



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 Day

Calling all Makers to showcase what you make! Bill Library will host a Maker Day on Saturday, July 22 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Makers are people who make things: artists, artisans, craftspeople, DIYers, or tech & robotics creators. Making runs the gamut from crocheting to coding, blacksmithing to bookbinding,



woodworking to weaving, and 3D printing to watercolors, and includes STEAM and STEM projects as well. Join us for the first gathering of our region's makers and maker businesses that will be demonstrating and selling their works. The Ledyard High Cyber Colonels and their robot will be present, and two 3D printers will be running. Event attendees can try their hand at several projects, such as weaving on a cardboard loom, or designing your own button with our button maker. There will also be a Lego building table, and children's activities at the Friends of Ledyard Libraries' table.



If you, your business, or non-profit group would like to demonstrate a Maker activity, please contact Andrea at abuka@ledyard.lioninc.org, 860-464-9912, or fill out the Maker registration form on the Maker Meet-ups page at <http://www.ledyard.lioninc.org/maker-meet/>. We look forward to seeing your creativity at this fun community event.

Coordinated by the Maker and Summer Reading Programs.



Children's Programs



It's Build a Better World @ the library this summer! We have a great summer reading program for ages 4 and up. Registration begins Monday, June 26 at Bill or Gales Ferry Library. Register online or at the library where each program is held. All programs are free and open to the public.



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



Read To Me June 26 – August 12
Children age 4 (in 2013) through entering grade 1

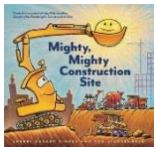
Participants will receive a coloring sheet with 10 pictures. For each book read independently (or read to them) the child colors in one picture and you write the title on the back of the sheet. After all 10 pictures are colored and every title recorded, return the sheet to the library where the child is registered for a prize. Continue reading and after completing five sheets win a paperback book. The last day to return sheets is August 12.



Build a Better World! June 26 – August 12
Children entering grades 2 through 6

Start your summer vacation by reading for one hour after June 20. Registration at the library begins June 26. 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 12 (closing at 12:30 pm). Continue to record your minutes with us until August 27.

StoryWalk® 2017



Mighty, Mighty Construction Site by Sherri Duskey Rinker is the featured book on the StoryWalk® this summer, going along with our Summer Reading Theme, "Build a Better World". Enjoy a stroll beginning at the side door of the library, along the sidewalk and around the playground at the school. It's a fun story about helping one another in a big project.

Special Programs



Lunch and a Movie!
Wednesdays, June 28 – Aug. 9 12:00 pm
all ages

Bill Library

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!



- June 28 Moana
- July 5 Beauty and the Beast (live action)
- July 12 Sing
- July 19 Pete's Dragon (live action)
- July 26 Finding Dory
- Aug. 2 BFG (live action)
- Aug. 9 Wild Life



Sidewalk Art Contest
Thursday, June 29 (Rain date July 6) 10:00 am
ages 6 – 10

Bill Library



Come and show us your skill and decorate one of the sections of sidewalk outside the Bill Library. There will be prizes for all. Bring your own sidewalk chalk if you have it.

Touch-a-Truck

Friday July 7 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! 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!



Drop-In Summer Kids Storytime

Tuesdays July 11 – August 8 9:30 – 10:00 am
Gales Ferry Library ages 3 – 5



We know summers are busy times, but if you are in town, drop in and join us for pre-school stories and songs.

LEGO® Maker Days

Tuesdays July 11 – August 8 10:30 – 11:30 am
Gales Ferry Library Ages 4 - 10

Build a bridge, a fort or a fire station. Use your imagination to make something fun with our LEGO® bricks!





Puppet Workshop
Thursday, July 13 and July 20 1:00 pm
Bill Library Grades 2-6

Learn how to make and use puppets in this fun workshop. Please try to be here for both sessions.

Chris Merwin, Musician
Friday, July 14 11:00 am
Ledyard Center School Gym All Ages

Tap your feet and clap your hands...get ready for a fun musical program with Chris Merwin! His eclectic mix of musical styles played on rare and unique vintage instruments is cultural, educational, and entertaining.



Christina LaVaughn the Magician
Friday, July 28 10:00 am
Ledyard Center School All Ages

Prepare to be amazed at this wonderful magician's bag of tricks...how did she do that?



Engineering Fun!
Friday, August 4 10:00 am
Gales Ferry Library Ages 6 - 10

Try some cool engineering projects on a hot day! Learn to make bridges, towers and geodesic domes.



Kids Cook 2017
Thursday, August 10 10:00 am
Ledyard Congregational Church Grades 4-6

Let's see what cool meals you can make for your family with a couple of Mystery ingredients. Just using a couple of basic food items, you can create a complete meal. We will learn some basic cooking skills so you can be a Chef in your own home. Bring your chef aprons for some cooking fun!



