



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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Resources available for the Blind or Print Challenged

Connecticut residents who are blind or print challenged have a host of resources available to help them understand the visual world. Several agencies provide audio service through talking books, online streaming and specialized radio or television programming. Books in braille are also available. The Connecticut State Library for the Blind and Physically handicapped (LBPH) will lend books and magazines in recorded formats along with the necessary playback equipment, and materials in braille, free of charge, to any Connecticut adult or child who is unable to read regular print due to a visual or physical disability. The LBPH website at <http://ctstatelibrary.org/lbph/> is a good starting place that includes links to several additional resources such as CRIS radio.

The Connecticut Radio Information System (CRIS) is a service available to those who, because of vision loss, learning disability or physical handicap, are unable to read printed material. CRIS Radio programming features a wide variety of articles from national and Connecticut newspapers and magazines, as well as book readings and interview programs. Members of the Ledyard Lion's Club have served as readers for CRIS Radio. One blind resident called it a lifeline to the outside world.

Assistance is also available to those with low vision through the Lions Low Vision Center of Eastern Connecticut. They can provide low vision aids such as magnifiers, closed circuit television or non-optical devices such as visors, lamps and large print materials. Visit their website at <http://www.lionslowvisionctr.org/> for more information.

Locally the Ledyard Lions Club raises funds to support their main mission of assisting the blind and sight impaired. They also provide vision screening for preschool children in hopes of catching problems early.

Call the library if you need help obtaining any of these services.

Children's Summer Programs

It's **On Your Mark, Get Set...READ!** at the library this summer! We have a great summer reading program for ages 4 and up. Registration begins Monday, June 20 at Bill or Gales Ferry Library. Register online or at the library where each program is being offered. All programs are free and open to the public.



Please register online at www.ledyard.lioninc.org "Events" for programs with this symbol or by calling the Library.



Read To Me June 20 – August 13
Children age 4 (in 2012) 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 13.



On Your Mark, Get Set...Read! June 20 – August 13
Children entering grades 2 through 6

Start your summer vacation by reading for one hour after June 10. Registration at the library begins June 20. Each participant will receive a reading log and be registered in the computer. Minutes spent reading may be entered into your online account or on the reading log. Earn a "Book Buck" for every hour spent reading and use your bucks in the library "store." The store will be open June 20 through August 13 (closing at 12:30 pm). Continue to record your minutes with us until August 27.



Special Programs

Sidewalk Art Contest



Thursday June 23 (Rain date Jun.24) 10:00 am
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.



Bicycle Safety Check-Up with Cycle Shed Stores



Sunday, June 26 2:00-4:00 pm
Gales Ferry Landing (7 Hurlbutt Rd)
Ages 4 – 12

Start off summer vacation with a safety check of your child's bicycle and helmet. Scott Bacon of Cycle Shed Stores will evaluate and provide safety recommendations for your child's bicycle needs. Refreshments and prizes will be part of the fun. Come rain or shine!



Lunch and a Movie!

Wednesdays June 29 – Aug. 10
Bill Library 12:00 – 1:30 pm
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 29 Inside Out (PG)
- July 6 Angels in the Outfield (PG)
- July 13 The Peanuts Movie (G)
- July 20 Air Bud (PG)
- July 27 Good Dinosaur (PG)
- Aug. 3 American Girl McKenna Shoots for the Stars (NR)
- Aug. 10 Space Jam (PG)

Summer Kids Drop-in Story times



Tuesdays July 5 – Aug. 9 9:30 – 10:00 am
Gales Ferry Library Ages 3 – 6
Join us for summer stories, songs and special fun.

Drop-in Crafts

Thursday, June 30 GF Library
10:00 – 11:00, and 1:00 – 2:00 Grades 1 – 5
We will set up some fun crafts for you to make and take.

Touch-a-Truck

Friday, July 8 9:30 – 11:30 am
Gales Ferry School (on the football field)
Come and climb in the big trucks, buses or fire engines at our annual Touch-a-Truck event! Every year we bring new and exciting additions to our large vehicle collection. The first half hour will be quieter with no horns or sirens for hearing sensitive children. If your kids love lots of noise, come after 10:00!





