



BOOKS AND BEYOND...

NEWS OF THE LEDYARD LIBRARIES

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The Ledyard Libraries serve as a center of information for the community. We support and encourage the freedom to read, learn and discover in a welcoming environment. We provide friendly, knowledgeable service and free access to a diversity of ideas, resources and experiences. We strive to enhance the quality of life in our community, encourage lifelong learning and the love of reading.

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Ledyard Prevention Coalition Fostering a Healthy, Safe and Drug Free Environment

Ledyard Public Libraries are pleased to partner with the Ledyard Prevention Coalition (LPC) to do our part in helping with their mission. The Ledyard Prevention Coalition formerly known as the Ledyard Safe Teens Coalition was formed in 2007 after Ledge Light Health District received funding from the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to prevent underage drinking in Ledyard. The coalition is made up of local youth, parents, teachers, police, civic organizations, healthcare professionals, government, tribal, faith, media representatives, youth serving organizations, businesses, and other volunteers of the Ledyard community. Its mission is to foster a healthy, safe and drug free environment for Ledyard youth.



In July 2009, the LPC established an anonymous 24-hour party patrol hotline at 860-464-SAFE (7233). By calling the hotline, anyone can report illegal underage drinking parties in Ledyard. Callers have the option to leave a message or speak to a live person. The goal of the party patrol hotline is to prevent underage drinking in Ledyard and to educate adults about the legal ramifications of hosting underage drinking parties. In Connecticut, it is illegal to host a party where alcohol is consumed by minors, and anyone under 21 years of age is prohibited from possessing alcohol on public or private property.

Every two years, the coalition administers the Ledyard Youth Survey, which asks teens about their perception, attitudes and use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Data collected from this survey are used to help us raise awareness and determine how we progress in our efforts to foster a healthy, safe and drug free environment.

Today, the LPC has expanded into providing education, increasing enforcement, and implementing policy changes around alcohol, marijuana and prescription drugs. Some of the LPC activities include conducting educational media campaigns, reviewing and improving town policies around drugs and alcohol, collaborating with schools to provide educational programs, decreasing access to drugs and alcohol, providing opportunities for positive youth development, and promoting healthy lifestyles.

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Children's Programs



Registration for Story Times at the Ledyard Public Libraries will begin Monday, September 12, 2016. Please go to the Ledyard Public Libraries website (under Children/Story times) to register for the program you would like. Children must be the correct age within 2 weeks of the Story Time's start date.

Infant/Toddler (6-23 mos)

Bill Mondays 9:30 am Oct. 3– Dec. 12

Terrific Twos

Bill Wednesdays 9:30 am Oct. 5 – Dec. 14

Three - Fives

Bill Thursdays 1:00 pm Oct. 6 – Dec. 15
GF Tuesdays 9:30 am Oct. 4 – Dec. 13



Lucy's Lovey by Betsey Devany Author Visit

Tuesday, October 11 11:00 am

Bill Library



Ledyard's own Betsy Devany will be reading her new book and you can share your lovey! There is no school on Oct. 11, so join us for a fun program. Bring your own favorite cuddle animal or doll and make a name tag for them.

Adults, if you have a lovey from your childhood, please bring it! Limited seating, so please register. Recommended ages 3 and up. Books will be available for purchase.

Summer Wrap up

We had a great program with On Your Mark, Get Set Read this summer. There were 173 players in the older program (grades 2-6) and 37 players in the Read to Me program (ages 4 – grade 1) for a total of 210 children who participated at both Bill and Gales Ferry Libraries. The older children read 204,068 minutes and the younger children read 1340 books! In addition to the reading programs, we had a Sidewalk Chalk Contest, Preschool Storytime, Bike Safety Program, Lunch and a Movie, Sport crafts, Lego makers, Touch-a-Truck, Kids Cook, Dancing with Hoops, Story Walk and Picnic and a fantastic music performance with Les Julian.