Teen Summer Reading 2017

Build a Better World, Read! June 26-August 12
 Students entering grades 7-12 in fall 2017.

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 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 to be held at Bill Library. If you are unable to attend any of the below sessions, contact Mrs. Brewer before June 20.

First time volunteer sessions:

- Wednesday, June 14 5:00 – 6:15 pm
- Monday, June 19 4:00 – 5:15 pm
- Tuesday, June 20 4:00 – 5:15 pm
- Wednesday, June 21 2:00 – 3:15 pm
- Wednesday, June 21 5:00 – 6:15 pm
- Thursday, June 22 3:30 – 4:45 pm
- Thursday, June 22 7:00 – 8:15 pm
- Monday, June 26 5:00 – 6:15 pm

Returning Volunteers

- Wednesday, June 14 7:00 – 8:00 pm
- Thursday, June 15 5:00 – 6:00 pm
- Monday, June 19 5:30 – 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, June 21 3:30 – 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, June 21 6:30 – 7:30 pm
- Thursday, June 22 2:00 – 3:00 pm
- Thursday, June 22 5:30 – 6:30 pm
- Monday, June 26 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Teen Summer Programs

Come enjoy teens-only activities! Please register online <http://www.ledyard.lioninc.org/teens/teen-summer-program/>



Movies and Pizza
Friday, June 30 5:00 – 9:00 pm

Bill Library
 Join us for a fun evening with pizza and movies! Showing *October Sky* (PG) and *Hidden Figures* (PG).



Ductigami
Wednesday, July 5 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Bill Library.
 This classic DIY workshop is back! Use your creativity to make cool things out of duct tape.





Movies and Pizza
Friday July 21 5:00 – 9:00 pm

Bill Library

Join us for a fun evening with pizza and movies!
 Showing *Maximum Ride* (PG-13 fighting) and
Divergent (PG-13).



Teens Cook 2017
Friday, August 11 10:00 am

Ledyard Congregational Church



Let's put your Chef Hats and aprons on and
 create some cool meals with just a couple of
 Mystery ingredients. We will learn some
 basic cooking skills so you too can create a
 scrumptious meal for you and your family.
 Come hungry for food and fun in the
 kitchen. Remember your aprons too!



Ice Cream Social
Tuesday, August 16 6:00 pm

Bill Library

Prizes awarded to those who read & volunteered the
 most this summer, while enjoying a yummy sundae!
 If you would like a certificate of the hours you
 volunteered, please let us know. We will also
 brainstorm ideas for next summer. If you have any
 questions, call Mrs. Brewer at 860-464-9912 or
 email 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 4th 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 28:** *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough
- July 26:** *The Giver* by Lois Lowry
- August 23:** *Miller's Valley* by Anna Quindlen
- September 27:** *The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper* by Phaedra Patrick

Book Discussions



Bill Library will host two book discussions
 this summer in place of the online
 discussions. We are participating in the
 fifteenth annual "One Book, One Region" (OBOR)
 featuring *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi. We hope you will
 join us for some movie tie-ins and the discussion of the
 book. The final event will occur: Wednesday September
 27, 7 pm at Connecticut College's Palmer Auditorium
 when the author will speak about her book, with all
 interested OBOR participants and students from the
 college. Multiple copies of the books will be available at
 both libraries.

Letters to a Young Muslim by Omar Saif Ghobash.
Wednesday, June 28 7:00 pm

Bill Library



"Ghobash encourages the reader to accept a
 modern, enlightened path that embraces
 diversity, not just within Islam but among all
 religions...It is this sort of wisdom that creates
 hope for a world in which people are smart

enough to work together toward a common good rather
 than claw at one another while slowly sinking in
 quicksand." —Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, *The New York
 Times Book Review*

Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi
Wednesday, August 23 7:00 pm

Bill Library

In eighteenth century Ghana, two half-sisters are born
 into different villages, each unaware of the other. One
 will marry an Englishman and lead a life of comfort in
 the palatial rooms of the Cape Coast Castle. The other
 will be captured in a raid on her village, imprisoned in
 the very same castle, and sold into slavery. *Homegoing*
 follows the parallel paths of these sisters and their
 descendants through eight generations: from the Gold
 Coast to the plantations of Mississippi, from the
 American Civil War to Jazz Age Harlem. Yaa Gyasi's
 debut novel traces the impact of the slave trade through
 generations of a single family and illuminates slavery's
 horrific legacy and the impacts on those who were
 enslaved and those who were not.

Cookbook Club



Join us for a monthly discussion of
 cookbooks. Group members can peruse the
 cookbook for the month, trying as many
 recipes as they please. Bring a sample of
 one recipe to the next discussion for all to
 share. We will taste test and discuss the
 cookbook for about an hour each month.

Cookbooks for the following month are distributed after each discussion. If you can't make it that day, please contact Mary Ellen Osborne at 860-464-6943 to reserve a copy. Cookbooks will also be available at Bill and Gales Ferry Libraries during the month.

