

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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Holiday Giving

The holidays are quickly approaching and if you are like me you are still searching for that perfect gift to give a friend or relative. The library can provide you with a list of books that make perfect gifts. For children we have "Best Books for Children: A list for holiday Gift-Giving." The list was compiled by twenty six librarians from around the state and features 39 can't miss titles for children of all ages, most published in 2004. These suggestions also work for birthdays or other events. Do you have a Red Sox fan to buy for? Two diehard Boston Redsox fans, Stewart O'Nan and Stephen King have chronicled the historic 2004 season in the just published book, *Faithful*. From sports to gardening, whatever the interest there is sure to be a book to please. For general entertainment consider an audio book. Most of the current best sellers are also available in a cassette or CD format.

For the person who has everything why not consider a donation to the Bill Library Addition Building fund in their name. The library will provide you with a gift card appropriate for the occasion.

What ever your plans the Ledyard Library Staff wishes all of you Happy Holidays!





Children's Programs

Registration for Story times at the Ledyard Public Libraries will begin Monday, January 3, 2005. Call the library where the program is being offered anytime after 9:30 am. Bill Library 464-9912, Gales Ferry Library 464-6943.

Infant/Toddler

Infants (6-15 mos.)

GF Tuesdays 9:30 am Jan. 25 – Mar. 1

Toddlers (16 – 24 mos.)

Bill Mondays 9:30 am Jan. 24 – Feb. 28

Terrific Twos

Bill Mondays 9:30 am Mar. 14 – Apr. 25
GF Tuesdays 9:30 am Mar. 15 – Apr. 26

Tremendous Threes

Bill Wednesdays 9:30 – 10:00 am Feb. 9 – May 4
GF Tuesdays 10:30 – 11:00 am Feb. 8 – May 3

Fabulous Fours and Fives

Bill Thursdays 9:15–10:15 am Feb. 10 - May 5
GF Tuesdays 1:00 – 1:45 pm Feb. 8 – May 3

Special Programs

Mad Science Presents Matter of Fact!

Tuesday, January 18, 2005 10:00 am
Bill Library Grades 2 – 6.

Investigate the ingredients of the universe. Build your own molecules. Turn a nickel into a penny and use our secret formula to make your own Mad Science slime! **Please sign up early** because seating is limited. Free and open to Ledyard/Gales Ferry residents first.

Native American Program

Tuesday, February 22 10:00 am
Bill Library All ages
Mohegan Tribe Outreach will present a program with artifacts, toys and musical instruments. They will tell Native American Stories, do drumming, singing and dancing. Don't miss this exciting presentation! Preschoolers need to be with an adult. No registration necessary.

Adult Programs

Winter Reading 2005 "At the Movies"



This year our winter reading program for adults will take place from January 23 to March 5. As in previous years, you will receive a raffle ticket for each book you read during these weeks, and we will have a weekly drawing at each library. In keeping with our movie theme, we will spotlight a film from the past. Participants will have the opportunity to get additional raffle tickets weekly. See the schedule below for the activities and extra ticket information. Register at the library where the program is taking place.

Tuesday, January 25

The Gold Rush Beading Workshop

7:00 p.m. Gales Ferry

Please register.

*Get an extra raffle ticket for reading a book with gold in the title.

Wednesday, February 2 (Snow date Feb. 4)

Breakfast at Tiffany's

9:00 a.m. Bill Library

Discuss the book *Breakfast at Tiffany's* and watch the movie while having breakfast at the library. Bring a breakfast item to share. Copies of the book will be available at both libraries.

*Get an extra raffle ticket for attending the program.

February 6-12

Singin' in the Rain

*Get an extra raffle ticket if you come to the library on a rainy day this week.

February 13-19

Some Like it Hot

*Get an extra raffle ticket on any day this week that goes over 40 degrees.

February 20-26

Yankee Doodle Dandy

*Get an extra raffle ticket for reading a book about a U.S. president.

