



BOOKS AND BEYOND...

NEWS OF THE LEDYARD LIBRARIES

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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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Ledyard Libraries Online

You've visited us in person at Bill Library in Ledyard Center and Gales Ferry Library in Gales Ferry Village. But did you know we have a third location?

That's right! The address for our third "branch" is www.lioninc.org/ledyard.

You can do almost everything at our online branch that you can do in our "brick and mortar" buildings, including:

- **See what's new at the Libraries** on our homepage. For more information, click on the events that interest you.
- **See what's happening when at the Libraries** by clicking on the "What's Happening" link, which takes you to our calendar page.
- **Search the library's holdings** (along with more than 20 other Connecticut libraries) by clicking on the "Ledyard Libraries Catalog" link in the left column.
- **Check your patron record** by clicking on "Ledyard Libraries Catalog," clicking on the "Login" link in the upper right hand corner of the catalog page, typing in your library card barcode, and clicking on the "My Account" tab at the top of the page. From here you can see what items you have out, renew them, place holds on items, and check to see if hold items are on their way or waiting for you at the libraries.

And remember: Our online branch is open around the clock!

Children's Programs



It's at the library this summer! We have a great summer reading program for ages 4 and up. Registration begins Monday, June 19th at Bill or Gales Ferry Library. Please register at the library where each individual program is being offered. All programs are free and open to the public.



Mrs. Brewer talks to a 3rd grade class about this year's summer reading program

Read to Me Reading Program June 26 – August 5

Children turning 4 years old in 2006 up through entering 1st grade may register for this program and will receive a coloring sheet with 10 pictures. For each book read independently (or read to them) the child colors in one picture and you write the title on the back of the sheet. After all 10 pictures are colored and every title recorded, return the sheet to Bill or Gales Ferry library (where the child is registered) for a prize. Complete 5 sheets before August 5th, and win a paperback book. *Last date to return READ TO ME sheets is August 5th!*

Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales June 26 – August 5

Children entering 2nd grade through entering 6th grade are eligible for our "Paws" program. Begin the program by



reading for at least one hour starting June 16th. Then come to the library for a game sheet. Participants will play a board game to collect stickers and get prizes, depending on where they land. There are some activity sheets and jokes included in this "Incredible Journey". Children entering 2nd – 3rd grade will get one roll of the die for each 30 minutes they read. Entering 4th – 6th grade will get a turn for every 60 minutes read. Each elementary school has been given a challenge that will result in Mrs. Brewer having her face painted (like an animal) by the student who reads the most minutes! *The last date to play is August 5th!*

Summer Travel Game June 19 – August 26

If you are going to be traveling this summer and unable to make it into the library as much as you would like, take along the "Travel Game". Children entering 2nd – 6th grades may register and will get a booklet that needs to be completed and returned to Bill or GF Library by August 26th. A parent or guardian must sign off on each activity. Participants should list all the titles of the books they read on the back of the booklet and may choose a prize from the special prize box.



Family Scavenger Hunt June 19 – August 26

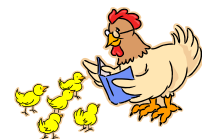
We invite you and your family to join us in a fun Ledyard/Gales Ferry scavenger hunt. Family booklets will be available to begin the search on June 19th. Complete at least 14 of the 16 activities listed in the booklet and return it to the library. Each participating child in the family will get a prize!

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

*Little Animals Storytime

Tuesdays July 11 – Aug. 1
9:30 – 10:00 am

Gales Ferry Library ages 3-5
Join us for summer stories, songs and special activities.



*Paws to Read

Mondays June 19 – August 14 2:00-4:00
Bill Library ages 8 – 10



Tartan, a specially trained dog owned by Millie Burke loves to hear stories. He will sit quietly and listen while a story is read to him. He is very encouraging and will not correct or criticize the reader. Time slots are 15 minutes long for 9 weeks. This program has been a big hit in other libraries.

