



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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Exquisite Project

In this, our seventh year of celebrating local artists and writers, we decided to challenge ourselves. Inspired by *The Exquisite Book* by Julia Rothman, Jenny Volvovski, and Matt Lamothe we embarked on a new project which will be exhibited in the annual Artists & Writers Showcase at the Bill Library. The project is based on the old game where one person draws the head of a figure, covers up all but the neck, and then passes it to the next person. They then draw the torso and after covering up their work as well, pass it to the third person who creates the legs. When the piece is opened up a unique figure is revealed.

Our project takes this a little further, utilizing the creative talents of 23 local writers and artists in 4 series of pieces which, when put together, will form a special exhibit within the exhibit. The first artisans in each series were given separate quotes from various books to use as inspiration during the creation of their pieces. Copies of these pieces, but not the original book passages, were then passed on to the second round participants to use to get their own creativity flowing. After they completed their part in the project, copies of their works were in turn passed to the third group, and so on. Each writer or artist saw only the piece immediately preceding their own, which means we are all looking forward to the unveiling at the opening reception!

Please join us on Saturday, April 14 at Bill Library for the event's kick-off. Meet the local talent, enjoy delicious Edible Books, and perhaps buy a book or a print from one of your talented neighbors. Even if you weren't able to join in the Exquisite Project this year, you are invited to display your own creativity by exhibiting your written or visual piece in the Showcase, or making an Edible Book. For details see the full article on page 3.

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 860-464-9912.



Tuesday, April 10
Animals of Antarctica
Ages 3 – 6

10:00 am
Bill Library



A representative from the Children's Museum of Southeastern CT will talk about the Antarctic and its animals. There will be experiments, crafts and fun for all.



Wednesday, April 11
Mr. Magic
All Ages

10:00 am
Bill Library

Abracadabra and what will come out of the hat next? Mr. Magic will present a fantastic magic show that everyone will enjoy!



Amistad (Friendship) Club
Thursdays
Grades K - 6

3:30-4:30 pm
Bill Library

Adult and student mentors 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.



Please register for programs with this symbol.

Summer Program Alert



Our 2012 summer reading program will begin after school gets out in June and will end August 11. There will be a Read-to-Me program for children born in 2008 through entering 1st grade.

Check the next issue of our newsletter for details.

We are planning a special family program to kick off summer reading this year. On Friday, June 29 Flock Theater will present "Bringing the Rain to Kapat Plain" as an outdoor/family picnic event on the Green in front of Bill Library.

Teen Summer Reading Program 2012

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 2012. 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. We will be asking for input (written or verbal) about specific titles, genres, or subject areas for our 2012 book discussions!

April 18: *The Art of Fielding* by Chad Harbach. You don't have to like baseball to savor Chad Harbach's sumptuous debut novel, a wise and tender story of love and friendship, ambition and the cruelty of dashed dreams, featuring an appealing cast of characters. Harbach demonstrates an impressive gift for balancing his exploration of these fragile entanglements with an absorbing, well-plotted story, so we're rooting as hard for the small company of troubled souls as we are for the ragtag Westish nine. There aren't many books of 500 pages that feel too short. But like a true fan enjoying a game of baseball as it scrolls its leisurely signature across a summer afternoon, there are moments when you will find yourself wishing *The Art of Fielding* would never end. It's that good. (Harvey Freedenberg, *BookPage*.)

May 16: *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern. "To enter the black-and-white-striped tents of Le Cirque des Rêves is to enter a world where objects really do turn into birds and people really do disappear...Debut novelist Morgenstern has written a 19th-century flight of fancy that is, nevertheless, completely believable. The smells, textures, sounds, and sights are almost palpable. A literary *Mr. Toad's Wild Ride*, this read is completely magical." (—*Library Journal*, starred review.)

June 18: *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. "This heartbreaking debut novel about mothers and daughters, love, and the secret significance of flowers had me weeping with emotion and wonder. Victoria Jones is an unforgettable heroine and you will never look at flowers the same way again." (—Tatiana de Rosnay, author of *Sarah's Key*)

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. Please contact Mary Ellen if you would like a copy of the book.

Upcoming dates:

- March 28: *Saving CeeCee Honeycutt* by Beth Hoffman
April 25: *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson
May 23: *Case Histories* by Kate Atkinson
June 27: *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford

Other Programs

We have scheduled a variety of programs and events for the coming months and we hope you will be able to join us for some of them. Learn to use your e-reader or tablet, learn more about Connecticut birds, invasive species or organic foods, or try your hand at making a wire wrapped pendant.

All events are free and open to the public.

March is for "The Birds"!

Thursday, March 22

7:00 pm

Bill Library

Robert Tougias will present a slide talk on the wild birds of Connecticut. He will discuss and answer questions regarding their natural history, conservation and where to see or how to attract songbirds to your yard. Mr. Tougias, author of *Birding Western Massachusetts*, writes a column on birds for *The New London Day* and syndicates articles across New England. His new book, *The Quest for the Eastern Cougar* was published in September.



Using your iPad Tablet

Sunday, March 25

2:00 pm

Bill Library

This session will focus on getting the most from your iPad. Bring your fully-charged device, and we will explore some of the many things this tablet can do. Search the internet, read your email, download and read books, listen to music, or watch videos. Learn about "apps" and some of the things they can do, taking photos or creating a video, talking with family or friends using "face-time," playing games, and much more.

Using Your Kindle E-Reader or Kindle Fire

Tuesday, April 3

7:00 pm

Bill Library

This session will focus on the basic functions of a Kindle. Bring your fully-charged device, and we'll help you learn how to get the most from it. Topics will include how to download a book you purchase from Amazon and one you borrow through the library, turning your wireless on or off, adding a bookmark, taking notes in the books you read, changing the font size, and more. We will also provide a list of websites that offer free downloadable books.