Teen Summer Reading Program 2016

We had a busy summer this year with lots of programs for teens. The forty-four teens who signed up read 108 books and recorded 480 volunteer hours. Programs included

Ductigami, movie nights, cooking, a scavenger hunt, artworks, and an ice cream party to finish up the summer. Weekly prizes were awarded to 28 winners for books read and volunteer hours.

Most Books Read:

- Paylynn Sormrude (8 books)
- Ava Starasinic (8 books)

Most Volunteer Hours:

- Megan Uhlig (76 hours)
- Reece Yaras (41.5 hours)
- Rachel Fields (36 hours)

Keep up with teen activities on the Teen Program page of the libraries' website!

Adult Programs

Mary Ellen Osborne, from the Gales Ferry Library, conducts a monthly book discussion at the Ledyard Senior Center. Anyone 55 years of age or older is eligible to participate. The group meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 10:30 am. Upcoming books are distributed monthly at the discussion. All books chosen are available in large print and audio, as well as, regular versions. Please contact Mary Ellen if you would like a copy of the book.



Upcoming dates:

September 28: *My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor

October 26: *The Widower's Tale* by Julia Glass

***November 30:** *Supreme Courtship* by Christopher Buckley

***December 21:** *Visions of Sugar Plums* by Janet Evanovich

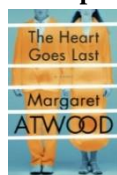
*Dates have been changed due to the holidays

Online Book Discussions



The monthly Bill Library Book discussion is held online. Copies of the books will be available at both libraries and participants are encouraged to read the book and post their comments on the library website at www.ledyard.lioninc.org any time during the month. Click the "Adults" link in the left column and select "Online book discussion" from the drop down menu. Click the link for the book title to see information about the book. These discussions are open to the public and all participants are welcome. The comments will be monitored before they are posted. Contact Marty Hubbard with any questions: mhubbard@ledyard.lioninc.org

September: *The Heart Goes Last* by Margaret



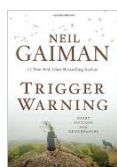
Atwood.

This is quintessential Atwood territory, a bleak dystopian landscape littered with shady types who engage in twisted sexual manipulation and scientific engineering reminiscent of *The Handmaid's Tale* and

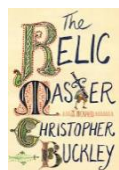
Oryx and Crake ... The writing here is so persuasive, so crisp, that it seeps under your skin ... [This] fast-paced novel is hard to put down when it comes screaming to its clever and terrifying conclusion."—*Boston Globe*

October: *Trigger Warning: Short Fictions and Disturbances* by Neil Gaiman

Neil Gaiman is a librarian's joy! Many of his books cross over genre types from Science Fiction to Horror to Fantasy. In this collection of short stories he has given fair warning in the title: some of these stories are worrisome, and some are downright scary. "This collection of stories and poems doesn't disappoint... Gaiman has warned us about the monsters, but then come magic and miracles. And love." (Washington Post)



November: *The Relic Master* by Christopher Buckley

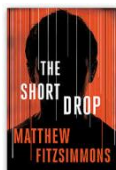


"A classic, epic quest, like Indiana Jones gone medieval.... A rollicking plot filled with calamities, duplicity, intrigue and laugh-out-loud humor...even a little romance..... its comic moments recall Monty Python's twisted histories.... *The*

Relic Master is a hilarious, bawdy and irreverent frolic of a tale that lends Buckley's deft waggish talents to a time long ago." (*USA Today*)

December: *The Short Drop* by Christopher FitzSimmons

"This live-wire debut begins with a promising lead in the long-ago disappearance of the vice president's daughter, then doubles down with tangled conspiracies, duplicitous politicians, and a disgraced hacker hankering for redemption...Hang on and enjoy the ride." (*People Magazine*)



Other Programs

Join in the hands-on DIY/Maker classes in technology, arts, crafts, and more! The activities are geared toward adults and teens entering grades 9-12. (Gr. 5-8 welcome with personal adult assistant.) Looking for makers to share their skills! Setting dates

for Maker Meet-ups in 2017 now. Email or speak with Andrea Buka if you have any ideas or would like to share your talents.

abuka@ledyard.lioninc.org or 860.464.9912

Hikers and walkers take note, as Bill Reid from the Last Green Valley will return to talk about open lands available to walk. Other programs include a hike, local lighthouses, a holiday performance and an author event. A stock investment discussion group will also be starting.