***Lunch and an Animal Movie!**

Wednesdays June 28 – Aug. 16 12:00 noon
Bill Library all ages

Bring your lunch and we will have a special snack and lemonade for you! Stay cool and watch your favorite movie on our big screen. All movies are rated G.



- June 28 **Pooh’s Grand Adventure** & teddy bears
- July 5 **Lion King** and animal crackers
- July 12 **Chicken Run** and corn chips
- July 19 **Finding Nemo** and goldfish
- July 26 **Jungle Book** and Nutter Butter cookies
- Aug. 2 **Great Mouse Detective** and cheese crackers
- Aug.16 **101 Dalmatians** and Devil Dogs

***Sidewalk Art Contest**

Thursday June 29 10:00 am
Bill Library (ages 6 – 10)

Show us your skill and decorate a section of sidewalk outside the Bill Library. Space is limited so don’t delay registering! There will be prizes for all. Bring your own sidewalk chalk if you have it. (Rain date Jun.30th.)

“Guiding Eyes for the Blind” Dog Program

Thursday July 6 10:00
Bill Library All Ages.

Come and meet some working dogs and their trainers. Find out how people train these wonderful animals to become life-saving helpers to many people with disabilities.



***Paws Claws Scales and Tails pet show**

Thursday July 13 7:00 pm
Bill Library All Ages.

Show us your favorite pet and tell us how you care for them. Share some stories about what they do to make you happy. All participants will get a prize!

***Cedar Island Marina**

Friday July 21 10:00 a.m.
Bill Library All Ages.

Cedar Island Marina will bring a touch tank with all kinds of sea creatures. They will share stories about life in the ocean and will let you touch the animals they bring.

***Curious Creatures**

Thursday July 27 10:00 a.m.
Bill Library All Ages.

Ron Delucia has all sorts of reptiles and amphibians to show us. What kinds of animals will you get to touch? Come and find out about these cool critters!

***Wind Over Wings**

Thursday August 3 10:00 a.m.
Bill Library Ages 5 and older.

Jill will bring some incredible birds of prey to visit us here in Ledyard. Among the birds coming will be a falcon, hawk, owls, and a golden eagle. Don’t miss this fantastic program!



***Please register for these programs**

Teen Summer Activities @ Your Library



Creature Feature Reading Program

Ledyard Libraries will sponsor a reading program for students entering the 7th-12th grades.

A drawing will be held weekly for prizes. Earn a chance for the drawing by reading a book, attending a teen program or volunteering to help.

***Teen Yoga @ your library**

Thursday, July 13 2 P.M. Bill Library

Come try out yoga in a fun environment with Karen O’Donnell Clarke! All attendees will be entered in a drawing for a yoga mat.

***Creature Feature Film festival**

Wednesday, Jun 28–July 26 2 P.M. Bill Library

Enjoy a classic creature movie, such as “The Birds”, “Godzilla”, or “Dracula”, projected on our big screen. We won’t forget the popcorn!



***Buffy the Vampire Slayer Marathon**

Wednesday, August 2 2 P.M. Bill Library

Spend an afternoon in Sunnydale with Buffy and the Scooby’s. We’ll watch the first few episodes of the TV show on our big screen and chow down on pizza and popcorn!



***Please register for these programs**

Volunteer Opportunities

Assist with the Children's Game: Sign up for 2-Hr. shifts & run the little ones' game at both libraries. Please attend one of the orientations: Wed., June 7th 7:00 p.m. at Bill. Sat., June 24th 2:00 p.m. at Gales Ferry. Wed., June 28th, 1:00 p.m. at Bill (right before the Creature Feature movie!)

Story Time Guest Reader: Help Mrs. Brewer with Tuesday morning story times at Gales Ferry Library. Sign up at orientation or in the library.