Sunday, February 27

The French Food Connection

2:00 p.m. Bill Library

Please register.

Andrea Buka, our resident food expert, will prepare samples and discuss French cuisine

*Get an extra raffle ticket for attending the program.

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.

January 19, 2005: Bring in a copy of your favorite read from the holiday season. If you got great books as gifts or found a new favorite author over the holidays, please come and talk about the books you read and liked. This is a favorite event for many long time book discussion members. Everyone walks away with several good ideas for what to read next.

February 16, 2005 *Astonishing Splashes Of Colour* by Clare Morrall. Kitty is a 32-year old woman, who still grieves for the baby she lost. She also suffers from synesthesia, a condition in which feelings are experienced as colors, so Kitty sees all her family members as different colors. As Kitty's obsession with children leads her to begin to unravel emotionally, she tries to reconstruct her own past. Her mother died when she was three, but when Kitty begins to question her father and siblings about this and other events of her past, the truth seems contradictory and elusive. As bits and pieces of her past come together, the mystery that became Kitty's life begins to take shape. Clare Morrall's novel was nominated for the 2003 Man Booker Prize and is shocking, heart-stopping, and completely absorbing.

March 16, 2005: *Harbor* by Lorraine Adams. The uncertain lives of illegal Algerian immigrants are the subject of this compelling debut novel. Adams, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, brings a reporter's eye for detail to the story, which begins with Aziz Arkoun's arrival in Boston Harbor. After 52 days as a stowaway in a tanker's hold—his third attempt to escape his country—Aziz swims to shore. Adams reveals and conceals just enough to keep readers almost as disoriented as Aziz, who, with no English and ruined health, survives almost by chance. But Aziz has fled Algeria, where he was an accidental double agent for Islamist militants, for another kind of brutish existence: Intermittent minimum-wage employment, shady compatriots and FBI scrutiny. Straying from his modus operandi of inconspicuous survival, he and his friend Ghazi investigate the mysterious storage unit of their roommate Rafik. Is Rafik moving

stolen designer clothes, hash, or explosive chemicals? Their fingerprints implicate them in Rafik's racket. For the FBI there are too few degrees of separation between Aziz and a terrorist cell. This psychologically complicated page-turner captures the ambiguities of and raises important questions about the domestic war on terror.

April 20, 2005: *Hornet's Nest* by Jimmy Carter President Carter continues to have one of the most productive and varied post-political careers of any former U.S. president. With 16 works of nonfiction to his credit, Carter turns to fiction with this account of the Revolutionary War as fought in the Deep South. Because most of the accessible literature revolves around battles fought in New England and the Middle Atlantic colonies, it is easy to overlook the fierce fighting that took place in Florida, Georgia, and the Carolinas. The plot revolves around the migration of newlyweds Ethan and Epsey Pratt from Philadelphia to a homestead in Georgia. When the War for Independence heats up, the Pratts and their -- friends and neighbors--many of them Quakers are forced into events beyond their control.

Used Computer Giveaway

Bill Library Community Room
Thursday, January 27, 2005 9:30 am to 8:30 pm
Friday, January 28, 2005 9:30 am to 4:30 pm

The library has a variety of used computer hardware and software they are offering to the public. There are monitors, hard drives, keyboards and printers. Software includes versions of Clarisworks, and Mac operating systems. All computer hard drives have been cleaned off. The equipment is free for the taking but donations may be made to the Friends of the Library.

Friends Overstock Book sale

January 14-16, 2005 Gales Ferry Library
Because of an unusually high volume of book donations, the Gales Ferry Library will hold a special "Buy 4, Get 1 Free" Sale during regular library hours. This "discount" will apply to all books, videos, vintage records (which some of us remembers as LPs), and audio-books purchased during this three-day, inventory-reduction sale.

Giving Tree Report

A big "Thank you" goes to all those who purchased books and made donations to the Giving Tree program this year. These books are made available to the needy children of Ledyard through the Social Services Toy Drive. Please know that the parents and children appreciate your generosity.



