

BENTLEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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While the library building remains closed to the public, we are offering limited borrowing service to BOLTON RESIDENTS ONLY with a valid library card (contact us to obtain a new card or renew an expired one). Please be aware this is at your own risk. For more information, visit Bolton.govoffice.com/library. **Please note: no staff will be available Monday, April 13, or Tuesday, April 14.**

Feeling Stressed? The following is a list of five reliable online resources for anyone struggling with stress and anxiety during this unprecedented time. Don't hesitate to reach out if you need to talk to someone.

<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Pages/Public-Health-Resources/Mental-Health-Resources>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/managing-stress-anxiety.html>

<https://mhanational.org/covid19>

<https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/current-events/supporting-your-emotional-well-being-during-the-covid-19-outbreak/>

<https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/mental-health-considerations.pdf>

Tumble Book Library – Have You Tried it Yet? Our new subscription offers 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



Complete Your Census Survey. While you are following Governor Lamont's guidelines of staying home and staying safe, please take the time to complete your 2020 Census survey. It's quick and easy [online](#) and it's a great time to be counted.

If You're Ordering from Amazon, Don't Forget the Library. At no added cost you can help your library whenever you shop at Amazon.com, simply by accessing Amazon through a special link: www.wowbrary.org/bolton. A small commission will be paid to the library for each sale, helping to offset our subscription cost of Wowbrary.

Free Wi-Fi. Park in the library's lot and log on. The password is **bmlbooks**.

A Brief History of Library Services in Bolton. (Photos)

- 1881 Bolton Library Association created and housed in general store in Bolton Center (219 Bolton Center Road).
- 1883 Frank Williams recorded as first librarian and paid \$10 per year "provided he attends to his duties."
- 1885–87 Library moves to house of Deacon Charles Loomis. Adelia Loomis appointed librarian, a post she held until 1943.
- 1900 Vote taken at town meeting to establish a Free Public Library maintained by the town; did not pass.
- 1912 Group of seven citizens form a corporation, "The Bolton Hall and Library Association."
- 1914 Voted at town meeting to appropriate \$50 annually for a free library.
- 1915 New library opens with 900 books in wing of Community Hall (current Town Hall).
- 1957 Library moves to former Roman Catholic chapel (now the Hans Christian Andersen Montessori School).
- 1975 Library moves into new building at its present location at 206 Bolton Center Road. Named for, and endowed by, Elinor Hees Bentley, former head librarian at the Bolton Public Library.

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