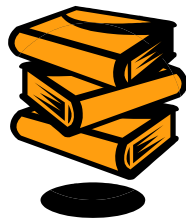
Help with a Pet Show for the Children We'll hold a pet show at Bill for the little guys! Organizational meeting right before the movie on July 5th at 1:30 pm. Sign up at orientation or in the library.

I look forward to another great summer with all of you! Andrea Buka, Teen Program Coordinator

Adult Programs

Book Discussions

Join our monthly book discussions on Wednesday evenings at Bill Library, beginning at 7 P.M. We always welcome new participants and provide evening refreshments.



July 19, 2006 *The True Story of Hansel and Gretel* by Louise Murphy. This book discussion will be led by Susan Topping-Zander of the Three Rivers Community College Humanities department in connection with our One Book One Region programming.

In the winter of 1943, on the outskirts of a dark forest, two Jewish children flee the Nazis with their father and stepmother. In a moment of desperation, the children are given the aliases Hansel and Gretel and sent alone into the woods to hide. Gretel leads her brother in search of food and protection, while Hansel leaves a trail of breadcrumbs behind so that their father might find them again. So begins *The True Story of Hansel and Gretel*. Murphy's book has been described as, "A page turner as well as a moving testament to the human will to do good and survive despite all odds..." (please register by calling Bill Library at 464-9912)

August 23, 2006 *Briar Rose* by Jane Yolen. Sue Lantelme (our former staff member now the Media Library Specialist at Ledyard High School) and Marty Hubbard will co-lead this discussion in connection with our One Book One Region events. Teen readers are welcome. A reviewer found Yolen's retelling of the fairy tale *Sleeping Beauty* "both heartbreaking and

heartwarming ... a compelling reminder of the Holocaust as well as a contemporary tale of secrets and romance." *Briar Rose* tells the story of Rebecca who has been enchanted since childhood by her grandmother Gemma's stories. But a promise Rebecca makes to her dying grandmother will lead her on a remarkable journey to uncover the truth of Gemma's claim, "I am Briar Rose." (Please register by calling Bill Library at 464-9912.)

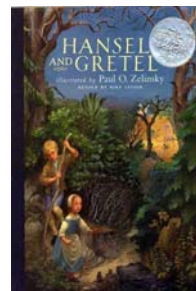
September 12, 13, 14, 2006 Instead of a book discussion in September, we encourage everyone to attend the author visits - Please note that these appearances are NOT at Bill Library!

One Book One Region @ your library:



For 2006 three books have been chosen for the community read, *The true story of Hansel and Gretel* by Louise Murphy for adults, *Briar Rose* by Jane Yolen for teens, and *Hansel and Gretel* illustrated by Paul Zelinski for children. All three stories are dark tales.

They strike at our deepest human fear - that of abandonment, and also at our highest joy - the embrace of a loving family. Ever-present is the forest primeval that grows around Briar Rose and threatens to smother her until she is



rescued by a prince, and in which Hansel and Gretel are first abandoned and then ultimately saved. In the hands of these gifted 2006 One Book One Region authors, the power of both the forest and of family love and the evil of abandonment is unforgettable.

A kick-off event occurred Thursday June 1st at Groton Public Library. The authors and illustrator of this year's selections were all together and each spoke briefly about their books, writing and illustrating. They also attended a large signing party at Bank Square Books in Mystic, CT. We look forward to return visits from all three people in late summer and early fall. Please go to <http://www.onebookoneregion.org> for updates of activities related to One Book One Region at local libraries this summer.

Special Events

Monday June 26, 2006 7 P.M. Bill Library Understanding Fibromyalgia

This is the Last of our Health Series Talks with Leon Harris, DAc. Dr. Harris is certified as a Diplomat of Acupuncture and Chinese Herbology by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) and is currently licensed to practice in Connecticut and Rhode Island. He practices in Gales Ferry with Dr. Robert Barnett at the Holistic Health Center where they provide safe drug-free alternatives to their patient's health issues.