Take a Virtual Walk in the Last Green Valley

Thursday, September 22 7:00 pm
Bill Library



Please join Bill Reid, Chief Ranger of The Last Green Valley organization as he discusses the thousands of acres of land open to the public in our area, including state parks and forests, private land trusts, U.S. Army Corps of Engineer sites, and many others. Then, get your walking shoes on and explore our wonderful region at a great time of the year!



Maker Meet-up: Studio Lighting

Sunday, September 25 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Bill Library Grades 5-12 & adults

Calling all photographers! Mario Gualtieri will be teaching the basics of studio lighting to enhance your photography projects. Bring your camera for hands-on practice using Mario's lighting set-up.



Stock Investment Discussion Group

Wednesday, October 5 7:00 pm
Gales Ferry Library



A stock investment discussion group is being organized at the library for beginners and experienced investors. The group will meet monthly to discuss a variety of topics including,

but not limited to, identification and tracking of major economic indicators, evaluation of common stocks, and identification of available sources of information. The needs and interests of the group will help set the agenda. Harry Pearson, a local individual investor of 30 years, will facilitate the discussion.

Join us to learn something new or share your knowledge with others of similar interests! If you have any questions, please call Mary Ellen at the Gales Ferry Library.



**Over in the Meadow:
A Last Green Valley Walktober Event**
Sunday, October 16 1-3 pm

(Rain Date: Sunday, October 23)

1025 Colonel Ledyard Hwy, formerly Clark Farm



This Town of Ledyard owned site, formerly the Clark family farm, will be our location today for this Fall Hike. Learn about this farm's

vibrant agricultural past and this local family farm with Anne Roberts-Pierson, our local conservationist. Our learned guide has done extensive research on this farm. Based on conditions, we hope to venture into the woods also. So, please dress accordingly: hiking sticks, long sleeves and trousers, proper footwear. This hike can be considered Easy to Moderate based on how adventurous our group is. Park at red storage barn on the road; overflow parking available on nearby Bolduc Drive. Tailgate refreshments offered after hike courtesy of the Friends of the Ledyard Libraries. (FLL)

History of Local Lighthouses

Tuesday, October 18

Bill Library

7:00 pm

Please join us as Susan Tamulevich, Executive Director of the New London Maritime Society and Custom House Maritime Museum, takes us on a virtual tour of many of our area lighthouses. Learn the history and legends behind them. Is Ledge Light really haunted? How was Race Rock built? Hear about this and much more during Susan's presentation.



Maker Meet-up: Beginner and Intermediate Knitting

Sunday, October 23

Bill Library

1:00 – 4:00 pm

Grades 5-12 & adults



Have you always wanted to try knitting? Perhaps you have the basics down, but would like to get some pointers. Join us as Caron Wieringa shows beginners how to take those first stitches, and works with intermediate knitters to take their projects to the next level. Needles and yarn will be available, but you are welcome to bring your own. Please register.



Maker Meet-up: Young Engineers
Sunday, November 13 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Bill Library

Grades 5-12 & adults

The Young Engineers, led by Maze Stephan, will be demonstrating and teaching some of their new projects. The Young Engineers is a youth enrichment program that “plays hard” in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Please register.

A Christmas Carol

Tuesday, November 15

7:00 pm

Bill Library Meeting Room

Living history playwright and performer Jennifer Emerson returns to Ledyard by popular request. She will entertain us with her one-woman Victorian performance of Dickens' holiday classic. Those who saw her last year (Tales of the Macabre) will remember her “parlor theater” presentation in full costume. Don't miss this one!