Kids Cook...Fun & Healthy

Thursday, July 14 1:30 pm
Ledyard Senior Center Grades 4-6



Time to be creative and put your own twist on some basic fresh salads. Be it a Tossed or Composed Salad, you can have fun making your own with a fresh salad dressing. Dessert will be Fresh Seasonal Fruit Pie of your choice with "make your own" Graham Cracker Crust. We will make a Community Pie for all to taste and then Individual pies. Not only Fun but Healthy, Yummy Dishes will be on the Menu today. Please bring your own apron to cooking class.

Dancing with Hoops

Friday July 15 10:45am
Ledyard Center School Ages 6-12

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. Don't miss this fun program for the whole family!



Junior Maker Lego® Fun!

Friday, July 22 10:00 am
Gales Ferry Library Ages 4 - 7
Bill Library Ages 8 - 12 1:00 pm



Use your imagination to build some fun stories with our LEGO® bricks!

"Dreaming Aloud" with Les Julian

Friday July 29 2:00 pm
Ledyard Center School All ages

Drop everything to come and hear a musical performance with Les Julian. He will tickle your funny bone and get your toes tapping. This program is great for the entire family, so don't miss out!! (CD's will be available)



Storywalk® Stroll and Family Picnic

Thursday, August 4 5:30 - 7:00 pm
Start at Bill Library and end at the fairground pavilion.



Enjoy our new Story Walk® planned and implemented by Eagle Scout candidate, Andrew Craig with help from his troop.

The idea for a storywalk® was first created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT with the help of Rachel Senechal, Kellogg-Hubbard Library. This great family event combines reading with an outdoor activity. The story involves Submarines in honor of the Submarine Century celebration. Bring the whole family and a picnic dinner to eat at the end of the story in the pavilion on the fairgrounds. Lemonade, water and desserts will be provided.



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Teen Summer Reading Program



Get in the Game, Read! June 20 - August 13
Students entering grades 7-12 in fall 2016

There will be 4 weekly raffle winners and entries may be earned by reading a book, or volunteering. You can volunteer in shifts at either library helping the younger children with their summer reading program, or by helping with other programs for the younger kids. Certificates are available upon request. 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. If you are unable to attend any of the below sessions, you must make arrangements before June 17 with Mrs. Brewer. First time volunteer sessions:

- Tuesday, June 14 6:30 - 7:45 pm
- Wednesday, June 15 3:30 - 4:45 pm

Returning Volunteer sessions

- Tuesday June 14 5:00 - 6:00 pm
- Wednesday June 15 5:00 - 6:00 pm
- Thursday June 16 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Teen Summer Programs

Come enjoy teens-only activities! Register online at www.ledyard.lioninc.org/teens/teen-summer-program/



Ductigami

Tuesday, June 28 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.



Movies and Pizza

Friday July 8 5:00 – 9:00 pm
Bill Library
Join us for a fun evening with pizza and movies! We will be showing *Cool Runnings* and *A League of Their Own*.



Teens Cook: Fun and Healthy!

Thursday, July 14 3:30 – 5:00 pm
Ledyard Senior Center



We know you love to Cook and Create. Fresh and Healthy are key to our Salads and Desserts to create today. You can create your DIY custom tossed salad with assorted toppings, dressings and a cooked protein. Do you love Fresh Blueberries, Strawberries or any Fresh Berry? Create your own Seasonal Fresh Berry Tart and crust. Bring your Chef's apron to class today.



Scavenger Hunt

Thursday, July 21 10:00 – 12:00 noon
Starting at GF Library
Get together a team of 2 – 3 friends and hunt for clues in Gales Ferry Village. End at Cows & Cones for an ice cream treat prize if you get all of your answers! Bring a cell phone with a camera for your team.



Artworks

Thursday, July 28 2:00 – 3:00 pm
GF Library
Paint with crayons, sharpies and other mediums to make some cool art to take home.



