



# 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 Libraries 24/7



It is almost midnight and you are unable to get to sleep. If only I had something to read you think. Well go onto the libraries' website and download an E-book or magazine to your phone, tablet or computer. Overdrive has many options for books to read or listen to. One Click Digital provides additional options from the State Library. Perhaps you would prefer to read a magazine. Zinio includes over 100 titles available to download with your library card.



Are you are working on a project for school? The library website has numerous resources for history, science, biography and more that are just a click away.

- Biography Reference Bank - Indexes, abstracts and full text articles on more than 600,000 individuals.
- Biography Reference Center - Contains more than 461,000 full text biographies.
- Connecticut History.org - A project of Connecticut Humanities has stories about the people, traditions, innovations, and events that make up the rich history of CT.
- History Reference Center – Full text for more than 1600 reference books, encyclopedias and non-fiction historical books
- Science Reference Center – Comprehensive research database accesses a multitude of full text science-oriented content.

Other resources include indexes to newspapers and magazines, medical information, educational journals, and current events. Chilton's, the popular car repair manuals are available, and Testing and Education provides planning tools and online practice tests for the college bound student, the graduate student or someone looking for a career. For the person looking for a job, JobNow offers online help with resumes, interviewing and career choice.

Goto [www.ledyard.lioninc.org](http://www.ledyard.lioninc.org) today for all of your information needs.

## Children's Programs

April vacation week programs coming to the Ledyard Libraries! Please note these events 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.

### Eric Herman Musical Show

Tuesday, April 11

Bill Library

10:00 am

All Ages



Join us for a fun music show the whole family will enjoy! Eric Herman's songs are at once ingeniously witty, indelibly memorable and incredibly fun and his live shows are bursting with comedy, creativity and audience participation. Eric's music videos have become hugely popular online, with over 50 million views on YouTube, and his songs and videos have been heard nationally on PBS Kids, XM Radio, Fox & Friends, and The Today Show. Whether you are five or fifty-five, Eric Herman will have you smiling from ear to ear, dancing from limb to limb and laughing from nose to foot!



### LEGO® Maker Programs

Wednesday, April 12

10:00 – 11:00 Ages 4 – 8 Gales Ferry Library

1:00 - 2:00 Ages 9 – 12 Bill Library

Spend some time at the library building with Legos.

### TumbleBooks E Books for Kids

Our Library has a subscription to Tumble Books, and your family can access it from home! Click the TumbleBooks icon on the libraries' webpage in the right hand column or under Children/Good Books. The first time you use it from home it will ask for your library card number. It's unlimited, and it's FREE for you to use!



This online collection of e-books is a great way to encourage tech-savvy kids to enjoy reading! There are over 250 animated, talking picture books! The site also features Spanish and French books, read-along chapter books, non-fiction books, and exciting games and puzzles!

Use your computer, tablet, or mobile phone! All you need is an internet connection. There are no downloads: books are streamed right to your device at the click of a button.

Sign in with your library card and give your child a fun reading/listening experience.

## Summer Program Alert!



The theme of our summer program for 2017 is "Build a Better World". The program will begin after school gets out in June and will end August 12. There will also be a Read-to-Me program for children born in 2013 through entering first grade. Check the next newsletter for more information and details about special programs.

## Adult Programs



### 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:

**March 22:** *Bettyville* by George Hodgman

**April 26:** *The Boston Girl* by Anita Diamant

**May 24:** *Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George

**June 28:** *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough

### Online Book Discussions

The March and April 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](http://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. Book Discussions for May and June will be held at Bill Library. See below for details.



### March: *Moonglow: a Novel* by Michael Chabon

Chabon's remarkable new "autobiographical novel" is mined from conversations with his dying grandfather, but not limited to those conversations. ...The result is an intensely personal, paean to his grandparents, their lives together and as individuals. *Jon Foro, The Amazon Book Review*



### April: The Sellout by Paul Beatty

A biting satire about a young man's isolated upbringing and the race trial that sends him to the Supreme Court. It challenges the sacred tenets of the United States Constitution, urban life, the civil rights movement, the father-son relationship, and the holy grail of racial equality—The Black Chinese



### Cookbook Club



Join us for a new, monthly discussion of cookbooks. The group will meet monthly, on the first Tuesday, at noon, at the Gales Ferry Library. Each month, a cookbook will be distributed or if you are unable to make it stop in at either library to pick up a copy. Group members can peruse the cookbook for the month, trying as many recipes as they please. Bring a sample of one recipe to the next discussion for all to share. We will taste test and discuss the cookbook.

