



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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Janice W. Bell Historical Research Room



Gallup School # 8

The Ledyard Historical Society has been busy digitizing and cataloging the contents of the Janice W. Bell Historical Research Room at the Bill Library. This is an ongoing project that will provide online access to the documents, pictures, maps, diaries, etc., from the Society's website at

www.ledyardhistory.org. You can see our progress on the

'Collections Online Exhibits' tab, where we have posted some wonderful pictures including the images that accompany this article. We are fortunate to have the regular help of several volunteers, and are pleased to be able to open the Bell Room to researchers most Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

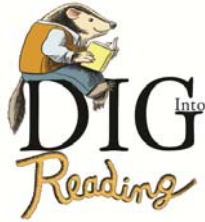
by appointment only. It is important that you give us advance notice so that we may prepare for your visit. Please email the Research Committee at

research@ledyardhistory.org or look for the email link under the 'Research' tab on the Historical Society's website. If you do not have an email account you may obtain a Research Inquiry Form from the circulation desk at either library and fill it out. We will contact you to arrange an appointment. If we cannot accommodate you on Saturday mornings, we can make other arrangements as well.



Up-Down Sawmill

Children's Programs



It's Dig into Reading at the library this summer! We have a great summer reading program for ages 4 and up. Registration begins Monday, June 24. Please register at the library where the program is being offered. All programs are free and open to the public.

Read to Me June 26 – August 10
Children age 4 (in 2013) through entering 1st 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 ten 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 five sheets win a paperback book. The last day to return sheets is August 10.

Dig Into Reading June 24 – August 10
Children entering grades 2 through 6

Keeping track of the time spent reading will be done online and each participant will have their own account set up through the library website. Recording your 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." The store will be open June 26 through August 10. Continue to record your minutes with us until August 24.

Children's Programs

Please register for these programs.

Sidewalk Art Contest

Thursday, June 27 (Rain date June 28) 10:00 am
Bill Library Ages 6 through 10
Come and show us your skill and decorate one of the sections of sidewalk outside the Bill Library. Space is limited so sign up early! There will be prizes for all. Bring your own sidewalk chalk if you have it.

Pallet Garden Planting Day

Friday, June 28 9:30 am
Bill Library All ages



In keeping with our Dig into Reading theme we are planting a vegetable garden and would like your help. Our unique garden will be planted inside wooden pallets

on the south side of Bill Library. This is rather late into the growing season, so we will be using plants rather than seeds! We also need families to sign up for a week during the summer when they will come in to weed and water our gardens until we can harvest the veggies! The harvest will be donated to the food bank for needy families in our area. Any donations of potting soil, plants, or tools would be greatly appreciated!

Little Diggers Drop-In Storytime

Tuesdays July 2 – Aug. 6 9:30 – 10:00 am
Gales Ferry Library Ages 3 – 6

Join us for summer stories, songs and fun activities.



Lunch and a Movie!

Wednesdays July 3 – Aug. 7 12:00 pm – 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.

- July 3 Animated movie about dinosaurs showing up on a frozen earth (PG)
- July 10 Animated movie about funny underground insects (G)
- July 17 Dr. Seuss's character who wants to save trees (PG)
- July 24 A boy who finds life-sized bugs in his large fruit (PG)
- July 31 Funny animated movie about a man who tries to be the worst villain (PG)
- Aug. 7 Scottish red-haired girl who doesn't want to get married (PG)

Touch-a-Truck!

Friday, July 12 9:30 am – 12:00 pm
Ledyard Fair Grounds All ages

Have you ever seen a dump truck or back hoe up close? We will have some fun "diggers" and "dumpers" for you to sit in and touch. The fire and police department may also bring in some vehicles along with the canine unit. Lots of fun for everyone!



"Dirt" Desserts

Wednesday, July 17 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ledyard Senior Center Grades 4-6

Rose garden pudding, dirt cups with gummy



worms, and mud pie are just some of the tasty desserts you will make with Andrea Buka this summer! Space is limited so sign up early!

