



# BOOKS AND BEYOND...

## NEWS OF THE LEDYARD LIBRARIES

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The Ledyard Libraries serve as a center of information for the community. We 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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### Maker Space

Previous columns in our newsletter have talked about how libraries are changing to keep up with the needs of their communities. One of the newest trends in libraries is to provide a “Maker Space” where patrons can come in and use tools and equipment available to “Make” things. The Educause© website (<https://net.educause.edu/ir/library/pdf/eli7095.pdf>) defines a makerspace as



“...a physical location where people gather to share resources and knowledge, work on projects, network, and build. Makerspaces provide tools and space in a community environment—a library, community center, private organization, or campus. Expert advisors may be available some of the time, but often novices get help from other users.”

Ledyard has a small but growing “Maker movement” and members are trying to establish a regional group. Our library does not have a permanent space or collection of tools for makers to use but we are able to provide space where do it yourselfers can come in to create things. Staff member Andrea Buka has facilitated some successful activities and more are planned in the coming weeks and months. See inside for details. She is scheduling Fall maker activities now, so let her know if you have a skill that you would like to share or perhaps something you would like to know more about.

Become a “Maker” @ Ledyard Public Libraries

## Children's Summer Programs



It's Every Hero Has a Story at the library this summer! We have a great summer reading program for ages 4 and up.

Registration begins Monday, June 22 at Bill or Gales Ferry Library. Please come into the library to register for the reading programs. We will set up an account for you to track the minutes you read online. All programs are free and open to the public.



Please register online at [www.ledyard.lioninc.org](http://www.ledyard.lioninc.org) "Events" for programs with this symbol or by calling the Library.

**Read To Me** June 22 – August 8  
Children age 4 (in 2015) through entering grade 1



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 you write 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 five sheets win a paperback book. The last day to return sheets is August 8.

**Every Hero Has a Story!** June 24 – August 8  
Children entering grades 2 through 6

Participants will set up an account through the library website and keep track of their time spent reading. 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 24 through August 8. Continue to record your minutes with us until August 22.



## Children's Programs



### Sidewalk Art Contest

Thursday, June 25 (Rain date Jun.26) 10:00am  
Bill Library Ages 6 – 10

Come and show us your skill and decorate one of the sections of sidewalk outside the Bill Library. There is a limited sign up, so don't delay registering! There will be prizes for all. Bring your own sidewalk chalk if you have it.



### Super Hero Crafts

Thursday July 2 10:00 – 12:00 & 1:00-3:00  
Gales Ferry Library Entering K - 4  
Drop-in and make some fun super hero crafts!

### Lunch and a Movie!

Wednesday July 1 – Aug. 5 12:00 – 1:45 pm  
Bill Library All ages

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

- July 1 Big Hero Six (PG)
- July 8 Planes Fire and Rescue (PG)
- July 15 Superman (1978 with Christopher Reeves) (PG)
- July 22 The Incredibles (PG)
- July 29 Megamind (PG)
- Aug. 5 The Lego Movie (PG)



### Summer Drop-In Story times

Tuesdays July 7 – Aug. 4 9:30 – 10:00 am  
Gales Ferry Library Ages 3-6

Join us for summer stories, songs and fun activities.



### Super Kids Cook...Super Foods

Thursday, July 9 10:00 am  
Bill Library Entering grades 4-6

What kind of foods do Super Heroes eat?

Fun and Healthy Foods with everything from Kapow Punch, Hero Sandwiches, And Kryptonite Crunch, just to name a few of the super hero recipes we will be preparing.



### Touch-a-Truck!

Friday, July 17

Gales Ferry School

We will have some fun trucks, ambulances, cars, etc. for you to sit in and touch. The police department may even bring in some SWAT team trucks for you to investigate. Lots of fun for everyone!!

9:30 – 12:00

All Ages



### Dancing With Hoops

Friday, July 24

Gallup Hill School

10:00 am

All Ages



Hoop Dance is the fusion of dance, exercise, creative movement and play. Try your hand at a special hoop trick with Judi Ann Jones from Creative Game Parties. She will bring lots of hoops and music to entertain and amaze you! Don't miss this fun program for the whole family!