The first meeting will be an informational meeting and copies of the cookbook for the next month will be given out. If you can't make it that day, contact Mary Ellen Osborne at 860-464-6943 to reserve a copy.

The cookbooks for upcoming dates will be available at the prior Cookbook Club and at Bill or Gales Ferry Library.

<b>Gales Ferry Library</b>	<b>12:00 Noon</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 4</b>	<i>The Fanny Farmer Cookbook</i>
<b>Tuesday, May 2</b>	<i>The Baking Bible</i>
<b>Tuesday, June 6</b>	<i>Barefoot Contessa at Home</i>

### Other Programs

Join in the hands-on DIY/maker classes in technology, arts, crafts, engineering, electronics, and more! We are scheduling 2017 maker activities now, including a maker "fair" for Summer Reading. Let me know if you have a project or 'how-to' that you would like to share. Andrea Buka: [abuka@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto:abuka@ledyard.lioninc.org), 860.464.9912, or message me on Facebook. Other events include the annual Artist and writers showcase, local history, a shred-it day and a walk on the trails at the Nathan Lester House. Be sure to include the library in your plans for spring activities.



Please register online at [www.ledyard.lioninc.org](http://www.ledyard.lioninc.org) "Events" for programs with this symbol or by calling the Library



### Maker Meet-up: Robotics and Microcomputers Sunday, March 26

1:00 pm  
All ages

#### Bill Library

Bring your robotics, Arduino, Raspberry Pi, or other microcomputer-driven projects for a show & tell. Community members, robotics teams, school & college projects or workplace machines are all welcome.



### Artists & Writers Showcase Opening Reception with special exhibit "The Exquisite Project"

Saturday, April 1

1:00-4:30 pm

#### Bill Library



Enjoy the works of local artists and writers at our eleventh annual showcase of talent! Talk with your neighbors about their art, while viewing or reading their pieces, and sampling refreshments from the Edible Books entries.

Experience "The Exquisite Project" featuring the talents of 29 local artists and writers in a unique display.

Due to space constraints, entries are limited to three per visual artist, (with no limit for writers,) and must be submitted to Bill Library by Wednesday, March 29. Please fill out the entry form and submit with your visual or written pieces. Writers & artists are welcome to sell their creations on the day of the reception. Please indicate if you need table space on the form, and submit as soon as possible. Forms are available on the library website, and at both libraries.

### Edible Books Exhibit

Saturday, April 1

#### Bill Library

In conjunction with our Showcase, we will again be participating in the International Edible Book Festival. Use your creativity to fashion an edible entry that refers to a book in some way.



It can be a pun on a title, about a character, a dish mentioned in the book, or be an actual book made to eat! Go to [www.colophon.com/ediblebooks/photos.html](http://www.colophon.com/ediblebooks/photos.html) for more information or some inspirational ideas. Entries may be submitted Saturday, April 2, from 12:30-2:00, and viewed by the public until 3:00. They will then be served to all attendees. Beverages and other refreshments will be provided by the Friends of Ledyard Libraries.

Contact Andrea Buka at [abuka@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto:abuka@ledyard.lioninc.org) or at (860) 464-9912 if you have any questions. We are looking forward to seeing all the wonderful creativity our area has to offer!

**Shred it Day**  
**Saturday, April 22** 10:00 – 1:00 pm  
**Bill Library**



Chelsea Groton Bank and Ledyard Public Libraries are pleased to sponsor a Shred-it Day.

Spring is a good time to clean out your files of personal papers and confidential documents no longer needed. A shred-it truck will destroy those documents while you watch. There is a limit of three boxes per person.



**Following in Nathan's Footprints**  
**Lester Historic District Walk**

**Saturday, April 22** 1:00 pm  
**Nathan Lester House-** 153 Vinegar Hill Road, Gales Ferry, at the intersection with Long Cove Road

Ledyard's town historian Kit Foster will lead another of his popular history walks, this time on the 100-acre town-owned Lester property on Vinegar Hill. The walk will cover parts of the extensive trail network in this Historic District, stopping to appreciate the flora and fauna encountered en route. Walkers will visit the Lester Cemetery and the site



of the historic Ledyard Oak, before returning to the colonial house that Nathan Lester built in 1793.

Walkers will be able to tour the house and associated barns, the latter housing an extensive collection of farm tools.

Gather in the parking lot at the entrance to the property, and wear footwear suitable for woodland hiking. The Friends of Ledyard Libraries will provide refreshments at the walk's end.