Using Your Nook E-Reader

Monday, April 2

6:00 pm

Saturday, April 21

1:00 pm

Gales Ferry Library

These sessions will focus on using your Nook to download books from the library website. We will also discuss purchasing books from Barnes and Noble and navigating your e-reader. Please bring your fully charged Nook and your USB cable.

One if by Land, Two if by Ballast Water

Wednesday, April 4

7:00 pm

Bill Library



Have you ever wondered what that colorful "glop" is that hangs from the dock or pilings? Join Nancy Balcom from CT Sea Grant to learn what makes aquatic species "invasive" (as told through a tale of two sons), and how aquatic organisms end up residing in Long Island Sound thousands of miles from their native waters. See a "who's who" of aquatic invaders in the Sound and learn what boaters and anglers can do to help minimize their spread.

Artists & Writers Showcase Opening Reception

And Edible Books Contest

Bill Library

Saturday, April 14

1:00-5:00 pm

Come enjoy the works of local artists and writers at our seventh annual showcase of talent! Talk with your talented neighbors about their art, while viewing or reading their pieces, and sampling refreshments which will include the Edible Books entries. Experience our newest experiment "The Exquisite Project," featuring the talents of 24 local artists and writers in a unique display. Artists take note: Due to space constraints, entries are limited to three per artist, (with no limit for writers) and must be submitted by Wednesday, April 11. Writers & artists are welcome to sell their creations on the day of the reception. Please fill out an entry form to submit with your visual or written pieces and indicate if you need table space. Forms



are available on the library website and at both libraries.

In conjunction with our Showcase, we will again participate in an "Edible Book" contest that invites you to use your creativity to fashion an edible entry that refers to a book in some way. Participants are invited to submit entries from 12:30 – 2:00 pm on the day of the event. They will be on display until 3:00 pm and then served to all attendees.

Beverages will be provided by the Library Friends. Contact Andrea Buka at teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org or 860-464-9912 if you have any questions.

Adult Crop night (Scrapbooking)

Friday, April 20 6:00-10:00 pm
Bill Library

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. We hope to have enough interest to start a monthly crop. Free and open to the public.

Thinking Globally, Eating Locally

Wednesday, May 9 7:00 pm

Bill Library

Bill Duesing, Executive Director of The Connecticut Northeast Organic Farmers Association (CTNOFA), will speak about the benefits of eating locally grown organic foods. For over 35 years, this organic farmer, author and environmental artist has been working to promote organic agriculture and greater local food sufficiency in Connecticut and the Northeast through lectures, writings, media and community work.



Wire Wrapping a Pendant

Tuesday, May 15 6:00 pm
Gales Ferry Library

Christine Schlichting will present a class on how to wire wrap a pendant to use in a necklace. Students may bring a cabochon, rock, shell piece, gemstone or other item to wrap. Wire and a small selection of rocks and shell pieces will be provided. Some pliers and wire cutters will be available for the class to share. If students have needle nose and/or round nose pliers it would be helpful to bring them.

Mad Hatters / Stitch and Dish

The Mad Hatters would like to thank everyone who contributed to our winter project. Hundreds of

hats, scarves and mittens were collected for local social service agencies.

We are beginning a new project for the spring and summer months. We will be collecting 2 ½ inch, 5 inch, and 10 inch squares. They may be of any color or type of yarn. The squares can be knitted or crocheted. Depending on the number of squares we collect, members of Stitch and Dish will create an afghan or two. Squares may be left at either library. The afghan will be donated to a local charity.



If you are interested in helping with the assembly of the afghan, please attend a meeting of Stitch and Dish. We meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays at Gales Ferry Library. The second Wednesday group meets at 7:00 p.m. and the fourth Wednesday group meets at 3:00 p.m. Knitters and crocheters are welcome to attend. New members are always welcome.

Watch for our handiwork in the Bill Library display case in May.

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.

Genealogy Group @ the Library

The "Ledyard Libraries Computer Genealogy Group" (COGG) will meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month at Bill Library. Bring your laptop or tablet, connect to the library's Wi-Fi and participate in discussions for doing research on your family genealogy. We will also help troubleshoot any "road blocks" or problems in doing research. Please send an email to Marty Hubbard mhubbard@ledyard.lioninc.org for more information about this group meeting

Saturday, April 28 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Own a Piece of our History Book sale

Bill Library

The Bill Library Association will be holding a mini book sale of a large portion of the books comprising the original collection. These books date from the early 1800s to 1900 and have a full range of subjects including religion, science, history, literature and other areas one would expect to find in a library. They have been housed in the library's attic due to a lack of appropriate space and need to be in a better atmosphere. Therefore, the Bill Library Association voted to hold a sale making it possible for people to own a bit of Ledyard's history. Many are leather bound and are in good to fair condition. All proceeds will go to the Bill Library Association. For questions call Nancy Avery at 860-464-9574.



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860-464-6943

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Friday - Saturday 10-5

Sunday Closed

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the year. Our prices are low, we are in town and the money we raise helps to support your local libraries. We have a great selection of books. Come on down and get some bargains. Most book prices are two dollars or less. We have a wonderful group of members who are already sorting books for the upcoming sales. We are looking for a few volunteers to help with the set up of the book sale on Thursday evening, April 19, or to help with cleanup after the sale. If you can spare a couple of hours please let us know.

The Bill Library Book sale will be held in September in conjunction with the Ledyard Fair.



Be sure to check out some of the library programs sponsored by the Friends including birding, invasive Aquatic life, and organic foods. They're educational and entertaining.

Our next friends' meeting is April 23 at 7:00 pm at the Bill Library. We'd love to have you join us. Bring a friend.

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