Amelia & Tom Anglin	Shelia Jordan
Nancy Avery	Ernest Joyce
Beth Ayer	Mary Juber
Leslie Bailey	Juskiewicz family
Jessie Baker	Pam Kalinowski
Carn Barnes	Patricia Kelly
Marilyn Baseler	Tina Kilby
Priscilla Bauman	Ann King
Elizabeth Bradley	Helen Linevitch
Nancy Brewer	Joan Lynch
Kathy Bruckner	Barbara Markwell
Angela Buckley	Georgina McCarthy
Connie Burianek	Laurel & Sean McGowan
Barbara Candler	Gail Milroy
Susan Cardona	Sean Moriarty
Paulette Chamberas	Claire Murphy
Lisa Chesnut	Christina Norris
Mary Coish	Kathy Olsen
Victoria Cole	Mary Ellen Osborne
Stephanie & Megan Correia	Sharon Pealer
Gillian Crawford	Matt Peluso
Amy D'Amico	Valerie Peniozek
Joyce Davis	Joyce Perdue
Catherine Davis	Paula & Mark Robinson
Ellie Davis	Hannah & Jake Roediger
Jan Dawson	Patricia Salmon
Brynn & Hayden Doughty	Charlotte Sanford
Nina Dunn	Mary Schwab
Heidi Gallen	Sandy & Jim Seaton
Sarah Ganong	Vicki Shank
Carol Ganz	Amy Sindel
Joan Goras	Laurel Skinner
Teresa Groton	Joyce Tamer
Carolyn Hanover	Sharon Treaster
Ammy Hanson	Diana Wall
Linda Hardie	Marsha Walsh
Jan Harwood	Alice Wester
Sharon Ivey	Tom Wilson
Natalie Jensen	Jeanna Wyllie
Wes Johnson	Ellen Young

Mistletoe Craft & Bake Sale

Our 4th Annual Mistletoe Craft & Bake Sale and Silent Auction was a great success, with over \$7200 raised for the Bill Library Addition project. Heartfelt thanks go to all the Staff, Friends, and Patrons of the libraries who helped with this event by donating crafts, baked goods, silent auction items, and time, as well as those who did their holiday shopping with us and bid on the auction. We could not have done it without you all!

I would like to highlight the work of our new Teen Friends of the Libraries. They helped by working the day of the sale, making and placing the big signs, making jewelry, painted wooden ornaments, baked goods, helping with the gift books display and taking part in two workshops to produce the cute cloth gift bags & reindeer food sold at Mistletoe. The teens and younger siblings involved were: Kaitlin Start, Rachel Gallen, Rebekah Salveggio, Hannah Gallen, Hannah Nilsson, Leah Gallen, Holly Nilsson, John Gallen, Rebecca Lantelme, Rebecca Lynch, Adam Strickland, Joel Cardona, Brittany Graf, Victoria Graf, and Amy Penrose. And those were just the ones who we got to write down their names!

With the happy possibility of the Bill Library being under construction next year at this time, we will most likely hold the 5th annual Craft & Bake Sale at Gales Ferry Library next year to coincide with other fall village events.

Yule Tea

The Yule Tea held at the Nathan Lester House on Dec. 4 & 5, was very well attended (270 people) and raised \$530 in donations for the Bill Library Building Fund and the Ledyard Historical Society, as well as \$242 from a small silent auction. Bill Holden has generously offered to match the libraries' half of the donations, making the total \$722 for the library and \$310 for the Historical Society.

The primary purpose of the tea was to promote the Building Project and the Society, and I feel we met our goal admirably. Once again, the Ledyard community came together to help me and I am constantly amazed at the generosity of goods, time, and donations. There were many requests to make this an annual event, and I would love to make that happen.

