



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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"Shoutbomb" Text Messaging From Your Library



After months of anticipation, we are happy to announce that we are now offering Shoutbomb to our patrons. Shoutbomb is a service that sends messages to you by text. If you are a person who spends more time texting than looking at your e-mail or home phone messages, then this is the way for you to receive notifications from the Ledyard Libraries. Shoutbomb will let you know if a book you requested is available to pick up, or if the books you have checked out are due back soon. There is also an option for renewing books by text if a book is not on hold for someone else.

To Sign Up:

1. Using a phone that can send text messages to an email address text the word SIGNUP to lion@shoutbomb.com
2. You will receive a reply asking for your library card number
3. If the library card is up to date, you will receive a confirmation text with an email request. (Responding with your email address is optional)

Once your Shoutbomb registration is complete you will automatically get text notices about items available to pick up, items that are due soon, overdue items and fines. For a full list of commands go to: <https://is.gd/sbhelp>

You can also register for news notifications from the Ledyard Libraries. This is a good way to be reminded about programs and services at your library.

To Sign Up for Broadcast Messages:

1. Text LDNEWS to lion@shoutbomb.com
2. Patrons who have signed up will receive texts from Ledyard Libraries with news and information

We are happy to bring this new feature to you. Check with the staff if you have any questions.

Children's Programs



Registration for Storytimes at the Ledyard Public Libraries will begin Monday, January 9, 2017. Please sign up online under "Children's"/"Storytime" or call either library anytime after 9:30 am.

Infant/Toddler (ages 6 – 24 months)

Bill Mondays 9:30 am Jan.30 – May 1

Terrific Twos

Bill Wednesdays 9:30 am Feb. 1 – May 3

Three - Fives

Bill Thursdays 1:00 pm Feb. 2 – May 4
GF Tuesdays 9:30 am Jan. 31 – May 2

Take Your Child to the Library Day Cup Stacking Demonstration & Workshop

Saturday, Feb. 4

10:00 "Stack Fast" Demonstration all ages
*10:30 Stacking Workshop grades 1 – 5



Glenn Costello, sport stacking instructor will mesmerize you as he beats the clock with his cup stacking ability. Learn how you can become a champion in the sport of stacking in the workshop that follows. Space is limited so sign up early.



Enter the drawing for a set of stacking cups! Stacking cup sets with timer and mat will also be available to purchase for \$30.

Every child who comes to the library on February 4 will get a small gift!

February Vacation Program

LEGO® Maker Fun

Tuesday, February 21

Ages 4 – 8 10:30 – 11:30 am Gales Ferry Library
Ages 9 – 12 1:00 – 2:00 pm Bill Library

Join your friends at the library and see what you can create in this Lego® maker program. Blocks were provided by Lego® Limited, inc. and the Norcia family.



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:

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

January 25: *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah

February 22: *Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf

March 22: *Bettyville* by George Hodgman

*Date is changed due to the holiday

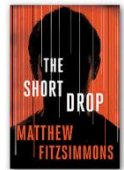
Online Book Discussions

With the exception of January 2017, the monthly Bill Library Book discussion is held online. On January 18 we will host a live discussion at the library. 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



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*)

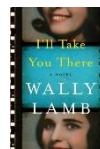


Live Book Discussion - I'll Take You There

Wednesday, January 18

7:00 pm

Bill Library



Join us to discuss Wally Lamb's new book. Felix Funicello (who was first introduced to us in his beloved Christmas book and film, *Wishin' and Hopin'*), is visited by the ghosts of Lois Weber and Billie Dove, the director and star of the movie "The Marriage Clause" that opened at the Garde Arts Center 90 years ago. These spirits take Felix back into his past to revisit—and in some cases relive—scenes from his life. **Note:** Wally Lamb returns to the Garde Arts Center on Sunday, February 12 at 3:00 pm to discuss his book.

