

**BENTLEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY**  
**COVID-19 Update / March 26, 2020**

**Beginning Monday, March 30, we will offer limited borrowing service to BOLTON RESIDENTS ONLY with a valid library card (see below to obtain or renew a card). Please be aware this is at your own risk; we cannot guarantee that items are virus-free.**

**CHECKOUT:**

Patrons may request material by calling us at **860-646-7349** during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, or by e-mailing [bentley@biblio.org](mailto:bentley@biblio.org) or placing a hold through our online catalog at <http://bentley.biblio.org>. Limits will be placed on NEW items – two new DVDs and two new books, but for older items our normal policy will apply.

We will contact you when materials are ready to arrange a pickup time. When you arrive at the library we ask that you call us from the parking lot, at which time we will place items outside for you to pick up. Please respect social distancing and do not congregate at the front door.

The library staff will renew expired library cards and issue new cards with an expiration date of June 30, 2020, so that patrons can check out material and access online resources.

**RETURN:**

The bookdrop will be open for returns, but we will be using a new procedure to keep library staff as safe as possible. Items will be in quarantine off-site for a minimum of four days before being checked in. This means returned items may still appear on your account after you return them. Do not be alarmed! We will not be charging late fees on any circulating items, and there will continue to be a grace period after the library returns to normal services.

**THE FUTURE:**

As you can appreciate, the current health crisis means that everything can change overnight. We are constantly monitoring the COVID-19 situation and re-evaluating our response. We will do our best to keep you updated. For the most up-to-date information we urge you to frequently check the town of Bolton's website: <http://bolton.govoffice.com>.

**NEW SERVICE!** The library now has a subscription to **TumbleBookLibrary**, offering over 1,000 titles for grades K–6 including unique animated, talking picture books, read-along chapter books, National Geographic videos, nonfiction books, playlists, and books in Spanish and French. Plus, the collection features Graphic Novels – a favorite! Follow the directions to connect and enjoy! This link will log patrons in automatically, no login information needed: [https://www.tumblebooklibrary.com/auto\\_login.aspx?u=Boltonpublic&p=trial](https://www.tumblebooklibrary.com/auto_login.aspx?u=Boltonpublic&p=trial)

**TELEPHONE STORYTIME:** Call or email the library and register for Telephone Storytime. Pick a time between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and a staff member will read a favorite book to your child over the phone.

**FREE REMOTE RESOURCES:**

Continue to avail yourself of all the free resources available from the safety of your own home! In addition to the downloadable eBooks and eAudiobooks provided by Bibliomation and the Connecticut State Library (see Bentley's web page at [bolton.govoffice.com](http://bolton.govoffice.com)), there are tons of sites on the Internet offering at-home activities and ideas for your family.

**FREE WI-FI:** Park in the library's lot and log on. The password is **bmlbooks**.

**2020 CENSUS:** By now you will have received an invitation to complete the 2020 Census. We encourage you to go online to complete the form. For those who do not have internet please call the Census Bureau to complete the information over the phone or wait for the paper copy.

**STAY SAFE, STAY HOME**