Howl At the Moon with a Ground-Dweller Tune

Tuesday, July 23 10:30 am
Ledyard Center School All ages



Singer/songwriter Tom Sieling will entertain you with a participatory program that will tickle your funny bone and get you up and singing with gusto! Tom accompanies himself on guitar, banjo, harmonica, and a drum machine, and all songs include parts for the whole family. Preschoolers must be accompanied by adult.

Squirmy Worm Composters

Friday, July 26 10:00 am
Bill Library All ages



Jean Scialabba will bring her red wrigglers in to show us how to set up a compost station and recycle our veggies the natural way! Jean is very knowledgeable and does a fascinating program about our little friends in the garden. There will be worms for sale.

Bending Gravity

Friday, August 2 10:00 am
Blonders Field Pavilion All ages

World-ranked yo-yo player, Eric Girardi brings stagnant objects to life as art in motion in a breathtaking performance choreographed to music. He will show us all sorts of tricks, and if you bring a yo-yo, you can practice some cool moves! (If it rains, the program will be moved to Bill Library)



Drop-in Craft Day

Thursday, August 8 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Gales Ferry Library 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Grade 1 – 5

Stop in the library and make some fun underground crafts. Our teen volunteers will be on hand to help!

Teen Summer Reading Program 2013



@ your library. The program is open to students entering grades 7-12 in fall 2013. Read a book, volunteer to help the younger children with their summer reading program, or attend a teen program to be eligible for prizes. Prizes will also be awarded for the most books read and the most volunteer hours worked. All volunteers will receive a certificate documenting the number of hours worked.

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 at Bill Library and sign up for times when you can help. Bring a laptop or internet-ready tablet if you have one. Also bring your family calendar so you can sign up for your first few volunteer shifts at that time. If you are unable to attend any of the scheduled sessions, you must make arrangements before June 28 with Mrs. Brewer or Mrs. Buka.



Orientation Dates

Wednesday, June 19	6:30 pm
Monday, June 24	6:30 pm
Tuesday, June 25	6:30 pm
Wednesday, June 26	4:00 pm

Teen Programs

Come enjoy teens-only activities with a friend or two! I'm looking forward to a great summer with all of you. Andrea Buka, Teen Program Coordinator
teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org

Re-Fashion your tee

Tuesday, July 9 6:30 pm
Bill Library
Bring 2 t-shirts (printed or plain) that you would like to restyle by cutting, sewing, tying, braiding, etc. (A few shirts will be made available.)

Ductigami



Tuesday, July 16 6:30 pm
Gales Ferry Library
This classic DIY workshop is back! Use your creativity to make cool things out of duct tape.

Teens Cook: Dishes in Disguise!



Wednesday, July 24 4:00 pm
Ledyard Senior Center
We will cook sweet and savory dishes that are not what they seem, such as meatloaf cupcakes with mashed potato frosting and bacon "sprinkles."



Pizza & Circuits

Friday, August 2 4:30 pm
Bill Library
Cool "maker" workshop where guest teacher Adam Strickland will help us create a small LED device to take home. We will learn basic soldering skills. Bring a soldering iron if you have one.

Avengers' Movie Marathon

Friday, August 9 2:00 to 11:00 pm (approx.)
Come watch your favorite superheroes while noshing on popcorn & pizza. Trivia questions & prizes!



Ice Cream Social

Friday, August 16 6:30 pm
Bill 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 (except August) at 7:00 pm. We always welcome new participants and provide refreshments.



June 19: *Among Others* by Jo Walton.
After engaging in a classic good-magic-versus-bad-magic battle with her mother that fatally wounds her twin sister, 15-year-old Morwenna leaves Wales and attempts to reconnect with her estranged father. She was sent to boarding school in England, and her riveting back story unfolds gradually as she records her thoughts, feelings, and experiences in a series of journal entries... In addition to casting an irresistible narrative spell, Walton also pays tribute to a host of science-fiction masters as she peppers Morwenna's journal with the titles of the novels she devours in her book-fueled quest for self-discovery. --Margaret Flanagan *Booklist*

