



# BOOKS AND BEYOND...

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The Ledyard Libraries 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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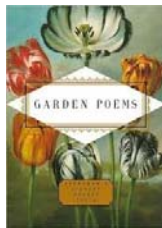
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### National Poetry Month

Then read from the treasured volume  
The poem of thy choice,  
And lend to the rhyme of the poet  
The beauty of thy voice

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882)  
"The Day is Done"



April is National Poetry Month and we invite you to celebrate it with us. The Academy of American Poets held the first celebration in 1996 and has turned it into an annual event for schools, publishers, libraries, booksellers and poets throughout the United States to band together to celebrate poetry and its vital place in American culture.

We will celebrate with our Artist and Writers showcase and encourage you to submit a poem or two and join us for the opening reception April 6. Kids can join us April 16 for a poetry slam and display. Check out the display of poetry books at either library and borrow one or two to read.

The Academy of American Poets has listed 30 ways for you to celebrate Poetry Month. These include:

- Carry a poem in your pocket
- Attend a poetry reading
- Put a poem in a letter
- Watch a poetry movie
- Buy a book of poems for your library
- Write a letter to a poet and more.

To see the complete list or for more ideas visit the Academy's website at [www.poets.org](http://www.poets.org).

## Children's Programs

We have an exciting April vacation week coming to the Ledyard Libraries. Please note these programs on your calendar and join us for some great fun. An adult must accompany preschoolers. All programs are free and open to the public. If you have any questions, please call 464-9912.

### Kid's Poetry Slam & Display

Tuesday, April 16

Bill Library

7:00 pm  
Grades 1-8



Bring in a poem that you wrote, and read or perform it for your friends! Prizes will be awarded in three categories according to grade level: grade 1-3, 4-6 or 7-8. The poems will be displayed in the

library until the end of April. Guest readers will also be available to read their poetry. Please register by April 10. Refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library.

### Mr. Magic Show

Thursday, April 18

Ledyard Center School

10:00 am  
All Ages

Join us for a fun magic show the whole family will enjoy! Mr. Magic brings tricks, prizes and lots of entertainment! If you missed him last year, make sure to mark your calendars for April!

### Find Your Rhythm! With Edward Leonard

Friday, April 19

Ledyard Center School

11:00 am  
All Ages

Don't miss this wonderful program where all the kids will get a rhythm instrument to play. Edward is a fantastic drummer who will tickle your funny bone at the same time!



### Summer Program Alert!



We are in the process of designing our summer reading program and to give you a sneak preview, our theme this summer will be "Dig Into Reading!" The program will begin after school gets out in June and will end in early

August. There will be a Read-to-Me program for children born in 2009 through entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Check the next issue of our newsletter for details.

### Amistad (Friendship) Club

Thursdays

Bill Library

3:30-4:30 pm

Grades K-6

The Amistad Club meets every Thursday with adult and student mentors who will provide homework help, reading and math activities and the opportunity to socialize. Registration forms are

available at Bill Library. Sponsored by the Friends of Ledyard Libraries. All are welcome.

### Teen Summer Reading Program 2013



Summer will soon be here and we are getting ready for more great programs and volunteer opportunities for teens. The program is open to students

entering grades 7-12 in Fall 2013. Volunteer to help the younger children with their summer reading program, crafts programs, or a cooking workshop. Attend a cooking class or other teen program. Enter the weekly raffle by reading a book, attending a program, or volunteering at the library. Volunteer orientation begins in June and will be announced on the website and in the libraries.

Stay tuned for all the details in the next newsletter.

Andrea Buka, Teen Program Coordinator  
teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org

### Adult Programs

#### Book Discussions

Join our monthly book discussions on the third Wednesday of the month at Bill Library at 7:00 pm. We always welcome new participants and provide refreshments.



#### April 17: *The Double Game* by Dan Fesperman

In the mid-1980s, journalist Bill Cage inadvertently reveals a startling secret about best-selling spy turned novelist, Edwin Lemaster. Many years later, Cage—now a former journalist, his own career, like Lemaster's, never having recovered from that incident—is lured into a web of intrigue by a nameless individual who hints that, with his Lemaster revelation, Cage had only scratched the surface. What's especially clever here is the way Cage's anonymous "handler" uses works of spy fiction to communicate—encoded messages rely on Cage's virtually encyclopedic knowledge of spy fiction, and shadowy characters who wander in and out of the story bear physical resemblance to characters in spy novels (and, of course, Lemaster himself, the focal point of the intrigue, is a hugely popular spy novelist, a sort of American le Carré)... (Starred Review by David Pitt for *Booklist*.)

