



# BOOKS AND BEYOND...

## NEWS OF THE LEDYARD LIBRARIES

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The Ledyard Libraries serve as a center of information for the community. They support and encourage the freedom to read, learn and discover in a welcoming environment. They provide friendly, knowledgeable service and free access to a diversity of ideas, resources and experiences. They strive to enhance the quality of life in our community, encourage lifelong learning and the love of reading.

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### Staying Power of Libraries

Thomas Frey, executive director and senior futurist at the DaVinci Institute, spoke about the staying power of libraries in a recent issue of *American Libraries*.

“Libraries have been around in various forms for nearly 4,000 years and have become a cornerstone of activities for the communities in which they exist. Even though the role and function of what’s happening inside will change, the library itself will remain a powerful entity around which communities will rally.”

The evolution of libraries has kept them viable through the years. From stone tablets to digital information, libraries have continued to change and be relevant to the times. Early on libraries recognized the importance of meeting the needs of their clientele. Materials have been provided in different formats, services have changed, and physical space was redesigned.

Changes included moving from vinyl records, then CD’s and now downloadable music. Movies first came out in VHS format and libraries made those available switching to DVDs as the format changed. As computers became popular, libraries started making them available to the public with online access and later wireless access which allows patrons to use their own devices in the building. Print materials, which are the mainstay of libraries, began to go digital and soon libraries provided information that could be accessed from home – information in online databases as well as e-books. Historical archives, once only accessible in research libraries, are now available to all because that library has digitized them and put them online.

The physical space inside libraries has also changed in ways that are more helpful to its patrons. Furniture groupings provide for either independent work or group study. Meeting rooms provide a space for library programs but also a place for groups to meet.

Libraries are dynamic organizations that constantly change to meet the needs of their community.

## Children's Summer Reading



It's time to **Dream Big...Read** this summer! We have a great summer reading program for ages 4 and up. Registration begins Monday, June 18. Please register at the library where the program is offered. All programs are free and open to the public.

**Read to Me!** June 18 to August 4  
Children ages 4 (in 2012) through entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade

Participants will receive a coloring sheet with 10 pictures. For each book read independently (or read to them) the child colors in one picture and writes the title on the back of the sheet. After all 10 pictures are colored and every title recorded, return the sheet to the library where the child is registered for a prize. Continue reading and after completing 5 sheets win a paperback book. The last day to return sheets is August 4<sup>th</sup>.




June 18 to August 4  
Entering grades 2 to 6

Start reading on June 15, read for 1 hour or more and come to the library to register for the program any time after June 18. Keeping track of the time spent reading will be done online this year and each participant will have their own account set up through the library website. Recording your reading minutes may be done from your home computer or on a library computer. Earn a "Book Buck" for every hour spent reading and use your bucks in the library "store". Continue to record your minutes with us until August 18.

### Children's Programs

 **Register for these programs**

 **Sidewalk Art Contest**  
Thursday June 21 10:30 a.m.  
(Rain date June 22) Bill Library Ages 6 – 10  
Come and show us your skill by decorating a section of the sidewalk outside Bill Library. Space is limited so sign up early! There will be prizes for all. Bring your own sidewalk chalk if you have it.

**Flock Theatre presents:**  
**"Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain"**  
Friday, June 29 7:00 p.m.  
Bill Library All Ages



We kick off our summer reading programs with a fun family shadow puppet show performed on the Green in front of Bill Library! Based on an African Folk Tale, "Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain" tells the story of the ingenious shepherd who makes the rain fall on his

dry land. Bring your picnic supper to eat outside (weather permitting) and watch this fascinating puppet performance. No registration required.

### Dreamtime Kids Story times

Tuesdays July 3 to 31 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.  
Gales Ferry Library Ages 3 to 6  
Join us for summer stories and songs. This is a drop-in story time, no need to register.

### Lunch and a "Big Dreams" Movie!

Wednesdays June 20 to Aug. 8 2:00 to 1:30 pm  
Bill Library All ages

Bring your lunch and we will have a special snack and lemonade for you! All movies are rated G or PG and will be projected onto our large screen!