Friday Night Lights marathon

Friday, August 5 5:00 to 9:00 pm
Bill Library
Enjoy watching the pilot and several following episodes of this great show! We will have pizza & other snacks available.



Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, August 16 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Bill Library
Prizes awarded to those who read & volunteered the most this summer. Enjoy a yummy sundae with all

the toppings as we brainstorm ideas for next summer! If you would like a certificate of the hours you volunteered, please let us know.

If you have any questions, call Mrs. Brewer at the library or email her at: nbrewer@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 22: *In the Unlikely Event* by Judy Blume

July 27: *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech

August 24: *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd

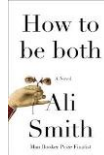
September 28: *My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor

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 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



July: *How To Be Both* by Ali Smith

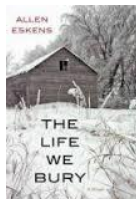


What if an Italian Renaissance painter were to drop down to Earth and observe the mysterious modern world—specifically, the world of one bright, young Cambridge girl in the wake of a recent family tragedy? This is the premise of Smith's bold new novel—actually two novels (*Eyes* and *Camera*) in one. *Camera* is set in the present, when George (Georgia) is grieving the loss of her mother, a feminist art and culture critic, who liked to challenge George about the meaning of art and life, and who

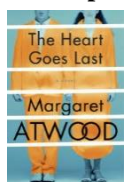
became so intrigued by the work of Italian artist Francesco del Cossa . Francesco’s story (*Eyes*) covers his friendship with the boy who grew up to become his benefactor and patron. Two versions of the book will be available: one beginning with the artist’s story, the other with George’s—and readers won’t know which they will be reading first until they open their particular book. Smith presents two extraordinary books for the price of one.” —*Library Journal* (starred)

August: *The Life We Bury* by Allen Eskins

College student Joe Talbert has the modest goal of completing a writing assignment for an English class. His task is to interview a stranger and write a brief biography of the person. With deadlines looming, Joe heads to a nearby nursing home to find a willing subject. There he meets Carl Iverson, and soon nothing in Joe's life is ever the same. Eskens' debut is a solid and thoughtful tale of a young man used to taking on burdens beyond his years--none more dangerous than championing a bitter old man convicted of a horrific crime." —*Kirkus Reviews*



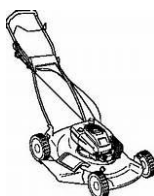
September: *The Heart Goes Last* by Margaret



Atwood. This is quintessential Atwood territory, a bleak dystopian landscape littered with shady types who engage in twisted sexual manipulation and scientific engineering reminiscent of *The Handmaid’s Tale* and *Oryx and Crake* ... The writing here is so persuasive, so crisp, that it seeps under your skin ... [This] fast-paced novel is hard to put down when it comes screaming to its clever and terrifying conclusion." —*Boston Globe*

Other Programs

Join in the hands-on DIY/maker classes in technology, arts, crafts, and more! The activities are geared toward adults and teens entering grades 9-12. (Gr. 5-8 welcome with personal adult assistant.) We are scheduling fall and winter maker activities now, so let Andrea Buka know if you have a skill that you would like to share. I am especially interested in DIY skills, such as carpentry, small motor repair/maintenance (lawnmower tune up/winterization), basic car care (changing a tire, air filter, etc.), changing a faucet, etc. Hikers and walkers take note, as Bill Reid from the Last Green Valley will return to talk about open lands available to walk.



Maker Meet-up: Cardboard Regatta
Sunday, July 17 Rain or shine
Highland Lake All ages

11:00 am – Site opens, 1:00 pm – first race



Teams or single sailors will be piloting their own cardboard watercraft in various competitions: speed, endurance, agility, and combat (using water balloons). Boats and paddles must be made of cardboard, tape, and line or string. For ideas, search online for “cardboard boat ideas” or “cardboard regatta”. A limited supply of cardboard is available at the Bill Library for construction of your boat. Contact Andrea at abuka@ledyard.lioninc.org if you would like some. Some cardboard and duct tape will be available at the Regatta for repairs. Please see the Regatta page at <http://www.ledyard.lioninc.org/maker-meet/cardboard-boat-regatta/>



Exquisite Project Mingle
Saturday, August 6 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Bill Library Adults and high school seniors

The Exquisite Project, an experiment in art and words, is a special exhibit within the *Artists & Writer’s Showcase*. Join us to learn about the Project, brainstorm beginning prompt ideas, select your time slot, and enjoy creative company. Refreshments will be served.

