

Bentley Books & Bits

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Mask Up For Your Visit!

Give us a call to make your appointment to come peruse the shelves, read a newspaper, or use the computer. Want to come in spur of the moment? We can typically accommodate last-minute requests. If you prefer, utilize our curbside pick up. We're open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Visit our [website](#) for all the details.

Browse our May Display

Come into the library and browse a selection of books set in Connecticut or written by Connecticut authors.

Virtual Programs & Events

Programs

All programs are open to residents and nonresidents and are free of charge unless otherwise noted. Sorry, there are no in-person programs at this time.

To register and receive the Zoom link, call 860-646-7349 or email bmlprograms@biblio.org

One-on-One Read to the Dogs

Time slots available during the following days/times:

May 8 and May 22 between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m.

May 1, 8, and 29 between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m.

Build your budding reader's confidence and boost their desire to read with one-on-one reading to a dog over Zoom. These lovable dogs offer judgement-free listening and will sit or lay as your child reads to them. We have a mix of therapy dogs and personal pets who are ready to listen to whichever book your child chooses. Spaces are limited. Contact the library to request a 20-minute time slot.



Beyond the Breed: Exploring Dog DNA

Thursday, May 6, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

*A joint program with Bolton Senior Center and Bolton Recreation Department.
Register through the Rec. Dept.*

Test your knowledge of different dog breeds and learn how genetics contribute to pet health, in this interactive and educational program presented by the Connecticut Humane Society. Click [here](#) to register online through the Rec. Department.

Mother's Day Storytime

Saturday, May 8, 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Join us for a fun half hour of stories about moms. Ideal for ages 8 and under. Receive activity sheets and coloring pages via email upon registration, and arrange a time to pick up a Take-and-Make Craft Kit.

Family Paint Night - Sharpie Coasters

Tuesday, May 11, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Lindsey Hottin of Lindsey's Craft Studio is back again for a family paint night. We'll be making Sharpie coasters. This project takes a new spin on paint night. We'll actually be using Sharpie markers and spraying them with rubbing alcohol. We'll provide four tiles per person; you provide the rubbing alcohol and Sharpies.



Community (Feral) Cats

Thursday, May 13, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

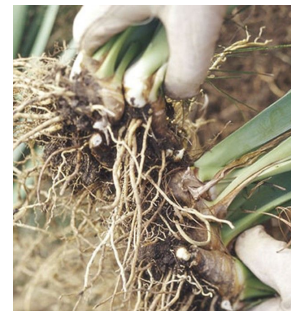
*A joint program with Bolton Senior Center and Bolton Recreation Department.
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Learn about feral, stray and pet cats that make up a Community Cat population. We focus on colonies, how to tell a feral cat from a pet cat, and learn how one Bolton family helped control a population. We'll feature an interview with Caroline Gaetano from Our Companions Animal Rescue, and Bolton resident Kelly McDougal Ross.

Propagating Perennials

Monday, May 17, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Increase your perennial collection, replace mature plants, grow varieties that may not be offered for sale, and even produce new hybrids. In this beautifully illustrated lecture, you will learn different propagation techniques and skills including growing from seed, cuttings, and divisions of a wide range of perennials.



Joan Butler, Master Gardener, has been an enthusiastic gardener and plant collector for over 35 years, and believes gardens should invite you to linger in the world outside your door.

Boredom Busters - for Pets

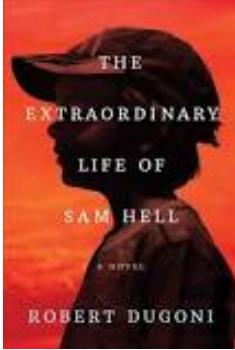
Thursday, May 20, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

*A joint program with Bolton Senior Center and Bolton Recreation Department.
Register through the Rec. Dept.*

Explore tips and tricks for preventing boredom in dogs, cats and small pets in this interactive and educational program presented by the Connecticut Humane Society. Click [here](#) to register online! For more information, email Stephanie at scrane@boltonct.org or call at 860-649-8066 x6125. You will receive the Zoom link upon registration.

Adult Book Discussion

Monday, May 24, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.



"The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell," by Robert Dugoni

John Valerie of Portland, Conn., is back to facilitate our discussion of this inspirational and award-winning book. Sam Hell was born with an ocular albinism, which causes his eyes to appear red. Follow Sam through two timelines, one as a boy the other as a man, as he discovers himself. Contact us for a copy of this compelling book.



Family Trivia Night

Thursday, May 27, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Trivia night has been so much fun we're back at it again this month. We will host four separate games, each with a different theme. You can compete as individuals or as a team. Come test your knowledge and have a lot of laughs along the way.

Coming in June...

Beekeeping and Bee-Friendly Plantings

Tuesday, June 1, 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

A joint program with Bolton Senior Center, Bolton Recreation Department, and Booth and Dimock Memorial Library in Coventry. Register through Bentley Library.

Join Joe Jankowski, beekeeper and former BHS science teacher, as he introduces us to the world of backyard beekeeping. Joe will share his experiences with beekeeping and how you can plan to get started at this fascinating craft. We'll be joined by a Cropley's Lawn and Garden Center expert who will offer suggestions for pollinator-friendly plantings.

Ultimate Red Sox Nation, with Marty Gitlin

Thursday, June 3, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Author Marty Gitlin will bring his book, "The Ultimate Red Sox Time Machine Book," to life through the magic of Zoom. Gitlin covered baseball for nearly two decades as an award-winning sports journalist before authoring the book, which was published in 2020. The program covers the most interesting and greatest teams, players and events in Red Sox history through engaging stories, photos and game highlights. Join us!

Father's Day Storytime

Saturday, June 5, 11:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Join us for a fun half hour of stories about dads. Ideal for ages 8 and under. Receive activity sheets and coloring pages via email upon registration, and arrange a time to pick up a Take-and-Make Craft Kit.



Why is Tiny Such a Big Idea? exploring the tiny home movement

Thursday, June 10, 6:30 p.m.

A joint program with 14 other Conn. libraries

Stay tuned for more details.

Cartooning Program: Let's Draw Animals

Monday, June 21, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

All ages welcome to join in on the fun!

Learn to draw cartoon animals and character expressions with award-winning cartoonist Rick Stromoski. Stay tuned for more details.