#### May 15: *Familiar* by J. Robert Lennon.

Returning from her annual pilgrimage to her son Silas' grave, Elisa Brown is suddenly struck by a sense that things have changed. The car she is driving isn't hers, her body has transformed, and in the seat next to her sits a conference binder addressed to a Lisa Brown. The old Elisa's son died at age 15; she

was having an extramarital affair; and she was very close to her living son, Sam. This new Lisa is estranged from both of her children and lives in quiet tension with her husband in a home devoid of life. As the old Elisa tries to parse out what has happened to her, she discovers that her new reality is as sad and complicated as her previous life, and she begins to feel trapped between both worlds... (Heather Paulson for *Booklist*.)

**June 19:** *Among Others* by Jo Walton.  
With a deft hand and a blazing imagination, fantasy writer Walton mixes genres to great effect. Elements of fantasy, science fiction, and coming-of-age novels combine into one superlative literary package that will appeal to a variety of readers across age levels. After engaging in a classic good-magic-versus-bad-magic battle with her mother that fatally wounds her twin sister, 15-year-old Morwenna leaves Wales and attempts to reconnect with her estranged father. She was sent to boarding school in England, and her riveting back story unfolds gradually as she records her thoughts, feelings, and experiences in a series of journal entries. An ominous sense of disquiet permeates the nonlinear plot as Morwenna attempts to avoid a final clash with her mother... (Margaret Flanagan for *Booklist*.)

### Senior Center Book Discussion



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 fourth 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:

- April 24:** *The Orchid Thief* by Susan Orlean
  - May 22:** *The Beginner's Goodbye* by Anne Tyler
  - \*June 19:** *A Secret Kept* by Tatiana de Rosney
  - July 24:** *Summer of the Swans* by Betsy Byars
- \*Discussion will be held on the third Wednesday

### Other Programs

A variety of programs and events have been scheduled for the coming months and we hope you will be able to join us for some of them.  
Classes have been scheduled to introduce you to the many features of E-Readers or tablets. The focus for all classes will be on downloading books from Overdrive, but use of switches and buttons will also be explained. Learn how to access games, books,

magazines and newspapers on the various devices and then see what's available for books and apps!  
If you like to raise chickens or have thought about raising them you will enjoy the upcoming film documentary.

History buffs will not want to miss Robert Boedecker's reminiscences of World War II and the Liberation of Dachau.

If you feel more adventurous and enjoy the outdoors we have some hikes planned. The following day is a back-up date for the hikes due to inclement weather conditions and will be changed only if conditions are intolerable. We encourage all participants to wear a sturdy hiking shoe/boot, use a walking/ hiking stick, and dress in layers as conditions vary at various venues planned. Children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult and while we love dogs we must ask that they be left at home. Refreshments will be provided after the hikes by the Friends of Ledyard Libraries.



**Please register for programs with this symbol.**  
Call the library to register.



**Candlewood Ridge Property Hike**  
**Saturday, March 23** **1-3 pm**  
**Groton, CT**

This 91 acre property is planned for acquisition by the Groton Open Space Association (GOSA) <http://gosaonline.org/> and will be a prime conservation site that we will explore with Sue Sutherland of GOSA. Signs of spring will be the focus as we hike by a series of unusual vernal pools and ancient bogs in the Haley Brook watershed. This new area on Lambtown Rd. /Gold Star Highway connects to undeveloped land in Ledyard. Entrance is on a road (Comrie Street) between 1740 and 1784 Gold Star Highway where the highway barrier ends by a small pond. Parking is at the end of the Comrie Street. Please be aware of weather conditions as always. Tail-gate refreshments post hike offered.



**Using your iPad**  
**Wednesday April 3** **7:30 pm**  
**Bill Library**

Please specify which version (iPad, iPad 2, or 3) you'll be bringing to this introductory overview. We can help you learn how to download books, music, or sync your calendar with your PC or Apple computer. Learn how to choose from all the apps out there (and when paying a few dollars for an app might be a good idea!) Also learn how to download books loaned from Overdrive.

**Artists & Writers Showcase Opening Reception  
and Edible Books Contest** **Bill Library**  
**Saturday, April 6** **1:00 pm**



Enjoy the works of local artists and writers at our eighth annual showcase of talent which will include “The Exquisite Project!” Talk with your neighbors about their art, while viewing or reading their pieces, and sampling refreshments from the Edible Books entries. Experience our newest experiment “The Exquisite Project,” featuring the talents of 24 local artists and writers in a unique display.