Books and More Sale

Saturday, November 19

9 am -3:00 pm

Bill Library



Get a jump start on your holiday shopping at the Friends of Ledyard Libraries Books and More Sale. This craft and bake sale will also include gift quality books and a silent auction.

Wishin' and a Hopin' Movie Showing

Sunday, November 20

3:00 pm

Garde Arts Center, New London

Libraries in Southeastern Connecticut will collaborate with the Garde Arts Center this fall to promote Wally Lamb's new book, *I'll Take You There*. A public showing of the movie based on his book *Wishin' and a Hopin'* will serve as the kick-off event for a Community Read of his new book. Local public libraries will be at the event promoting the new book and each library represented will have a pair of tickets to raffle off for a future Garde event. All of the raffle tickets will then be combined for a grand prize of a pair of tickets to the Wally Lamb event scheduled on December 18 at the Garde.



Local Author Wally Lamb

Sunday, December 18

3:00 pm

Garde Arts Center

Wally Lamb will discuss his newest book *I'll Take you There* scheduled to be released on November 22. The story “weaves an evocative, deeply affecting tapestry of one Baby Boomer's life—Felix Funicello, introduced in *Wishin' and*

Hopin'—and the trio of unforgettable women who have changed it”.

Follow-up activities are planned with book discussions in January and a return visit at a later date to be determined. We hope to see you at each of these events!

Computer Genealogy Group @ the Library

Using Maps in Genealogy Research

Wednesday, September 21

7:00 pm

Bill Library



Bring a map or two that are of interest to you in your family research! We'll share ideas about where to obtain maps online or in-person and what can be discovered by using maps in your research.

Newest Computer Sites for Genealogy

Wednesday, October 19

7:00 pm

Bill Library

A recently discussed review and update of genealogy sites listed on our library's webpage triggers this request that you share your five favorite websites for genealogy research. In the meeting we'll combine and create a new list for everyone to use, as well as prepare a new list for the Ledyard Libraries webpage.

DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy

Wednesday November 16

7:00 pm

Bill Library

Using multiple copies of a newly published book by Blaine T. Bettinger, we go through the table of contents to look for new information or new ways of explaining older concepts in genetic genealogy. Copies of the book will be available after the meeting for check out.



December - No Meeting. Happy Holidays!

Stitch and Dish Knitting Group

Our Stitch and Dish Knitting Group meets at Gales Ferry Library on the second Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. and the fourth Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. Everyone who likes to knit or crochet or wants to learn is welcome. We have a large selection of donated yarn and needles just waiting to be used.



Have you ever made an infinity scarf?

Come share your expertise with our knitting group or struggle along with us, as we work on several different versions. Do you have any other new or different knitting techniques that you would like to share with our group? Our members are always looking for new ideas, if you would like to join us.

Library Card Sign-up Month **Special fine exemption food collection for the** **Ledyard Food Pantry**



September is Library Card Sign-up month. Sign-up for yours today or if your card has expired come in and renew it. Your card

will give you access to print and digital resources throughout Connecticut including movies, downloadable E-books, audio books, magazines and more.

Now is the time to return your overdue items. September 19 -30 we will accept items for the Ledyard food pantry in lieu of payment. See below for a list of items needed.

Ledyard Food Pantry Wish List

Peanut Butter & Jelly	Pancake Mix & Syrup
Oil, Salad Dressing & Fixins'	Spices
Instant Pudding & Jello	Salt and Pepper
Baking Needs	Cake Mixes & Frostings
Boxed & Canned Pasta Meals	Instant Potatoes
Tuna & Canned Meats	Baked Beans
Chicken, Beef & Seafood Soups	
Condiments such as:	
Ketchup, Mustard	
Mayo, Relishes	

Juice	Juice Packs
Cereal	Snack Items
Cleaning Supplies	Laundry Soap
Feminine Products	Paper Products

The pantry has plenty of corn, pasta and most types of beans.