July 17: *The Sandcastle Girls* by Chris Bohjalian
When Elizabeth Endicott arrives in Aleppo, Syria, she has a diploma from Mount Holyoke, a crash course in nursing, and only the most basic grasp of the Armenian language. It's 1915, and Elizabeth has volunteered to help deliver food and medical aid to refugees of the Armenian Genocide during the First World War. There she meets Armen, a young Armenian engineer who has already lost his wife and infant daughter. After leaving Aleppo and traveling into Egypt to join the British Army, he begins to write Elizabeth letters, realizing that he has fallen in love with the wealthy young American. Years later, their American granddaughter, Laura, embarks on a journey back through her family's history, uncovering a story of love, loss—and a wrenching secret that has been buried for generations. (From inside book flap.)

August 21: *Little Princes: One Man's Promise to Bring Home the Lost Children of Nepal* by Conor Grennan
Note this month will be at Gales Ferry Library.

This book discussion will be led by Susan Topping, a Humanities Professor at Three Rivers Community College, as one of the events surrounding this year's One Book One Region program. For Conor, what began as a footloose adventure becomes a commitment to reunite the children he had grown to love with their families, but this would be no small task. He would risk his life on a journey through the legendary mountains of Nepal, facing the dangers of a bloody civil war and a debilitating injury. Waiting for Conor back in Kathmandu, and hopeful he would make it out before being trapped in by snow, was the woman who would eventually become his wife and share his life's work. *Little Princes* is a true story of families and children, and what one person is capable of when faced with seemingly insurmountable odds. (from book cover.)

Sept 18: *The Yellow Birds* by Kevin Powers
This novel opens in 2004, when two soldiers, twenty-one-year-old Bartle and the teenaged Murphy, meet in boot camp on the eve of their deployment to Iraq. Bartle, bound by a promise to Murphy's mother to guide him home safely, takes the young private under his wing as they move through the bloody conflict that "rubbed its thousand ribs against the ground in prayer." Powers, an Iraq veteran, eyes the casual violence of war with a poet's precision but without romanticism, moving confidently between scenes of blunt atrocity and almost hallucinatory detachment with Hemingway-like economy and prose that shimmers like desert heat. *The Yellow Birds* joins a maturing and impressive collection of Iraq War literature. (Jon Foro –*Amazon Review*)

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 4th Wednesday of the month at 10:30 am. Upcoming books are distributed monthly at the discussion. All books 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:

***June 19:** *A Secret Kept* by Tatiana de Rosney

July 24: *Summer of the Swans* by Betsy Byars

August 28: *The Bird Sisters* by Rebecca Rasmussen

September 25: *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson

*Discussion will be held on the third Wednesday

One Book One Region 2013



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 2013 selection is *The Little Princes: One Man's Promise to Bring Home the Lost Children of Nepal* by Conor Grennan. The author will

return in September to speak to those who have read the book and wish to hear further discussion and have a chance to ask questions. The libraries have copies of the book along with a display of related books and movies.

Film: Himalaya (104 minutes)

Wednesday August 7

6:45 pm

This French movie directed by Eric Valli stars first-time actors on location in a remote village in Nepal. The story is based on a Nepali myth about an older village chief leading his people on an extremely strenuous walk to a plateau where they trade their salt for food and supplies for the winter to come.

Other Programs



We continue to schedule classes to introduce you to the many features of E-Readers or tablets. Or if you prefer we will meet with you individually to answer questions. The focus will be on downloading books from

Overdrive, but use of switches and buttons will also be explained. Learn how to access games, books, magazines, and newspapers on the various devices and then see what's available for books and apps!



The Friends of Ledyard Libraries are planning a series of monthly programs this fall with "The Author Next Door."



Please register for programs with this symbol.

Call the library to register.

Computer Genealogy Group @ the Library

Wednesday June 26

7:00 pm

Bill Library



The June Computer Genealogy Group meeting will include a visit by Carol Ganz who will help us look at some German documents and talk about the research she and her husband did while in Germany several years ago. The next meeting for the Computer Genealogy Group will be September 25 when we take time to hear about individual research and discoveries from summer trips.