Visual entries are limited to three per artist, (with no limit for writers,) and must be submitted by **Wednesday, April 3**, to the Library. Please fill out an entry form and submit with your visual or written pieces. Writers & artists are welcome to sell their work on the day of the reception. Indicate if you need table space on the form which is available on the library website, and at both libraries.

In conjunction with our Showcase, we will again be participating in the International Edible Book Festival. Create an edible entry that refers to a book in some way such as a pun on a title, portraying a character, or an actual book made to eat! Go to [www.colophon.com/ediblebooks/photos.html](http://www.colophon.com/ediblebooks/photos.html) for more information about the event, and some inspirational ideas. Edible Book entries may be submitted April 6, from 12:30-2:00 pm, and viewed by the public until 3:00 pm. They will then be served to all attendees. Beverages will be provided by the Friends of Ledyard Libraries. Entries may be submitted by anyone: families, individuals, businesses, civic organizations, etc.

Contact Andrea Buka at [teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto:teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org) or 860-464-9912 if you have any questions.

**“Mad City Chickens”**  
**Film Documentary and Panel Discussion**  
**Wednesday, April 10** **7:00 pm**  
**Friendship Church – 384 Col. Ledyard Highway**  
**All Ages**



“Mad City Chickens” is a sometimes serious, sometimes whimsical look at the people who keep urban chickens in their backyards. From chicken experts and authors to a rescued landfill hen or an inexperienced family that decides to take the poultry plunge—and even a mad professor and giant hen taking to the streets—it’s a humorous and heartfelt trip through the world of backyard chickendom.

The café will be open so you may enjoy refreshments during the film. A panel discussion will follow the screening.

This event is sponsored by The Friends of the Ledyard Libraries.

**Morgan Reservoir Hike**  
**Saturday, April 20**  
**Ledyard, CT**

**1-3 pm**



They say the third time is a charm and we hope this hike which has been postponed twice will indeed take place. Instead of signs of Winter Wildlife we will look for signs of spring. Karl Acimovic, consulting engineer for Groton Utilities will guide us down gravel patrol roads overlooking the Rosemund Lake section of the reservoir. This three-mile loop can be considered an easy hike but again be aware of changing conditions as well. Bring your binoculars or any bird watching gear. Please park at the overlook parking area on the North Side of Sandy Hollow Road. Parking is somewhat limited and you may need to park on Sandy Hollow Road. Car pooling may be advised if registration numbers are high. Tail-gate refreshments following the hike.



**The Liberation of Dachau with Robert Boedecker**  
**Sunday, April 28** **2:00 pm**  
**Bill Library**

Former Ledyard resident and U.S. Army Officer Robert Boedecker will share his stories of the



Liberation of the German Concentration Camp at Dachau and the end of World War II. Mr. Boedecker, who was 20 years old at the time, led the combat

engineers who supported the infantrymen liberating Dachau. The combat engineers were responsible for removing obstructions, including road blocks and mines, so the infantry and tanks could move forward. What he saw at the camp was horrifying and something that should never be forgotten. He was awarded the Silver Star for leading the engineers who were taking the infantry across the Danube River under fire, and the Bronze Star for meritorious service. He served on active duty until 1946, and then spent six years in the Army Reserve. Join us for this first person narrative of an historic event.



**Using your Kindle E-reader**  
**Wednesday May 1** **7:30 pm**  
**Bill Library**

(Kindle, Kindle Paperwhite, Kindle Keyboard 3G, Kindle DX,) A class to help get you started with your Kindle in hand! Download Kindle books, download free books from Overdrive, or discover other free sites for ebooks and more!



**Using your Kindle Fire  
Wednesday, May 8  
Bill Library**

**7:30 pm**

All the functions of an e-reader, plus apps galore. Join us to view the basics in how to purchase and download books, download free books through Overdrive and how to use some of the other apps available!

**One Book One Region Kick off  
Tuesday, May 28  
Mystic Arts Center**

**6:00 pm**



One Book One Region has picked its book for 2013 but we're keeping the title under wraps for awhile longer. Join us at the kick-off event to meet the author and hear him read a sample of the chosen book! We're sure you will want to read a copy and discuss it with your neighbors.

**Monthly Adult Crop nights (Scrapbooking)  
Bill Library  
Friday, March 22  
Friday, April 19**

**6:00-10:00 pm  
Friday, May 17  
Friday, June 7**

Need time and space to work on your scrapbook? Join us for a crop. All levels of scrap bookers are welcome, as are card makers and stampers.