Device Help - Kindle and iPad



Individual help sessions of 15-30 minutes may be scheduled for assistance with your devices. Contact Marty Hubbard at (860) 464-9912 to schedule an appointment.

Instruction will be provided on the basics of operation, how to use free Overdrive E-books or audio books, and free Zinio magazines. Refreshers or troubleshooting can also be scheduled.

Holiday Hours

October 10	Columbus Day	Closed
November 11	Veterans Day	Closed
November 23	Thanksgiving Eve	Close at 5
November 24	Thanksgiving	Closed
November 25	Thanksgiving	Closed

Donations

We recently received donations for the purchase of books to remember and honor a friend or family member and to support specific collections. We are grateful for your support.

- Rita Gonzalez

In memory of

- Thomas Lees
- Dolores K. Lattanzio
- Rick Wanta
- George Husky



Cardboard Boat Regatta

The second annual Card Board Boat Regatta was held at Highland Lake in July and a fun time was had by all. Facilitated by Michael Qin and Andrea Buka, fifteen boats participated in the event.

Vessels

Children's category:

- *Lavender Moon*, built and crewed by Miranda Felton
- *Boaty*, built by Andrew and Michael Qin, crewed by Andrew
- *McBoatface*, built by Ada and Michael Qin, crewed by Ada

Teens/Adult Category:

- *Salty Octopusses*, built by Reese & Christopher Yaras and Mathew Bourguignon, crewed by Reese and Mathew.
- *USS Boatmobile*, built & crewed by Alex Houdeshell & Hannah Chua-Reyes.
- *Ship Happens*, built & crewed by Anubhav Dhar & Ayush Dalmia.
- *Sunk Cost Bias*, built & crewed by Stewart Simpson, Jeff, Alex, Tess Candler, & Matt Chri.
- *Rogue 3* built & crewed by Sean & Brian Healy.
- *USS Shart*, built & crewed by Justin DeBrodt.
- *Old Board Sides*, built and crewed by Rob & Maria Hanna.
- *Tippy the Boat*, built & crewed by Lia Bonacci.
- *Ductanic*, built & crewed by Dwight Snowberger.
- *Savage*, built & crewed by Steven Snowberger.

Results

- Speed: Children's (shorter distance) – Winner: Lavender Moon – 3:37
- Teen/Adult– Winner – Salty Octapusses – 3:57
- Agility - Winner – Ductanic 1:57
- Tonnage – Winner – Sunk Cost Bias – est. 1600-2000 lbs.
- Special Prize – Most Valiant Effort - Tippy

- Combat (with water balloons): scoring abandoned, but a good time was had by all, including the shore bombardiers.

A Word from the Friends of Ledyard Libraries

Friends Meeting

Thursday, October 20

7:15 pm

Gales Ferry Library

Join us for our fall meeting where we approve a budget for next year which includes items the library has identified to benefit library patrons.

Fall is near and you know what that means! Time to thank our dedicated Friends for their hard work toward a very successful book sale. First and foremost a BIG thank you to Sarah Desormier for all of the long hours of planning and preparation she put into this sale. If you see her in the library please give her a big pat on the back! Additionally I would like to thank Harry Pearson, John Desormier, Kate Desormier, Joan Salley, Catherine Hiller, Jean Murphy, Claire Bolduc, Roberta Levandoski, Sue Davis, David Moeller, Anthony Zinno, Troop 16 and my own Tyson and Collin Sitz. Volunteer support is the key to the success of our organization. The funds raised by this event go directly back into the library which allows them to purchase the things that make our library great!

We are currently preparing for our Books and More Sale in November. We will hold a silent auction as well as a craft and bake sale. The Friends are asking for donations of both craft items and baked goods. Please call or email me if you would like to make a contribution. (Note the new email address) Volunteers will be needed for set up/cleanup and cashiering as well.

