feature Ian Fleming's From Russia, With Love on April 17th or 18th. Each novel will have the discussion option of a Wednesday at noon or a Thursday at 6:30. Registration is required. Copies of the book are available at Bentley.



Serpent Discussion

Register Wed. 3/20 at noon

or

Register Thur. 3/21 at 6:30



Storytime at the Library **Thursdays in March, 11:30-12:00**

Come and enjoy stories and simple crafts. Feel free to bring your own lunch. Storytime will be held on March 7, 14, 21 & 28. Registration is not required.

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.

Coming Soon

Beavers

Led by Ginny Apple with Ray Hardy

Tuesday, April 30th at 6:30 pm

Registration required

Passport to CT Libraries

Future Program on Recycling
an initiative of the Conservation Commission

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

Featured Displays

Main Display Case

Visit the library and enjoy the beautiful quilts and hand quilted items created by Gemma Biske.

Summer Sisters' Display Case

Stop by the Study Room to view the newest crystal display.

Colors of the American Depression Glass 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.

Art Display

During the months of February and March, Dorothy Hall will have 2 paintings on display on our featured art wall. "The Grove" and "Sunset Silhouette", both scenes from the town of Bolton, will be featured. Stop by and enjoy!

Future Displays

If you would like to share your creations, travels or collections – please contact bentley@biblio.org to secure an available slot. We look forward to sharing your work with our community.

On Display Throughout the library

Celebrating Women's History Month

Adult Non-Fiction: Biographies of famous women

Adult Fiction: Famous woman authors

J, ER & E: Women's biographies

E: St. Patrick's Day

DVD's: Famous women actors

CD's: Famous women singers

On Sale

The Friends of the Library will be featuring self-help books throughout the month. Prices will be as marked.



UPCOMING EVENTS



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Grades 5,6 & 7

Registration required

Wed. 20 noon

Thu. 21 6:30

Book Discussion

Life, Lies & Spies of Action & Adventure

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Book Drop

The book drop is now open 24/7 for your convenience! You can return your books anytime. Of course, we're always happy to see you come into the library, but if you prefer to do an outside drop it's now an option.



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.

Connecticut Science Center

Bentley is pleased to offer coupons for reduced admission to the Connecticut Science Center. While not part of our museum pass program, these coupons offer 20% off general admission for up to 4 people. Just stop by the library to pick up a coupon.

New Magazines

New magazine subscriptions are coming in every week. We have added *allrecipes magazine*, *Astronomy*, *Chickens*, *Lake & Home*, and *Sound & Vision* magazines to our collection. More new titles will be arriving soon. Stop by and check them out! Don't forget that there are magazines available for children to check out; *Ranger Rick*, *National Geographic Kids*, *Sports Illustrated Kids*, *OWL*, *Lego Life Magazine* and *BEANZ*.

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



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