June 20 *The Muppets* (PG)  
June 27 *We Bought a Zoo* (PG)  
July 11 *How to Train Your Dragon* (PG)  
July 18 *Arthur and the Invisibles* (PG)  
July 25 *Sleeping Beauty* (G)  
Aug. 1 *Tangled* (PG)  
Aug. 8 *Lorax* (if available) (PG)

### Drop-in Dream Crafts

Friday July 6 9:30 to 11:30 & 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.  
GF Library All ages

Stop in and make some fun crafts including a dream catcher or sleepy time pillowcase. Our teen volunteers will be on hand to help!

### Star Lab

Friday July 13 10:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
Ledyard Center school Ages 6 to 12



The Children's Museum of Southeastern CT will bring their portable planetarium for a viewing of the stars program. Seating is limited, so register early.

### Dream Desserts

Wednesday July 18 4:00 pm  
Ledyard Senior Center Grade 4 to 6

Join Mrs. Buka and friends to learn how to make some wonderful desserts! Get creative with all kinds of ingredients!

### Captain Papillion

Friday July 27 11:00 am  
Ledyard Center School All Ages

Get your AARRGGHH ready for a fun-filled pirate program! This self-proclaimed "Purveyor of Positive Pirating," talks about "UnPlundering!®" the Good Earth and the Sea! Captain Papillion comes from New Orleans bringing music and laughter for the whole family to enjoy!



### Steve Wronker's Funny Business

Friday August 3  
Bill Library

7:00 p.m.  
All Ages

Steve is a fantastic magician who will make you laugh and scratch your heads with amazement! In this show he helps us explore our dreams through storytelling, magic, laughter and imagination. There will be lots of comedy and laughter, great magic and audience participation.

Come early with a picnic supper and eat out on our lawn, and then join the fun inside as Steve performs for us!



### Teen Summer Reading 2012



**@ your library** The program is open to students entering grades 7 to 12 in Fall 2012. Read a book, volunteer to help the younger children with their summer reading program, or attend a teen program to be eligible for prizes. There will be 4 weekly raffle winners and entries may be earned by reading a book, attending a teen program, or volunteering. Prizes will also be awarded for the most books read and the most volunteer hours worked. All volunteers will be given a certificate documenting the number of hours accumulated.

### Teen Volunteers Needed for Summer Reading!

The library is looking for teens to help the younger children this summer with the reading program activities. Plan to attend one of the orientation sessions and sign up for times when you can help. Please bring your family calendar, because you can sign up for your first few volunteer shifts at that time. If you are unable to attend any of the sessions, you must make arrangements before June 30 with Mrs. Brewer or Mrs. Buka.

### Orientation Dates

Thursday, June 14	6:30 p.m.	Bill Library
Wednesday, June 20	6:30 p.m.	GF Library

### Teen Programs

Come enjoy teens-only activities. Bring a friend or two!

Looking forward to a great summer with you all,  
Andrea Buka, Teen Program Coordinator  
[teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto:teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org).



### Ductigami

Tuesday, June 26  
Gales Ferry Library

7:00 p.m.

Use your creativity to make cool things out of duct tape!



### Bleach dyed T-shirts

Wednesday, July 11 6:00 p.m.  
(Rain date: Friday, July 13) Bill Library lawn  
Create your own design! Some shirts available or bring your own colored clothing item. Wear old clothes that can get bleach-stained.



### Twilight movie marathon

Friday, July 20 2:00 to 10:45 p.m.  
Bill Library (approx.)  
Enjoy Bella, Edward & Jacob while noshing on popcorn & pizza. Trivia questions & 'Twilight' prizes!



### Teens Cook!: Chocolate

Tuesday, July 24 6:00 p.m.  
Ledyard Senior Center  
Join us to make savory and sweet dishes with chocolate as an ingredient.



### Tattoo You

Thursday, August 2 7:00 p.m.  
Gales Ferry Library  
Make that cool tattoo you've always wanted! We'll use henna paste to make temporary body art.



### Ice Cream Social

Friday, August 17 7:00 p.m.  
Gales Ferry Library



Find out who read and volunteered the most this summer, while enjoying a yummy sundae with all the toppings! We will also brainstorm ideas for next summer and award volunteer certificates.

## 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.

### June 20: *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh.

The Victorian language of flowers was used to convey romantic expressions: honeysuckle for devotion, asters for patience, and red roses for love. But for Victoria Jones, it's been more useful in communicating grief, mistrust, and solitude. After a childhood spent in the foster-care system, she is unable to get close to anybody, and her only connection to the world is through flowers and their meanings. Emancipated at eighteen, Victoria has nowhere to go and sleeps in a public park, where she plants a small garden of her own. Soon a local florist discovers her talents, and Victoria realizes she has a gift for helping others through the flowers she chooses for them.