### Mr. Magic

Thursday, July 30

Gallup Hill School

10:30 am

All Ages

Get your oohs and aahs ready for special tricks from a special magician.

We love Mr. Magic here in Ledyard, and we don't want you to miss seeing his wonderful and fun Superhero program! If there are thunderstorms, the program will be at Bill Library.



### Junior Maker Lego® Fun!

Friday, Aug. 7

10:00

1:00

Bill Library

Ages 4 – 7

Ages 8 – 12



We have sessions planned for two different age groups. Use your imagination and build some crazy stories with our LEGO® bricks! We welcome you to bring in your creations to share with others, or build something with our bricks!

### Teen Summer Reading Program

Unmask @ your library

June 22 – August 8

Bill & Gales Ferry Libraries

The program is open to students entering grades 7-12 in Fall 2015. Come into the library to register so we can set up your online account to log reading and volunteering hours. There will be 4 weekly prize winners and entries may be earned by reading a book or volunteering. You can



volunteer in 2-hour shifts at either library, by manning the summer reading tables, or helping with story times, cooking, and craft events for younger children. All volunteers will receive a certificate documenting the number of hours worked. Final prizes will be awarded for the most books read and the most volunteer hours accumulated during the summer.



### Teen Volunteers Needed for Summer Reading!



The library is looking for teens to help the younger children this summer with the reading program and other 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. You must attend one of these orientations to volunteer. Returning volunteers may attend any session, but new volunteers must attend one of the "First Time" sessions. All sessions are held at Bill Library.



### Orientation Sessions

First Time volunteer sessions:

- Tues., June 16 5:00 - 6:30 pm
- Thurs., June 18 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- Mon., June 22 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- Tues., June 23 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- Wed., June 24 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Returning volunteer sessions:

- Tues., June 16 7:00 - 8:00 pm
- Wed., June 17 5:00 - 6:00 pm
- Thurs., June 18 5:00 - 6:00 pm
- Mon., June 22 5:00 - 6:00 pm
- Tues., June 23 5:00 - 6:00 pm
- Wed., June 24 7:00 - 8:00 pm

**Maker/DIY activities:** Bring a friend or two! Giveaways at all events.



### Ductigami

Thursday, June 25

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Gales Ferry Library

This classic DIY workshop is back! Use your creativity to make cool things out of duct tape. Thank you to Shurtech for their donation of colorful duct tape for our program.





### Teens Cook!

Wednesday, July 8 3:00 to 6:30 pm

Ledyard Senior Center in Gales Ferry  
Add baking to your list of superhero skills at this delicious hands-on class!



### Maker Sampler

Wednesday, July 15 6:00 – 8:00 pm  
Gales Ferry Library

Choose from a variety of quick tech & maker projects to make and take home, including a smartphone projector!



### Galaxy Tees (or legging, sneakers, scarves, etc.)

Monday, July 20 (bleaching) 5:00 – 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, July 21, (painting) 5:30 – 7:30 pm  
Bill Library



Re-create a galaxy on your clothing using an easy bleaching and painting technique. Black & navy blue t-shirts will be provided, or bring your own shoes, tanks, leggings, etc. Drop off your items beforehand to be bleached if you cannot attend the session on July 20.



### Movie marathon

Friday, July 31 3:00 to 10:00 pm (approx)  
Bill Library

Enjoy masked hero flicks while noshing on popcorn & pizza. Check the website for details. Trivia questions & prizes!



### Henna ‘Tattoos’

Tuesday, August 4 6:30 – 8:00 pm  
Bill Library

Decorate your skin with non-permanent henna using stencils or create your own designs.



### Ice Cream Social

Friday, August 14 5:30 – 6:30 pm  
Bill Library



Prizes awarded to those who read and volunteered the most this summer, as well as some giveaways. Pick up your volunteer certificate while enjoying a yummy sundae with all the toppings. We will also brainstorm ideas for next summer and make a ‘Thank You’ poster for our sponsors, the Friends of the Ledyard Libraries.