This is not a class or sales show. Bring your project and tools. Sarah Desormier will bring some tools to share. Free and open to the public.

**Mad Hatters/ Stitch and Dish**



The Mad Hatters continue to seek out projects that benefit the less fortunate. Through the efforts of two Stitch and Dish

members, we were made aware of the need for chemo caps by local cancer support organizations. We will be collecting them through the summer. Cap patterns are available at the Gales Ferry Library, but any hat pattern is acceptable providing it is made with very soft yarn. Donations may be left at either of the libraries.

Stitch and Dish, our knitting and crocheting group, meets on the second Wednesday at 7:00 pm and the fourth Wednesday at 3:00 pm at the Gales Ferry Library.

**Computer Genealogy Group @ the Library**



The Computer Genealogy Group meets at Bill Library on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. At each meeting we save time for individuals to share their exciting finds and how they got there, as well as any specific "brick walls" attendees may be dealing with. (We have wi-fi so bring your laptop or tablet if you wish.)

**Jewelry Night @ the Library**

Jewelry Night is the second Tuesday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Gales Ferry Library. Bring your current jewelry project to work on, share ideas, and enjoy the company of fellow beaders.

**Children's Book Awards 2013**



**Newbery Award:** This award is given annually to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children. The author chosen for 2013 is Katherine Applegate for *One and Only Ivan*.

**Newbery Honor Books:**

*Splendors and Glooms* by Laura Amy Schlitz  
*Bomb: The Race to Build and Steal the World's Most Dangerous Weapon* by Steve Sheinkin  
*Three Times Lucky* by Sheila Turnage

**Caldecott Award:** This award is given annually to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for Children. The artist chosen for 2013 is Jon Klassen, author and illustrator of *This is Not My Hat*.

**Caldecott Honor Books:**

*Creepy Carrots!* by Aaron Reynolds, illustrated by Peter Brown  
*Extra Yarn* by Mac Barnett, Illustrated by Jon Klassen  
*Green* by Laura Vaccaro Seeger, author and illustrator  
*One Cool Friend* by Toni Buzzeo, illustrated by David Small  
*Sleep Like a Tiger* by Mary Logue, illustrated by Pamela Zagarenski

All of these books have been ordered for our libraries. Reserve a copy of any you wish to read and we will let you know when it is ready for you.

**Donations**

We recently received donations from the Friends of Ledyard Libraries for the purchase of books in honor of

- Garrett Donovan
- Dave Engelman
- Bill Fain

The Garden Club donated books in honor of

- Joy Johnson
- Peg Wells

A book on Sea Glass was donated by presenter Lori McClain.

**Holiday Hours**

<b>March 31</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>May 26</b>	<b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>May 27</b>	<b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>Closed</b>

## A Word from the Ledyard Library Friends

### Friends Spring Meeting

Monday, April 22

7:00 pm

### Bill Library

Join us at our spring meeting as we plan for the September book sale, our biggest fundraiser of the year. We always welcome new members to join our team of volunteers. We'd love to meet you. And bring a Friend! Membership is just \$5 a year and forms can be found at the library or on the library website

We are still in need of volunteers to co-chair the Bill Library Book Sale which is September 5-14. We have wonderful notes, a great timeline to follow and lots of helpers.

The Ledyard Library Friends recently held the Grand Opening of our "Book Cellar," an ongoing book sale at the Gales Ferry Library. The Book Cellar is on the lower level of the Library and is open year round

During normal library hours except when a story hour or other library program is taking place. There is also a smaller selection of books for sale in the lobby.

We have a large selection of books, movies and puzzles for sale and are constantly getting new donations. Book sale prices are \$2 for hardbacks and large trade paperbacks, \$1 for paperbacks and children's books. Stop in and browse, you never know what you'll find.

We offer special thanks to Joann Massad for her work in organizing the shelves and to Joann, Marion Cutler, Andrea Mckenzie, Jesse Baker, Marjorie Jackson and Sarah Desormier for their help with the Grand Opening.

We are looking for volunteers to help with our November Holiday "Books and More" Sale, a Craft Sale and Silent Auction that includes a selection of books suitable for gift giving.

All proceeds support the Ledyard Libraries.  
Linda DeRose, President, [ctantiquer2000@yahoo.com](mailto:ctantiquer2000@yahoo.com).

## LIBRARY HOURS

### BILL

860-464-9912

Monday – Thursday 9-9

Friday - Saturday 9-5

Sunday 1-5

email: [bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto:bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org)

### GALES FERRY

860-464-6943

Monday – Thursday 9-8

Friday - Saturday 9-5

Sunday Closed

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