

BENTLEY BOOKS & BITS

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✿ STAFF HOURS: Monday–Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. ✿

While the library building remains closed to the public, we continue to offer limited borrowing service to BOLTON RESIDENTS ONLY, at your own risk, with a valid library card. For more information, visit Bolton.govoffice.com/library.

Library Reopening Update

The library is in the planning stage for a “soft” opening at a date still to be determined. We are studying safety recommendations from the state and the American Library Association, and acquiring PPE supplies. The town’s Buildings and Grounds crew has been extremely helpful (as always), including building a plexiglass shield around the circulation desk.

Outside Pickup: In the meantime, we will continue our outside pickup service, which we have offered since March 30. If you haven’t used this service yet, please do so! Reserve your items through our online catalog (Bentley.biblio.org) or contact us at 860-646-7349 or bentley@biblio.org. We’ll place your items outside for you to pick up during the hours we are working in the building. **Returns:** Our book drop is open; returned items are removed to an off-site location to quarantine for one week before being checked in here.

New (Old) Hours: Beginning Monday, June 15, the staff will return to working our normal hours: Monday–Thursday, 10 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. The building remains closed to the public at this time, but a member of the staff will be available to assist you by telephone or email, and outside pickup will be available.

Home Delivery: And don’t forget that we offer home delivery to Bolton residents who are permanently or temporarily homebound due to disability or health problems. Materials will be delivered and picked up by Bolton Social Services staff. Contact the library (860-646-7349) or Bolton Senior/Social Services (860-647-9196) for more information.

Zoom Events



Children’s Storytime: ‘Under the Sea’
Thursday, June 11, 11:00 a.m. to noon

Children of all ages are welcome. Email the library at bentley@biblio.org to register. Once registered you will receive the Zoom link to join us. The theme will be sea creatures and the craft will be a crab headband.

Book Discussion: the Big Library Read
Thursday, July 16

[OverDrive’s](http://OverDrive.com) Big Library Read, “The Darwin Affair,” by Tim Mason, will be available for unlimited access in ebook and audio formats on the [OverDrive](http://OverDrive.com) website between June 22 and July 13. (bibliomation.overdrive.com) Bentley Library has also purchased several print copies. Start reading and be ready to join us for a lively Zoom book discussion on July 16!

hoopla Book Club LIVE!

The hoopla Book Club will host a live event with Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai, author of the Spring Spotlight Selection, “The Mountains Sing,” on **Tuesday, June 16, at 7:00 p.m.** “Expansive in scope and feeling... a feat of hope, an unflinchingly felt inquiry into the past, with courageous storytelling of the present.” (Ocean Vuong, author of “On Earth We’re Briefly Gorgeous”) Patrons can attend the live event, and even ask questions and get real-time answers from the author, through the Instagram @hoopladigital.

Ninety-six items were borrowed from hoopla by Bentley patrons during the month of May: movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics, and TV shows. Have you tried it yet? Go to www.hoopladigital.com and set up your account. Then choose ‘Bentley Memorial Library,’ enter your library card number, and get started!