Looking forward to a great summer with you.

Andrea Buka, Teen Program Coordinator  
[teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto:teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org)

## Adult Programs

### 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. All books chosen 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 24:** *The Stone Diaries* by Carol Shields

**July 22:** *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak

**August 26:** *Where’d You Go, Bernadette?* by Maria Semple

**September 23:** *The Professor and the Madman* by Simon Winchester

### Online Book Discussions

The monthly Bill Library Book discussion is held online. Copies of the books will be available at both libraries and participants are encouraged to read the book and post their comments on the library website at [www.ledyard.lioninc.org](http://www.ledyard.lioninc.org) any time during the month. Click the “adults” link in the left column and select “Online book discussion” from the drop down menu. Click the link for the book title to see information about the book. These discussions are open to the public and all participants are welcome. The comments will be monitored before they are posted. Contact Marty Hubbard with any questions: [mhubbard@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto:mhubbard@ledyard.lioninc.org)



### June: *The Blazing World* by Siri Hustvedt.

A novel about perception, prejudice, desire, and one woman’s struggle to be seen. Artist Harriet Burden, who, after years of having her work ignored, ignites an explosive scandal in New York’s art world when she recruits three young men to present her creations as their own. When the shows succeed and Burden steps forward for her triumphant reveal, she is betrayed by the third man, Rune. Many critics side with him, and Burden and Rune find themselves in a charged and dangerous game, one that ends in his bizarre death.

**July: *The Bees* by Laline Paull.**

Imagine a story similar to Margaret Atwood's *A Handmaid's Tale* but told from the perspective of an insect. That's the premise of Paull's debut novel. Flora 717, a lowly sanitation bee, is born with unusual features and abilities that allow her to move fluidly between the strict hierarchies of her hive but when Flora discovers she is fertile and can produce an offspring, she must ...follow an untrodden path that leads her away from her kin. (Booklist.)

**August: *A Stranger in Orlandria* by Sofia Samatar.**

Jevick, the pepper merchant's son, has been raised on stories of Olondria, a distant land where books are as common as they are rare in his home. When his father dies and Jevick takes his place on the yearly selling trip to Olondria, Jevick's life is as close to perfect as he can imagine. But just as he revels in Olondria's Rabelaisian Feast of Birds, he is pulled drastically off course and becomes haunted by the ghost of an illiterate young girl. (From the book jacket)

**September**

**One Book One Region Title to be announced in late August!** Watch Ledyard Libraries web page for an announcement of this title and activities planned from October 1 through October 31, 2015.

**Other Programs**

Join in the hands-on DIY/maker classes in technology, arts, crafts, engineering, electronics, handyman skills, and more this summer! The activities are geared toward adults and teens entering grade 9-12. (Gr. 5-8 welcome with personal adult assistant) Looking ahead to September, the Friends will sponsor Ed Lamb talking about the restoration of his 300 year old house.



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**Maker Meet-up: Serger Sewing, Part 2**  
**Sunday, June 14 1:00 – 4:00 pm**  
**Bill Library**

We had so much fun at the first serger sewing class that we decided to do it again! Valerie Hazlin and Millie Burke will lead us through a simple project and how to make some of the "Days for Girls" products we learned about. Bring your serger, scissors, and thread. Seating is limited.



**Maker Meet-up: Cardboard Boats**  
**Sunday, July 19 1:00 – 4:00 pm**  
**Bill Library**



Learn how to create your own watercraft for the upcoming Cardboard Regatta, led by Mike "Q" Qin. Bring large pieces of cardboard, tape, small line/string. (We will have a

limited supply of these items available.) Information about the Cardboard Regatta will be distributed. We will work outside if weather permits.



**Cardboard Boat Regatta**  
**Sunday, August 2 rain or shine Noon**  
**Highland Lake - Ledyard**

Entrants are encouraged to attend the boat-making session on July 19. Teams or single sailors will pilot their own cardboard watercraft in various competitions: speed, endurance, and agility. Sure to be fun for all.