**The Accidental Time Traveler**  
**Sunday, April 23** 2:00 pm  
**Ledyard Bill Library**

Carol Sommer, a columnist in *The Day* who became - quite unexpectedly - a time traveler, will talk about her roots in Southeastern Connecticut, and about the lives of local men and women. Discover new and interesting facts about our area.



**Maker Meet-up: Beginning Blacksmithing**  
**Saturday, April 29** 11:00 am

**Ledyard Up & Down Sawmill**

**Age 14+ (under 18 with parent; Observers: Age 10+)**



Sawmill blacksmith, Scott Weeks, will teach basic blacksmithing utilizing historical and modern materials. Two small projects will be completed and a sawmill tour will be conducted after class.

All materials and tools provided. Participants should wear natural fiber clothing and closed-toe shoes. Bring leather gloves and goggles if possible. Space is limited.



**Maker Meet-up: Container Gardening**  
**Sunday, April 30** 1:00 pm  
**Bill Library** All ages

Joanne Kelley, from the Ledyard Garden Club, will teach us how to get started with container gardening in this hands-on workshop. Participants will create their own small container garden to take home. All materials provided.



**Maker Meet-up: LAN Party**  
**Saturday, May 20** 1:00 pm  
**Bill Library** Ages 13+

Bring your device (laptop, Xbox, etc.) and join the fun with Mike 'Q' Qin and Ethan Hada as we battle it out in our own LAN gaming network. HALO & StreetFighter will be provided. If you wish to bring other games, please let us know by the 19<sup>th</sup>, to provide prep time. Refreshments provided.



**Maker Meet-up: Metal Stamping**  
**Sunday, May 21** 1:00 pm  
**Bill Library** Ages 10+  
**(Ages 10-12 with adult)**



Metal artist Erika Usman will lead us in this metal stamping workshop. Participants will use hammers to emboss designs in metal tags to incorporate into projects such as keychains, bracelets, and pendants. All materials provided.

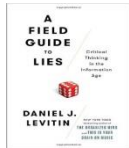


**Book Discussion- *A Field Guide to Lies: Critical Thinking in the Information Age* by Daniel J. Levitin.**

**Wednesday, May 31**

**Bill Library**

**7:00 pm**



"The world is awash with data, but not always with accurate information. *A Field Guide to Lies* does a terrific job of illustrating the difference between the two with precision—and delightful good humor." —Charles Wheelan, Senior Lecturer and Policy Fellow, Rockefeller Center, Dartmouth College, author of *Naked Economics*



**Maker Meet-up: LEGO™ Build  
Sunday, June 11**

**Bill Library**

**1:00 pm**

**All ages**

Bring friends and family and spend the afternoon using our LEGO™ collection or bring your own. Refreshments provided.

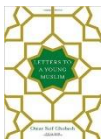


**Book Discussion - *Letters to a Young Muslim* by Omar Saif Ghobash.**

**Wednesday, June 28**

**Bill Library**

**7:00 pm**



"Ghobash encourages the reader to accept a modern, enlightened path that embraces diversity, not just within Islam but among all religions...It is this sort of wisdom that creates hope for a world in which people are smart enough to work together toward a common good rather than claw at one another while slowly sinking in quicksand." —Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, *The New York Times Book Review*



**Computer Genealogy Group @ the Library**

**March 15, April 19, May 17, June 21**

**Bill Library**

**7:00 pm**

All meetings are open to the public, new or return members.



- March - Genealogy Blogs
- April - Death and Cemetery Records
- May - Newest Info on DNA
- June 21 - Artwork of family trees

**Stock Investment Discussion Group**

**Wednesday, April 5, May 3, June 7**

**Gales Ferry Library**

**7:00 pm**

Join our Stock Investment Discussion Group! We meet at the Gales Ferry Library on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm to discuss pertinent topics. Our discussion includes, but is not limited to, general market conditions, individual stock selection, and mutual funds. Learn something new or share your knowledge with others of similar interests! If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ellen at the Gales Ferry Library.



**Stitch and Dish**

Ledyard's organization for knitters and crocheters, Stitch and Dish, open to all interested crafters, continues to meet at the Gales Ferry Library on the second Wednesday (at 7PM) and fourth Wednesday (at 3PM) of every month.



Yarn Bombing Day is right around the corner. Sunday, June 11, 2017 will be here before you know it. We got off to a great start last year, with colorful displays around town. This year we hope to make an even bigger impression. It's all done in the spirit of beautification and fun.