Fairytales in our lives with Sara deBeers

Wednesday, July 12, 2006 7-8:30 p.m.
Bill Library Ages 8 - Adult

Join us for an enchanted evening of storytelling with Sara deBeer as part of our One Book One Region Program. Sara has been active in the Storyteller's community for over 20 years. She will entertain us with versions of "Hansel and Gretel," "Briar Rose," and some of her other favorite related stories and then will speak about fairy tales in our society and answer questions from the audience. (Please register at Bill Library 464-9912.)



Movies and Popcorn

Bill Library plans a series of movies the whole family can enjoy on several Wednesday evenings throughout the summer. Showtime is 7 P.M.

June 28, 2006 "Life Is Beautiful"

Movie rated PG-13 116 minutes

July 5, 2006 "The Brothers Grimm"

Movie rated PG 113 minutes

July 26, 2006 "Fractured Fairy Tales"

Movie rated G 90 minutes

August 2, 2006 "Au Revoir Les Enfants"

Movie not Rated 101 mins. subtitles

August 9, 2006 "Walt Disney's Sleeping Beauty"

Movie rated G 75 minutes

August 16, 2006 Movie "TBA"

Author visits

The One Book One Region authors will return to our area this fall to discuss their books. Now that you have read the books join us to hear what they have to say.

Paul Zelinski - illustrator of *Hansel and Gretel*

Sunday August 27, 2006

2:00 P.M.

Groton Public Library

4 :00 P.M.

Waterford Public Library

Louise Murphy – The True Story of Hansel and Gretel

September 12 7:00 P.M. Fitch High School Groton

September 13 7:00 P.M. Wheeler High School
North Stonington

September 14 7:00 P.M. Waterford Public Library*

*Call 444-5805 ext. 2 to register

The College Search and Application Process

Sunday September 24 1-5 P.M. Bill Library

Carol Brown of The Education Planning Services will be presenting her second talk about college entrance. This meeting will focus on the college application process and preparing essays in advance. Call Bill Library to register to come and listen, or contact Carol Brown directly at (860) 304-1938.

Mistletoe

We are taking a break from the Mistletoe Craft & Bake Sale and Silent Auction this fall. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every Patron, Friend of the library, and Staff member who has helped with this labor of love over the last six years. We have accomplished wonderful things together, and I know this spirit will continue into the future, whatever it may hold.

Warmly, Andrea Buka, Mistletoe Chair

Suggestion Box

The following suggestions were recently found in the suggestion box.

1. *It would be nice if more ballroom dancing tapes and DVD's were purchased.*

Answer: We will try to order some.

2. *Please add puzzles*

Answer: We have limited space for additional collections but will see what we can do.

Thank you for your suggestions and compliments.

Holiday Hours

July 4	Independence Day	Closed
September 4	Labor Day	Closed
September 9	Ledyard Fair Bill Library	Closed

Building Committee

The referendum for the Bill Library Addition did not pass which means the project will not go forward at this time. The Committee worked hard and has done all it can for the project. It is with much regret that the members of the Committee will resign. For those of you who made contributions to the Building Fund, those funds will be held by the Bill Library Association until such time as the project does go forward. We thank all of you for your faith in the project.

Budget cuts

Library Hours for next year will be reduced due to cuts in the library operating budget. We will not have Sunday hours during the school year.

Friends News

The Library Friends held a successful book sale at Gales Ferry Library in early June earning over \$3,200.

Books will be accepted at Bill Library after July 1st for the Bill book sale which takes place September 7 – 15.

Volunteers are needed to help

promote the sale, sort books, set up, man the sale table and more. If you can give a few hours of your time call Marie Engelman at 464-5598



SUMMER HOURS

BILL
464-9912

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Friday 9-5
Saturday 9-1
Sunday Closed
email: bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org

GALES FERRY
464-6943

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Saturday 9-1
Sunday Closed
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