**Maker Meet-up: Vintage Tech**  
**Sunday, August 16 1:00 – 4:00 pm**  
**Bill Library**



Bob Harris will share how he rejuvenates antique "tube" radios, and Austin "Butch" Jordan will enlighten us on the fine art of turntable restoration.

**The Exquisite Project Planning meeting**  
**Tuesday, August 18 6:30 pm**  
**Bill Library High school seniors and adults**

We will meet to brainstorm beginning prompt ideas, select series time slots, and enjoy creative company. The Exquisite Project is an experiment in art and words & a special exhibit within the Artists & Writer's Showcase. Each series in the Project consists of alternating works from three artists and three writers. Participants will have one month to complete their pieces. Writers will be contributing a one-page poem, essay, short story, or other written work. Artists will be creating a visual work, such as a sculpture, painting, drawing, engraving, watercolor, mixed media, etc.



- The first person in a series creates a work (visual or written) based on a prompt, and then passes a copy of that work on to the second person.
- The second person will then create a work, inspired by the previous one in some way, and that piece is then passed on to the third person, and so on to the end of the series.

- The catch is you only get to see the work of the person immediately before yours, until the entire project is revealed at the opening reception Saturday, April 2, 2016 from 1:00- 4:30 p.m.
- The pieces are displayed consecutively, so the viewer may see the “story” unfold.

If you have any questions, or are interested in participating but unable to attend the planning meeting, please contact Andrea Buka at [teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto:teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org) or 860.464.9912.

**If Walls Could Talk: The History and Restoration of a 300-year Old Ledyard Homestead**  
**Tuesday, September 22 7:00 pm**  
**Bill Library**



Ed and Marlaine Lamb of Lambtown Road will discuss the history of the Lamb Homestead, built in 1714, the changes that have taken place through the years, and the recent 2-year

restoration project just completed. The home has been in Ed's family for the entire 300 years, and they are the 9th generation to live there. The original house has had several additions and modifications, including major repairs following the 1938 hurricane. Ed's photos will document all of this. You may even help identify some implements found in the barn! Sponsored by the Friends of the Ledyard Libraries the program is free and open to the public.

**Device Help - Kindle and iPad**



Individual help sessions of 15-30 minutes may be scheduled for assistance with your devices. Contact Marty Hubbard at (860) 464-9912 to schedule an appointment.

Instruction will be provided on the basics of operation, how to use free Overdrive E-books or audio books, and free Zinio magazines. Refreshers or troubleshooting can also be scheduled.

**Computer Genealogy Group @ the Library**

June 17, July 15, August 19

Bill Library 7:00 pm



A genealogy group meets monthly to discuss genealogy finds and use online resources. Discover your family story at the library.

**Stitch and Dish/Mad Hatters**

The library knitting group, Stitch and Dish, meets at Gales Ferry Library on the second Wednesday at 7:00 pm and the fourth Wednesday at 3:00 pm. We have everything from beginners to experts willing to share their expertise. If you are looking for a fun group of knitters and crocheters who share your love of the needle arts, join in any time.



**Changes to reQuest and iCONN**

The Statewide Library Catalog (reQuest), including the reQuest Interlibrary Loan service, will not be available after June 30, 2015. A new system will be brought online in Fall 2015. During the interim library staff will be happy to facilitate your requests for items that are not in the LION catalog. In addition the iCONN webpage will have a new look on July 1, 2015.

**Artists & Writers Showcase 2015**



Our annual celebration of creativity in our community, featuring the Exquisite Project, was enjoyed throughout the month of April at the Bill Library. The opening reception gave attendees the chance to chat with most of the 42 writers and artists who submitted 87 pieces to the show. Thank you to the Friends of the Libraries for providing the drinks and savories at the reception. They complimented the clever and delicious entries in our Edible Books Contest created by Sharon, Anna, Lily, & Rachael Finlayson, Sharon Butler, and Jackie Bacon. Many thanks to my husband Scott Buka, who was indispensable during the hanging of the exhibit and Erin Strickland, my co-host, who came home from college to help out. Congratulations to this year's exhibitors on a wonderful show!