I would especially like to thank Jennifer Finlayson for helping me plan and run the event, and Ellen Fossum & Sue Billing for the beautiful, authentic decorations. My husband Scott was indispensable, as usual, and our daughter Chelsea Leverette served tea both days after helping prep

things for two days beforehand. Other teens and pre-teens helping were Rachel Gallen, Katy Carlbach (from Mystic), Adam and Mallory Puccino (from Groton), Sharon Finlayson, and Ryan Galisewski, as well as the wonderful performance by the Ledyard High Carolers! Thank you to all of you who donated, worked, and attended the tea; -- you all made for a wonderful weekend!

Andrea Buka,
Yule Tea Coordinator

Suggestion Box

The following suggestions were recently found in the suggestion box.

1. *I don't like you not stamping the return date in books. It was a good reminder to return books on time.*

Answer: The receipt printers allow for a faster more streamlined checkout procedure at the desk meaning less time in line for you. For those patrons who check out several books it provides a list of all the books they have taken. We recommend the list be put on your refrigerator or some other prominent location where books may be checked off as they are returned. We will look into some other options to make it easier for keeping track of due dates.

2. *I would like to suggest that non-fiction audio books be kept in one place. Trying to browse the collection is difficult because the books-on-tape are housed in the book collection.*

Answer: We will look into doing this. One of the restrictions is our limited space.

3. *I like the new computers.*

Thank you for your suggestions and words of praise.

Gales Ferry Library

Members of the library staff and the Library Commission have heard comments from the community about closing the Gales Ferry Library if the Bill Library addition goes forward. The Library Commission reaffirmed their commitment to keeping the Gales Ferry Library open. The library in Gales Ferry is well used and serves as a neighborhood library. While the proposed addition to Bill will serve the entire community, it is not large enough to take in the collections of both libraries. The high usage of Gales Ferry Library justifies keeping it open.

Holiday Hours

December 24	Christmas Eve	Closed
December 25	Christmas	Closed
December 26	Christmas	Closed
December 31	New Year's Eve	Closed
January 1	New Year's Day	Closed
January 2		Open
January 17	Martin Luther King	Closed
February 21	President's Day	Closed

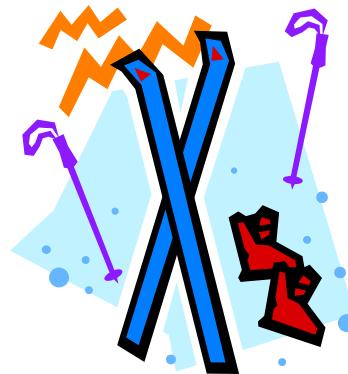
Friends News

The Ledyard Library Friends held their annual meeting in October. Library Director Gale Bradbury presented the library wish list. The Friends approved \$10, 000 in expenditures covering programming, museum passes, publicity, a laser printer, and computer chairs for Gales Ferry Library and a donation to the Bill Library building fund.

The Friends continue to hold a fall book sale at Bill Library and a spring sale at Gales Ferry Library. Ongoing sales are held at both libraries. If you would like to help with the book sales, contact Pam Kalinoski (Bill) 536-4822 or Marilyn Baseler (GF) 464-8717. Andrea Buka oversees the Teen Friends of the Library. If any teens are interested in joining, they should leave a note for Andrea at either library. The teens have assisted with various Friends' programs this year, including Story Time, the Mistletoe Craft and Bake Sale, and Yule Tea.

The Friends have designed welcome packets for new residents. A coupon for the packet is included in the town mailing.

The Bill and Gales Ferry Library Cat's Meow figures and library book bags are available for purchase at each library. All funds raised by the Ledyard Library Friends are used in support of the libraries.



Building Committee News

The Bill Library addition project continues to move forward as the Building Committee works behind the scenes to get things in order for a referendum. The design develop phase is near completion and estimates are being refined. A town wide vote on the project is tentatively scheduled to take place in February. There will be two information sessions for the public to view the plans, ask questions of the architect and make comments. Watch for further information regarding dates and location.

Happy Holidays!



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Friday - Saturday 9-5
Sunday 1-5
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