If you have any questions, or are interested in participating but unable to attend the ‘mingle’, please contact Andrea Buka at abuka@ledyard.lioninc.org or 860.464.9912.



Maker Meet-up: Make & Take Sewing
Sunday, August 14 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Bill Library Adults & teens entering gr. 9-12
(Gr. 5-8 welcome with personal adult assistant)

Learn or brush up on basic sewing skills while making a simple project suitable for holiday gifts or personal use. Fabric, patterns, and other supplies will be provided. We will have a limited number of sewing machines available, so please bring a sewing machine (serger or regular), scissors, seam ripper, etc. if you have them.



Take a Walk in the Last Green Valley
Thursday, September 22 7:00 pm
Bill Library

Please join Bill Reid, Chief Ranger of The Last Green Valley organization as he discusses the thousands of acres of land open to the public in our area, including state parks and forests, private land trusts, U.S. Army Corps of Engineer sites, and many others. Then, get your walking shoes on and explore our wonderful region at a great time of the year!

Computer Genealogy Group @ the Library
***The Genealogy Do-Over Book* by Thomas MacEntee**
Wednesday, June 15 7:00 pm
Bill Library



We will discuss this short 100 page outline of 12 monthly projects to go-over or “Do-Over” some or all of your research. How can we organize things differently, figure out what we have and haven’t gotten adequate answers to; which resources we might not be able to retrieve now and which ones might not have been available when we did our original research. This book provides hope for those of us who are bogged down, stuck, or who have lost enthusiasm for the hunt! Come borrow a copy of the book before the meeting and see where it inspires you! Then attend the meeting and share what meant the most to you.

(Next meeting date: Wednesday, September 21)

Stitch and Dish Knitting Group

Our Stitch and Dish Knitting Group meets at Gales Ferry Library on the second Wednesday at 7:00 pm and the fourth Wednesday at 3:00 pm. Everyone who likes to knit or crochet or wants to learn is welcome. We have a large selection of donated yarn and needles just waiting to be used.



Have you heard of Yarn Bombing? This year International Yarn Bombing Day was June 11. Our Stitch and Dish group participated in this event by adding colorful displays in the libraries and around town. Take a look around

to see what has been yarn bombed!

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.

Holiday Hours

July 2	Independence Day	Closed
July 4	Independence Day	Closed
September 5	Labor Day	Closed
September 10	Ledyard Fair	
	Bill Library	Closed

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.

- Ledyard Garden Club
- Ledyard Lion’s Club
- Glenwoods Book Club

In memory of

- William Hartling

Artists & Writers Showcase 2016

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 40 writers and artists who submitted a total of 74 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 to our Edible Books Exhibit created by Jackie Bacon, Sharon Butler, Sheila Jordan, and Layla Montgomery. Many thanks to Robin Franklin, Melissa Crandall, Terry George, and Scott Buka, who helped hang the exhibit. Thanks also to Erin Strickland and Patrick Skiba, my co-hosts, who came home from college to help out. Congratulations to this year’s exhibitors on a wonderful show!