How to celebrate Yarn Bombing Day? Get out there and bomb some yarn. Take out your crochet hook, knitting needles or whatever you have and join in the fun. Even if you have never knitted before we have something you can do. Do it for the yarn, do it for the fun or do it for your cat! Get out and Yarn Bomb! Yarn Bombing Preparation Meetings:

**Gales Ferry Library - Wednesdays**

- April 12- 7:00 p.m.
- April 26- 3:00 pm
- May 10 - 7:00 p.m.
- May 24- 3:00 pm

Contact Marilyn Baseler or Mary Ellen Osborne at Gales Ferry Library, 860-464-6943, if you have questions.

### Friends Special Books sales

#### Author of the Month Half Price Sale Gales Ferry Library



The Friends of the Ledyard Libraries will be holding a book sale highlighting the works of specific authors during the months of April and May in the Gales Ferry Library Book Cellar.

- April will feature Danielle Steel
- May will feature James Patterson

For each month specified, the works of the featured author, in hardcover and paperback, will be offered at half price.

The sale will be open during library hours. Stop by and pick up books from these featured authors while they last!

#### Half Price Summer Sale Monday, June 5 – Saturday, June 10 Gales Ferry Library

The Friends of the Ledyard Libraries will be holding a half-price sale in the Book Cellar at Gales Ferry Library. The sale applies to all paperback and hardcover books, CD's, and puzzles. The sale will be open during library hours. Stop in for some great bargains for your summer reading!



#### 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.



### Ledyard Historical Society – Catch & Release

**Saturday: April 8, June 3**

**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](mailto:research@ledyardhistory.org), or 860-464-9912 for more information.

### Newbery/Caldecott 2017

#### Newbery Award:



*The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill

#### Newbery Honor Books:

*Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves, Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life* by

Ashley Bryan

*Inquisitor's Tale: Or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog* by Adam Gidwitz

#### Caldecott Award:

*Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat* by Javaka Steptoe



#### Caldecott Honor Books:

*Du Iz Tak?* by Carson Ellis

*Freedom in Congo Square* by Carole Boston Weatherford

*Leave Me Alone!* by Vera Brosgol

*They All Saw a Cat* by Brendan Wenzel

All of these books have been ordered for our libraries. If you wish to read any, please put holds on them!



Holiday Hours		
April 16	Easter Sunday	Closed
May 28	Memorial Day	Closed
May 29	Memorial Day	Closed

### Donations

The following donations were received for the library. We are grateful for these gifts that will be used to purchase books and other materials for the libraries.

Stonington Veterinary Hospital  
In Memory of:

- Anthony Dimella
- Kathy Drury

### New Children's Room for Gales Ferry Library



The Library recently obtained access to a classroom and office space next to the Gales Ferry Library. The Library Commission has begun the process to renovate the space into a Children's and Young Adult area for the library. They are working with architect, Thomas Elliott, who will create plans that can be used to obtain bids for the work. The completed project will give the library approximately 890 square feet of space. The Library Commission will use grant funds and donations to complete the project. It is too soon to accurately predict a completion date but we hope to begin renovations in late spring.



### A Word from the Friends of Ledyard Libraries

**Spring Friends Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 20**  
**Gales Ferry Library**

**7:00 pm**

Greetings Friends! I hope this New Year is treating you well! Our spring meeting will include discussions of upcoming sales events, programs, and information on what is currently happening with libraries statewide and in your community. We will also be nominating and voting on new board members. If you interested in becoming a Friends of the Ledyard Library Board Member or perhaps serve on one of several committees please contact me at the email or phone number below. We have a variety of opportunities available and welcome your input! The executive board meets quarterly and our various committees meet as needed (some more frequently than others depending on the task at hand). We are here to support our community and library patrons. Your input and participation is important to us! Please join us and become a special part of our community!



Our Gales Ferry Book Cellar kicked off the year with a "Bang" offering a buy one get one free sale last month. I hope you were able to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to find some great reading material at a great price! Stay tuned to more sales in the future!

Fondly,  
Carrie Sitz, FOLL President  
[carrielsitz@gmail.com](mailto:carrielsitz@gmail.com)  
(860)572-0035



## Shoutbomb Text Messages

Have you signed up to receive text notices when the book you requested has come in, or when the books you checked out are almost due or overdue.

- From your phone text the word "SIGNUP" to [lion@shoutbomb.com](mailto:lion@shoutbomb.com).
- You will receive a reply asking for your library card number.
- Text your library card number (under the barcode).
- You will receive a confirmation text.

For more information about this service and what it can do for you go to the library website and click "Services/ShoutBomb text messaging".

**National Library Week**  
**April 9 – 15, 2017**  
**Libraries Transform**

## 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

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



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