Using your Kindle (Paperwhite, Keyboard, Touch or Kindle with Special Offers)

Tuesday, July 16

7:00 pm

Bill Library

For those who are new to the Kindle e-reader in any of its various formats. We will look at the basic settings, controls, and functions of this device. We will show you how to purchase books from Amazon and download free books from various sites.



Using your Kindle Fire or Samsung Galaxy Tab 2 (Other tablets with advance notice only)

Tuesday, July 30

7:00 pm

Bill Library

This meeting is for users of the Kindle Fire or Samsung Galaxy to learn about basic settings, functions, and apps. In addition to learning about downloading books for free or through Overdrive, we will look at other apps that make owning a tablet part of your everyday life!



Using your iPad or iPad Mini (First, Second or Third Generation)

Tuesday, August 13

7:00 pm

Bill Library

Our first focus will be on settings and controls and then downloading books to read. In addition, we'll look at apps that make an iPad your most reliable notepad, phone, and personal computer!

In addition we will schedule 15-Minute Appointments each month for individuals who have specific problems or questions regarding their tablet, e-reader, or iPad. Please call and register for classes or individual appointments, and tell us what type of device you will be bringing.

Appointment dates and times are as follows:

June	Tuesday	June 25	10-11 am
	Wednesday	June 26	2-3 pm
	Thursday	June 27	7-8 pm
July	Wednesday	July 10	10-11 am
	Thursday	July 11	7-8 pm
	Friday	July 12	2-3 pm
August	Tuesday	Aug 6	10- 11 am
	Wednesday	Aug 7	2-3 pm
	Thursday	Aug 8	7-8 pm



The Author Next Door

Robert Steele – *The Curse: Big time gambling’s Seduction of a Small New England Town*

Tuesday, September 24

7:00 pm

Bill Library

The Friends of Ledyard Libraries is pleased to sponsor “The Author Next Door” series throughout the coming year. Former Ledyard resident and Connecticut Congressman, Robert Steele kicks off the series with *The Curse*, a story based on the two Connecticut Indian Tribes that built the world’s biggest gambling casinos in the Southeastern corner of the state. The library has copies of the book to borrow and they will be available to purchase at the event.



Mad Hatters/ Stitch and Dish

Mad Hatters Need Chemo Caps and Blankets

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Mad Hatters recent effort to collect chemo caps. There continues to be a need for this item, so we encourage anyone who likes to knit to use your pattern or ours to make chemo caps. Please use soft yarns, with no seams, if possible. Fabric caps will also be accepted.



We have also had a request for blankets for children in area hospitals. These blankets should be approximately 36" x 36". They may be knitted, crocheted, quilted or made of fleece.

All donations to the Mad Hatters may be dropped off at either the Bill or Gales Ferry Library.

Don’t forget, Stitch and Dish, our knitting and crocheting group, meets on the 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. and the 4th Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. throughout the summer in the cool Gales Ferry Library basement. New members are encouraged to drop in and join in the fun!

Jewelry Night @ the Library

Did you know that we have a jewelry group that meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Gales Ferry Library? If you are interested in making your own jewelry, fixing older items, learning about new techniques or area trade shows, this is the group for you. Experienced artisans are always available to help with a problem or get a newbie started. This is a group for adults, but older children accompanied by a parent are welcome.

Outdoor Space at Bill Library

Bill Library will soon offer an outdoor patio with umbrella tables and chairs for our patrons. Enjoy a cup of coffee outside while you read the paper, check your email or work on a project. Ledyard Public Works will install the patio including a walkway to the parking lot over the summer. Funding for the materials is provided by the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut as part of the Love my Library initiative. The Community Foundation previously funded improvements at both libraries which included a teen space, better lighting for the Children’s Room, new furniture and shelving for Bill Library and new shelving for Gales Ferry Library. We are grateful for their support.