Best wishes for a lovely fall season! I look forward to seeing you at the library!

Fondly,

Carrie Sitz, Friends of Ledyard Library President
friends@ledyard.lioninc.org - (860) 572-0035

Ledyard Historical Society – Catch & Release

Saturday, October 1 & November 5

9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Bill Library

Lend us your Gales Ferry and Ledyard memories to be added to the archive in the Janice W. Bell Historical Research Room at the Bill Library.

We will scan your photos, letters, documents, memorabilia, etc., and return them to you with a digital copy when you bring a flash drive along. Contact Andrea Buka or Rusty Godino at research@ledyardhistory.org, or 860-464-9912 for more information.

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The LPC in collaboration with Ledyard Youth and Social Services is in the process of creating a Juvenile Review Board (JRB). The purpose of a JRB is to provide an administrative alternative for teens under the age of 18 who get in trouble with the law. Instead of getting arrested and going to court, police officers will have the option to refer the teen to the JRB. Kerensa Mansfield has met with Ledyard High School administrators to review school policies regarding substance use. Current Board of Education policies will be included in the student handbook so that parents are aware of the consequences of their children using substances.

The coalition will host the following events:

- LPC Coalition meeting: September 20th
- TIPS training for liquor permittees at Mashantucket: September 22nd
- Site visit from SAMHSA: October 6th
- Coalition training with CADCA (In collaboration with GASP): October 12th
- Refer Sanity with Kevin Sabet (In collaboration with GASP): November 3rd

The LPC meets the third Tuesday of every month from 2 to 3 pm at the Ledyard Police Department. If you would like to join or get more information, please contact the program coordinator Kerensa Mansfield at 860-448-4882 or kmansfield@llhd.org. Visit our website at www.ledyardpreventioncoalition.org and get social with us on facebook, twitter, and Instagram.

New Books



Several favorite authors have new books coming out this fall. We are happy to reserve a copy for you.

Beaton, M.C.	Pushing up Daisies	Sept
Hiaasen, Carl	Razor Girl	Sept
LeCarre, John	The Pigeon Tunnel	Sept
Patchett, Ann	Commonwealth	Sept
Patterson, James	Woman of God	Sept
Perry, Anne	Revenge in a Cold River	Sept
Boyle, T. C.	Terranauts	Oct
Flagg, Fannie	The Whole Towns Talking	Oct
Hilderbrand, Elin	Winter Storms	Oct
Macomber, Debbie	Twelve Days of Christmas	Oct
Ryan, Tom	Will's Red Coat	Oct
Sandford, John	Escape Clause	Oct
Smith, Wilbur	Pharoah	Oct
Sparks, Nicholas	Two by Two	Oct
Archer, Jeffrey	This was a Man	Nov
Baldacci, Davis	No Man's Land	Nov
Child, Lee	Night School	Nov
Connelly, Michael	The Wrong Side of Goodbye	Nov
Cornwall, Patricia	Chaos	Nov
Cussler, Clive	Odessa Sea	Nov
Evan, Richard P.	The Mistletoe Secret	Nov
Evanovich, Janet	Turbo Twenty-Three	Nov
Hoffman, Alice	Faithful	Nov
James, P.D.	The Mistletoe Murder	Nov
Moyes, JoJo	Paris for One	Nov
Greaney, Mark	Tom Clancy True Faith and Allegiance	Dec
Griffin, W.E.	Curtain of Death	Dec
Higgins, Jack	The Midnight Bell	Dec





Friends Books and More Sale

November 19, 2016

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

- Crafts, baked goods and Silent Auction

Mark your calendar now!!



LIBRARY HOURS

BILL

860-464-9912

Monday – Thursday 9-9

Friday - Saturday 9-5

Sunday 9-1

email: bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org

GALES FERRY

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Monday – Thursday 9-8

Friday - Saturday 9-5

Sunday Closed

email: gf-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org



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