February: *Hot Milk* by Deborah Levy



A complex, provocative, unusual story about desires, impulses, and surreally persuasive logic, as Sofia tows the fine line between independence and familial responsibility for her mother, Rose. (Man Booker Award Longlist, 2016) *Amazon*

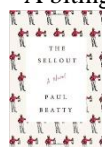
March: *Moonglow: a Novel* by Michael Chabon

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



Other Programs

Join in the hands-on DIY/maker classes in technology, arts, crafts, engineering, electronics, and more! The activities are geared toward adults and teens entering grade 9-12. (Gr. 5-8 welcome with personal adult assistant) 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, 860.464.9912, or message me on Facebook. Our library celebrates Wally Lamb's new book with the Garde Arts Center and other libraries in the region with book discussions and other events. The newly formed investment group meets monthly as do the knitting and Genealogy groups. The Friends of the Library will bring you a program on gardening, an author visit and a musical with Patty Carver. There is sure to be something to help you through the winter chill.



Please register online at www.ledyard.lioninc.org "Events" for programs with this symbol or by calling the Library.

Winter Gardening

**Sunday, January 8
(Weather date January 15)**

2:00 pm

Bill Library

Roberta Levandoski, a confessed garden addict, will share her extensive knowledge of winter gardening. Learn what it is, who should garden in winter and why it is important.



Maker Meet-up: Medieval Chain Mail Techniques

Sunday, January 22

1:00 pm

Bill Library

All ages

Dwight Snowberger and Andrea Buka will demonstrate a simple technique with wire that can be used for a variety of projects. Make a small item of your choice, including earrings, a bracelet, or a surprise project. All materials, instructions, and tools provided.

Author Janice Barrett -*They Called Her Reckless*

Sunday, February 12

2:00 PM

Bill Library



Join us to hear about this true story of war, love and one extraordinary horse. "When the U.S. Marine Fifth Regiment's Recoiless Rifle Platoon acquired a small Korean pony to haul ammunition up the

steep hills to the front lines they got much more. Reckless stood with her buddies for two years during the Korean war, saving lives, raising spirits and winning the love and respect of all who knew her."

Ms. Barrett provides a humorous glimpse into the life of Reckless, the only horse to ever achieve the rank of Marine Corps Sergeant.

Copies of the book, signed by the author, will be available for purchase at this event.

Buy One Get One Free Sale

**Monday, February 13 - Saturday, February 18.
Gales Ferry Library**

The Friends of the Ledyard Libraries will be holding a Buy One Get One (BOGO) Free sale at the Gales Ferry Library Book Cellar. Sale applies to all items including fiction and non-fiction paperbacks and hardcovers as well as children's books, DVD's, CD's and puzzles. Purchase one item and get a second item of equal or lower value free.



Sale will be open during library hours. Shake off the winter chill and stop in for some great bargains!



Maker Meet Up: Getting More out of your Camera

Sunday, February 26 1:00 pm
Bill Library Adults & Grades 6-12

As a follow-up to his Studio Lighting workshop, Mario Guatieri will be showing us how to take better photos, covering the basics of aperture, shutter speed, ISO, and more. Bring your camera to this Meet-up for hands-on instruction. Please register.

The Music of Irving Berlin with Patty Carver
Sunday, March 5 2:00 pm
Ledyard Senior Center



Patty Carver, author, songwriter and actress with international credits will present her one-woman musical about Irving Berlin. Enjoy his music while learning about his life and his family's connection to New London. Everyone will go away singing their old favorites.



Maker Meet-up: Robotics and Microcomputers

Sunday, March 26 1:00 pm
Bill Library All ages

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.

Computer Genealogy Group @ the Library
January 25, February 15, March 15

Bill Library 7:00 pm



In our Winter Meetings we'll be exploring new and valuable sites for information as follows:

- January: Familysearch, Ancestry, Findmypast, Myheritage, and Backupmytree
- February: Historypin, Online Historical Directories
- March: Randymajors, Mooseroots, and Stevemorse.