**July 18:** *We the Animals* by Justin Torres  
 “We” are the three sons of a mixed-race couple, Ma and Paps, who met in Brooklyn in their youth before moving upstate, presumably in search of economic opportunity that hasn’t materialized. He is Puerto Rican; she is White. She was just 14, he 16 when she became pregnant; they had to take a bus to Texas so they could marry legally. When the book begins the narrator is nearly 7, and his two brothers, Manny and Joel, are just a couple of years older. The boys travel in a pack, the disorder of their home life encouraging them to burrow further into their protective intimacy. On the narrator’s 7<sup>th</sup> birthday Ma is languishing in bed, her face bloated and bruised. When she wakes and realizes it is her youngest child’s birthday, she calls him to her and tells him why it’s his duty to remain 6 years old forever: To grow up is to grow hard.

**August 16:** (Thursday instead of Wednesday!)  
*Caleb’s Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks.  
*Caleb’s Crossing* tells the story of a young man from Martha’s Vineyard, who, in 1665, became the first Native American to graduate from Harvard College. Susan Topping from Three River Community College will be leading this One Book One Region Book Discussion on the night after our regular book discussion evening.

**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:

- June 27, 2012: *Friday Night Knitting Club* by Kate Jacobs (change from previous newsletter)
- July 25, 2012: *The Art of Mending* by Elizabeth Berg
- August 22, 2012: *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford
- September 26, 2012: *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain

**One Book One Region 1012**

The library is once again participating in One Book One Region and we invite you to join in by reading the book, attending the movie showing, joining in on the book discussion and/or meeting the author. The 2012 selection is *Caleb’s Crossing*, by Pulitzer Prize winning author, Geraldine Brooks.

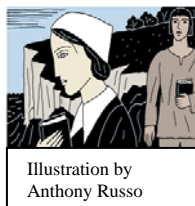
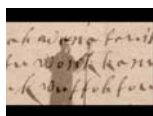


Illustration by Anthony Russo

**Film: “We Still Live Here” (55 mins)**  
 Wednesday, August 8 7:00 p.m.  
 Bill Library



Ann Makepeace’s “We Still Live Here” is an astounding documentary that details the revival of the Wampanoag’s language. The Massachusetts Native

American tribe, best known for aiding the pilgrims at Plymouth Rock, slowly lost their culture as European settlers arrived. The language disappeared and for over a century, there were no fluent speakers. Recently, Wampanoag descendants have made a concentrated effort at rekindling their past and their efforts resulted in the resurrection of a language. Jessie Little Doe Baird, a Wampanoag linguist whose story is central to the film, recently won a MacArthur "genius" award for her unprecedented work in bringing back her people's language.

**Caleb’s Crossing Book Discussion**  
 Thursday, August 16 7:00 p.m.  
 Susan Topping, Instructor of Humanities at Three Rivers Community College, will lead our discussion.

**Author Geraldine Brooks Returns**  
 Tuesday, September 18 (Location to be announced )  
 Please join us to meet Geraldine Brooks and hear what she has to say about writing *Caleb’s Crossing*.

**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. Meet local author Bob Walsh, participate in the Exquisite project or hear about our water resources.

All events are free and open to the public.

**Authors Bob, Kevin and Samantha Walsh**  
**Follow the Dog Home**  
**A Connecticut Author Trail Event**  
 Thursday, July 12 7:00 P.M.  
 Bill Library



Be sure to have your “passport” stamped at the Ledyard stop on the Connecticut Author Trail. We are very pleased that our participating author is a Ledyard resident. Bob Walsh will discuss his newly published book, *Follow the Dog Home*. Bob co-authored this book with his son Kevin and granddaughter Samantha (age 10!), who will also be present at the event. Hear through their stories how dogs they have loved have seen them through wars, death, births and other good and bad times and remained their one constant. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Check out other author events along the trail in area libraries and be sure to attend the finale September 12 at Mohegan Sun with Regina Barecca.

### Exquisite Project Informational Meeting

Wednesday, August 1 7:00 p.m.  
Bill Library

High school seniors & older are welcome  
Dessert & drinks will be served.