Artists

- Ben Anderson
- Hanneli Ansel
- Carol Bacon
- Larissa V. Benoit
- Connie Burianek
- Bob Campbell
- Rory Cochrane
- Benjamin Coffing
- Leslie Clark-Demlien
- Robert Farace, Jr.
- Robin Franklin
- Pamela Grubbs
- Jan Lynick
- Mary Jane Peterson
- Christine Schlichting
- Lorain Ohio Simister
- Margaret Spence
- Sarah Walsh
- Barry Watrous
- Heather Yano

Writers

- M. J. Allaire
- Scott Buka
- Janet Barrett
- Karen Guzman
- Dexter Herron
- Marty Hubbard
- Heather R. Hunt
- Austin “Butch” Jordan
- Stacey Longo
- Annie McCosh
- Jean Yves Solinga
- Susan Topping
- Ryan Twomey
- John Valeri
- Leslie Woods

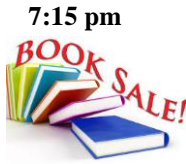
Artist & Writer

- Melissa Crandall
- Daniel Dessaint
- Terry George
- Matthew Goldman
- John Malenda
- Margaret Spence

A Word from the Friends of Ledyard Libraries

Friends Meeting
Thursday, July 21
Bill Library

Happy summer to all! Join us for our July meeting as we make the final preparations for the September book sale. Thank you to all who have helped throughout the year carrying, sorting and planning. The book sale chairman is asking for some additional help this year. She would like two people each to donate a batch of cookies (homemade or purchased) or doughnuts and one person to donate iced tea for the set up dates and clean up dates. This is greatly appreciated by the volunteers who are doing the heavy lifting.



Volunteers are needed for set up and cashiering. The cashier shifts will have 2 people per 3 hour shift. If you would like to choose your own hours to volunteer, please contact Sarah Desormier at 860 464-9538 or jnsdeso@comcast.net. Below is the schedule of activities related to the sale.

Set up:

Saturday, August 27, 2:00 pm carry shelves up
Monday, August 29, 6:30 pm carry books up
Tuesday, Aug. 30 -Wednesday, Sept. 6, Library hours put books on shelves

Staffed Sale hours:

Wednesday Sept. 7, 6-9 pm member hours & \$5 entry for non-members
Thursday, Sept. 8, 9 am – 9 pm
Friday, Sept. 9, 9 am – 9 pm
Saturday, Sept. 10, 9 am – 9 pm
Sunday, Sept. 11, 12 pm – 6 pm
Monday, Sept. 12, 9 am – 9 pm

Unstaffed Sale hours (customers pay at the circulation desk)

Tuesday, Sept. 13 - Friday, Sept. 16 Library hours

Clean up:

Saturday, Sept. 17 10:00 am box up books & carry shelves down.

There is always something to do at the library and we invite you to enjoy what we have to offer in our air conditioned buildings! The Friends of the Ledyard Libraries recently received two generous donations that were matched by the donors' employer. This is such a wonderful way to double your donation and



contribute to a great community asset. We are thankful for the generosity of our patrons and their employers. These donations are used to support library equipment, programs and activities that the community loves.

We hope to see you at the libraries!

Carrie Sitz, Friends President

(860)572-0035 - Carrie.Sitz@yahoo.com

Ledyard Historical Society – Catch & Release
Saturday, July 9, August 6, September 10

9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Bill Library

You are part of Ledyard's history! Lend us your Gales Ferry and Ledyard memories to be added to the archive in the Janice W. Bell Historical Research Room at the Bill Library.



We will scan your photos, letters, documents, memorabilia, etc., and return them to you with a digital copy when you bring a flash drive along.

Contact Andrea Buka or Rusty Godino at research@ledyardhistory.org, or 860-464-9912 (Bill Library) for more information.

Bill Library Association Awards

Congratulations to this year's winners of the Bill Library Association awards. A cash award of \$200 was given to graduating senior Spencer Kilby. In addition two eighth grade students, Jared Hill and Karissa Paul, were each awarded a gift certificate to Bank Square Books.



Friends Annual Bill Library Book Sale

September 8-16, 2016

(September 7 – members only)

Books, games, puzzles and lots more

Mark your calendar now!!



LIBRARY SUMMER HOURS

BILL

860-464-9912

Monday – Thursday 9-9

Friday 9-5

Saturday 9-1

Sunday Closed

email: bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org

GALES FERRY

860-464-6943

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Friday 9-5

Saturday 9-1

Sunday Closed

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