We'll also take up individual brick walls and other topics of interest!

Stock Investment Discussion Group
Wednesday, January 4, February 1, March 1
Gales Ferry Library 7:00 pm

Our new Stock Investment Discussion Group had a successful launch! We meet at the Gales Ferry Library on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm to discuss pertinent topics. Harry Pearson, a local individual investor, is the facilitator. Join us to 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/Mad Hatters

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. We will not meet the fourth Wednesday in December. At these meetings, we work on individual projects or something to be contributed to an ongoing Mad Hatters' project



Last year, as attendees and interests changed, the Mad Hatters added a new project to its repertoire – yarn bombing. Interested Stitch &

Dishers knit and crocheted flowers, snakes, leaves, signs etc in celebration of International Yarn Bombing Day last June, (You may have seen some of their handiwork around town.) This year they are planning new and exciting additions to their installation, and would more than welcome the participation of anyone with any ideas and skills to share.

Artists & Writers Showcase – Call for Entries
April 1 – May 1 Bill Library

Bill Library will host the annual Artist and Writers showcase and we invite you to display your work. Entries are limited to three per visual artist, and must be submitted by Wednesday, March 29 to the Bill Library.



There is no limit for written pieces. Please fill out an entry form to include with your submission, and mark all pieces with your name & contact information. Entry forms are available on our website and at either library.

**Edible Books Exhibit
Saturday, April 1**

In conjunction with the opening reception for the Artist and Writers an Edible Books exhibit will feature edible treats based on a book title or theme.

Please contact Andrea Buka at abuka@ledyard.lioninc.org or leave a message at either library, if you have any questions.

Bill Library



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: January 7, February 4, & March 4
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.

Credit card Payments

It is now possible for library patrons to pay for fines or lost books online with a credit card. From the library's website log into your account and follow the prompts to enter last name and library card number. If a fine is owed there will be an option to pay the fines with a credit card. All transactions go through Pay Pal and no record of your credit card information is kept in the LION system. Once the fine is paid it automatically comes off your record in our system. This option does not show if no fines are owed.

[Details of your account](#)



Giving Tree

Thank you to all who generously participated in our "Give a Child a Book" program this Christmas season. Thank you also to all who gave anonymously. The parents were thrilled with the beautiful books they were able to choose for their children!



Holiday Hours

December 24	Christmas Eve	Close at 1
December 25	Christmas	Closed
December 26	Christmas	Closed
December 31	New Year's Eve	Close at 1
January 1	New Year's Day	Closed
January 2	New Year's Day	Closed
January 16	Martin Luther King	Closed
February 20	President's Day	Closed

Holiday Decorations

Thank you to Ledyard Garden Club for donating the beautiful Christmas wreaths on each building.

Thank you also to Doug Moffett for his creative holiday decorations in the planter at Bill Library.



A Word from the Friends of Ledyard Libraries

Happy Holidays! I would like to take the time to thank everyone who helped make the Books and More Sale a success! I was personally touched by all of the library staff who supported the sale. Your contributions were amazing. Thank you Linda Derosé and Deb Miller for all of your time and dedication in gathering donations for our silent auction. We had such a lovely array of items to choose from! To Catherine Hiller, Sarah Desormier, Harry Pearson and Susan Davis thanks for all of your help in preparation and cleaning up. Your hard work is always appreciated. To all of our bakers everything was delicious! Special thanks to Carol Bacon and Alan Ganong for your exquisite art donations. You both have incredible talent and I am so pleased you chose to share it with our library patrons.

Feel free to stop by either the Bill or Gales Ferry Library for your winter reading material. We have a great selection at both locations! Be sure to check out our Buy One Get One Free Sale at the Gales Ferry Library Book Cellar February 13-18.

Best wishes for much health and happiness over the holidays!

~Carrie Sitz (860)572-0035 - Carrie.Sitz@yahoo.com

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