Whether you were one of the brave pioneers creating a piece with us this inaugural year, or just think it sounds intriguing, please join us for an informational /scheduling meeting to learn more about the 'Exquisite Project' we exhibited at this year's Artists & Writers Showcase in April and our plans for next year. Our project utilizes the creative talents of local writers and artists, (of all experience levels and ages), in several series of pieces which, when put together, form a special exhibit within the exhibit.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please call or email Andrea Buka to reserve a time-block for the creation of your contribution to the exhibit which will open in April 2013. We think you will be both challenged and delighted with your participation!  
[teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto:teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org) .



### Connecting the Drops – Source to Sea

Thursday, September 27 7:00 p.m.  
Bill Library



Join The Last Green Valley Director of Outreach Programs and Chief Ranger, Bill Reid, on a "visual" paddle down rivers, streams, lakes and ponds of the region all the way to Long Island Sound. Water resources and quality will also be discussed.

### Mad Hatters/ Stitch and Dish

The Mad Hatters are assembling a collection of squares in various sizes, styles and colors for their community afghan. We will continue to collect 2 ½-inch, 5-inch and 10-inch squares through August. Any color, knit or crocheted, is accepted. Drop off your squares at either library.



Stitch and Dish, our knitting group, meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. and the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. at the Gales Ferry Library. Drop in to either or both groups. We always enjoy meeting new people with a passion for the "needle" arts.

Not that we had anything to do with it, of course, but we hope you got a chance to see some "yarn graffiti" at the libraries during the month of May. This is an annual event, which promises to be bigger and better next year.

### Jewelry Night @ the Library

Our monthly group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Gales Ferry Library. This group is all about jewelry. Members design,

repair, consult and demonstrate all kinds of jewelry. Bring your projects, questions and ideas and spend a fun evening with other creative people.

### Genealogy Group @ the Library

The library has scheduled field trips in June and July that will replace the normal meeting times.

#### Godfrey Library

Saturday, June 16 8:00 a.m.

#### CT State Library History and Genealogy Unit

Saturday, July 14 8:00 a.m.

We will carpool from Bill Library at 8 am and have a short tour and introduction at 9 am and then be free to look at resources from 10 to 2 pm. Prior to our trip to the state Library it is suggested that you print out a library card application from <http://www.cslib.org/CircAppbymail.pdf> to obtain a Connecticut State Library Card. This will allow you to use their computers and online resources in the building. Please register at Bill Library in advance.

#### Regular Meeting

Wednesday, August 22 7:00 p.m.  
Bill Library

A summary of both field trips and an update on volunteers working on the 1940 Census Indexing will occur. We will also discuss where individuals are with their searches and what new resources have been discovered over the summer. Please send an email to [mhubbard@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto:mhubbard@ledyard.lioninc.org) if you plan to attend this meeting.

### Donations

We recently received donations for the purchase of books for the libraries.

- Glenwoods Book Club

In Memory of

- William C. Haase
- Mary Sturgis Baudro
- Irene Nichols

### Holiday Hours

July 4	Independence Day	Closed
September 3	Labor Day	Closed
September 8	Ledyard Fair Bill Library	Closed

### Library Hours

The libraries will return to a 9:00 a.m. opening starting June 30. Library hours are reduced for the summer with Bill Library closed on Sundays starting June 17 and both libraries closing at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday starting June 30. Normal hours will resume in September and will include the 9:00 a.m. opening.

**A Word from the Friends of Ledyard Libraries**

**Friends Meeting**  
**Monday, July 23** **7:00 pm**  
**Gales Ferry Library**

**Bill Library Book Sale**  
**September 6 - 15**



The Library Friends continue to be busy at both libraries with book sales, book sorting and scheduling programs. The Gales Ferry Sale in April was a success. Book sorters at Bill Library have been culling through the donations and organizing them for the sale in September. The



Friends Program Committee meets monthly to plan programs and events at the library. We are excited about the upcoming programs this summer with Flock Theater on June 29, local Author Bob Walsh in July and The Last Green Valley in September. We always welcome new volunteers and invite you to become a Friend.

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

Linda DeRose, President  
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**SUMMER LIBRARY HOURS**

**BILL**

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Monday – Thursday 9-9  
 Friday 9-5  
 Saturday 9-1  
 Sunday Closed

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**GALES FERRY**

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 Saturday 9-1  
 Sunday Closed

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