**Artists**

Ben Anderson  
 Carol Bacon  
 Jessie S. Beal  
 Connie Burianek  
 Bob Campbell  
 Shawn Coffing  
 Leslie Clark-Demlien  
 Robert Farace, Jr.  
 Robin Franklin  
 Edward Kardys

**Writers**

M. J. Allaire  
 Steven Ayer  
 Melissa Crandall  
 Andreas C. George  
 Dexter Herron  
 Marty Hubbard  
 Heather Hunt  
 Austin 'Butch' Jordan  
 Donna O'Meara  
 George W. Palmer

Art Lipman	Richard Peterson
Katie Lipman	Jean-Yves Solinga
Valerie Norris	Susan Topping
Mary Jane Peterson	Ryan Twomey
Mirian O. Rook	John Valeri
Christine Schlichting	Carol Vara
Margaret (Peggy) Spence	<b>Artist &amp; Writer</b>
Barry Watrous	Peggy Bosket
Louisa Watrous	Scott Buka
Melanie Watrous	Daniel Dessaint
Heather Yano	Matthew Goldman
	John W. Malenda

### Donations

We recently received donations for the purchase of books to remember and honor a friend or family member and to support specific collections. We are grateful for your support.

In memory of

- Rita Izibicki

From local civic groups

- Ledyard Lion's Club
- Ledyard Garden Club

### Holiday Hours

July 3	Independence Day	Closed
July 4	Independence Day	Closed
September 7	Labor Day	Closed
September 12	Ledyard Fair Bill Library	Closed

### Outdoor Space



The patio is open at Bill Library and we invite you to enjoy a cup of coffee outdoors while you do your work. The Ledyard Garden Club has continued to beautify the area with wonderful plantings making it feel like you are in a botanical garden.



## A Word from the Friends of Ledyard Libraries

### Friends Meeting

Monday, July 27

7:00 pm

Gales Ferry Library

Happy summer! I hope to see some new faces at our quarterly meeting to plan the annual Bill Library book sale and November "Books and More" sale.

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather. Before you head out on your summer excursions or just relaxing outside, I encourage you to pick up some reading material from the Gales Ferry Book Cellar or the Bill Library Book Shelf. Both libraries boast a large variety of books and periodicals to please any palate. All proceeds go directly back to the library and are put toward the cost of programs, museum passes, library equipment and more.

In recent activities the library made a generous donation of books to both Kenya and the Philippines. It is so wonderful to share our wealth with those in need. Don't worry there are plenty more to go around! That being said, if you would like to help sort some books please contact me!

Until then, happy reading!

Carrie Sitz 860-572-0035: Carrie.Sitz@yahoo.com

### Bill Library Book Sale

Thursday, September 10 - Friday September 18



Members Night is Wednesday, Sept 9. Make sure your membership is up to date and enjoy this perk to have a first look at the sale. Join for as little as \$5 per year. Membership forms are available in the libraries and on the Friends page of the library website.

We are accepting donations of books, CD's and DVD's in good condition at each Library. No torn or musty books or VHS tapes please. Thanks to everyone who has donated books to us. Helpers are needed for the book sale and we have a variety of jobs available. Book Sorting, placing signs, picking up book donations, cashiering during the sale and other opportunities for community service are available. If you can spare some time to help please let us know. Send an email to Sarah Desormier jnsdeso@comcast.net or leave your name and contact information with staff at either library.

# Friends Annual Bill Library Book Sale

September 10-18, 2015

(September 9 – members only)



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

## SUMMER LIBRARY HOURS

### BILL

860-464-9912

Monday – Thursday 9-9  
Friday 9-5  
Saturday 9-1  
Sunday Closed  
email: [bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto:bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org)

### GALES FERRY

860-464-6943

Monday – Thursday 9-8  
Friday 9-5  
Saturday 9-1  
Sunday Closed  
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