Iconn.org changes



The State Library has announced they will change vendors for some of the Iconn resources

effective July 1, 2013. All Cengage Gale resources will be replaced with corresponding resources from EBSCO. This change will affect the results you get from searches using the “Find Articles” search box as well as searches in other iCONN resources that provide access to articles. Previously unavailable magazine subscriptions, such as *Consumer Reports*, *Scientific American* and *Time*, will become available. This change will not affect any of iCONN’s ProQuest newspapers, or HeritageQuest (for public libraries) or iCONN’s collection of downloadable audio books.

The State Library is working to make this transition as seamless as possible and hopes you will appreciate and enjoy the new offerings on July 1!

Holiday Hours

July 4	Independence Day	Closed
July 5		Closed
July 6		Closed
September 2	Labor Day	Closed
September 7	Ledyard Fair Bill Library	Closed

Artists & Writers Showcase



Our annual celebration of creativity in our community was enjoyed throughout the month of May at the Bill Library.

This was the second year that we challenged ourselves with the Exquisite Project, where 4 series of three artists and three writers work from each other's pieces to create a sort of visual and textual narrative. The opening reception gave attendees the chance to chat with most of the forty-four writers and artists who submitted pieces to the show. Thank you to the Friends of the Libraries for providing the drinks and savories at the reception. They complimented the entries in our Edible Books Contest, of which there were several entries by Sheila Jordan. All were clever, beautiful, and delicious! Many thanks to my husband Scott Buka, who was indispensable during the hanging of the exhibit. Congratulations to all of the exhibitors:



Artists

Ben Anderson
Carol Bacon
Julie Brousseau
Connie Burianek
Bob Campbell
Janet Coe
Shawn Coffing
Sylvia Cooke
Daniel Dessaint
Brian Dimmock
Bruce Edwards
Arthur Lipman
Lori McClain
John W. Malenda
Patrick Maloney
Dennis Murphy
Mary Jane Peterson
Howard Poris
Christine Schlichting
Sandy Seaton
Stanley Shostack
Peggy Spence

Writers

M.J. Allaire
Lucas Baker
Christina Cody
Melissa Crandall
Heather Dalton
Alice Cignatta Facente
Marty Hubbard
Heather Hunt
Austin 'Butch' Jordan
Kristina Powell
Lisa Saunders
Jean-Yves Solinga
Adam Szeluga
Susan Topping
Ryan Twomey
Bob Walsh
Daniel Waters
Louisa Watrous

Looking forward to next year's show,
Andrea Buka, Coordinator

Donations

We recently received the following donations for the purchase of books in memory of

- Betty Mortensen

Glenwoods Book Club in honor of

- Nancy Roberts
- Cindy Trobaugh
- Mary Ellen Osborne

A Word from the Ledyard Library Friends

Friends Meeting

Monday, July 22

7:00 pm

Gales Ferry Library



We are getting ready for our biggest fundraiser of the year and could use some help. Plan to join us at the summer meeting as we work out the details for the Bill Library Book sale. The sale will be held September 5

through September 13 overlapping with the Ledyard Fair. All proceeds from the sale go to support programs and equipment for the libraries.

We are in need of new members and would love to have you join us. Membership forms are available from the library website under "Friends" or at either library. Annual dues for an individual are just \$5 per year.

The Friends held elections in April. President is Linda DeRose, Vice President is Andrea McKenzie, Treasurer is Marion Cutler, and Secretary is Catherine Hiller. Congratulations to you all.

The Gales Ferry Library Book Cellar has been a huge success. We are open during regular library hours. We have a great variety of books for sale so come on down and check us out. Hard cover books are a bargain at \$2 and paperback books are \$1. We will be having special 10 cent sales throughout the year. Watch for them.

Hope to see you at the meeting in July and bring a friend.

Linda DeRose, President

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Friends Annual Bill Library Book Sale

September 4-13, 2013



Books, games, puzzles and lots more
Mark your calendar now



SUMMER HOURS

BILL		GALES FERRY	
	860-464-9912		860-464-6943
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Friday	9-5	Friday	9-5
Saturday	9-1	Saturday	9-1
Sunday	Closed	Sunday	Closed



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