The cookbooks we will be sampling in the upcoming months are:

Gales Ferry Library	12:00 Noon
July	No Cookbook Club
August 1	<i>Barefoot Contessa at Home</i>
September 5	<i>Pioneer Woman Cooks: Dinnertime</i>
October 3	<i>Lidia's Italy</i>

Other Programs

Join in the hands-on DIY/Maker classes in technology, arts, crafts, engineering, electronics, and more! We are scheduling fall maker activities now. Let me know if you have a project or 'how-to' that you would like to share. Andrea Buka: abuka@ledyard.lioninc.org, 860.464.9912, or message me on Facebook. Other events include One Book One Region movie tie ins and a program on the confederate submarine, H.L. Hunley.



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Maker Meet-up: Maker Day
Saturday, July 22 11:00-3:00 pm
Bill Library All ages

Join us for our first gathering of local Makers, who will be conducting live demonstrations of their works. Maker businesses, non-profits, artisans, tech creators, craftspeople, and DIYers are all welcome. Attendees may partake in hands-on activities and watch makers at work. Contact Andrea for information on becoming a Maker exhibitor or fill out a registration form on the Maker Meet-ups webpage.

"Traces of the Trade"
One Book One Region Movie tie-in
Wednesday, August 2 6:00 pm



This PBS POV (Point of View) movie features current day relatives of the DeWolf (e) family who went to Ghana, Cuba and Bristol, RI to learn more about the Slave Trade business owned by three generations of their family. (86 mins.)



Maker Meet-up: Make & Take and Project Sharing
Sunday, August 6 1:00 pm
Bill Library All ages

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon working on small projects, some from past classes, and bring in your Maker project to show, whether it is finished or in progress. Your projects might be tech-related, arts or crafts, DIY, etc. Refreshments will be provided.

"The Better Hour: the legacy of William Wilberforce"
One Book One Region Movie tie-in
Wednesday, August 9 6:00 pm

In the early 19th century, inspired by faith, Mr. Wilberforce attempts to end the business of Slave Trading in Great Britain using his political and social influence. This movie includes interviews with current leading authors, historians and public figures. (60 mins)



Maker Meet-up: String Art
Sunday, September 24 1:00 pm
Bill Library All ages

This 70s craft is making a comeback. Learn to use colored string and nails to create a work of art. Several patterns will be available, or you may draw your own. We will use hammers to tap in the nails, so children under 10 will need an adult helper.

The Search for Ezra Chamberlin and the Confederate Submarine H.L. Hunley
Monday, September 25 7:00 PM
Bill Library



We are pleased to welcome Mr. Nicholas Bellantoni, Emeritus Connecticut State Archaeologist talking about the confederate submarine H.L. Hunley. In 2000 it was raised from the depths of Charleston Harbor and seen for the first time in 136 years. An archaeological investigation of the Hunley's interior yielded a surprising item: the ID tag of Ezra Chamberlin, a Union soldier from Killingly, Connecticut. Did this Connecticut Yankee die on a Confederate submarine? While telling the story of the Hunley, state archaeologist Nicholas Bellantoni searches for the fate of Ezra Chamberlin.

Computer Genealogy Group @ the Library
June 21, August 16 No meeting in July
Bill Library 7:00 pm
 All meetings are open to the public, new or returning members.

Stock Investment Discussion Group
Wednesday, July 5, August 9*, September 6
Gales Ferry Library **7:00 pm**

Our Stock Investment Discussion Group continues to meet monthly to discuss topics related to stock investing. Discussion this quarter centers on personal stock selection using concepts related to value investing. Stop by and join us! If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ellen at the Gales Ferry Library.
*Note date change to second Wednesday of the month for August only.



Call for Artists & Writers: The Exquisite Project
High school seniors and adults

Sign-up by Tuesday, August 8 to participate in the Exquisite Project at the annual Artist and Writers 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. up to 12' X 20", or a similar footprint for 3D pieces. If you have any questions, or are interested in participating, contact Andrea Buka at abuka@ledyard.lioninc.org or 860.464.9912 with your contact information, including email, as well as if you are a writer, artist, or both.

Stitch and Dish

Yarn Bombing time is here. Yarn Bombing was extended to a week this year and bombers have been busy all over town. Thank you to everyone who heeded our call for colorful strips. Lots of excess yarn has found a home on mail boxes, poles, fences and buildings around town.

Stitch and Dish continues to meet year around on the second Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. and the fourth Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. at the Gales Ferry Library. Bring a project you are working on or one that needs help. Extra yarn and needles are available.



Kudos to staff member Diane Phillips for her clever way of decorating the pole behind the circulation desk at Bill Library. We love our patriotic pole.

Artists & Writers Showcase 2017

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 37 writers and artists who submitted 52 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, Sheila Jordan, and Jane Desrosiers. Many thanks to my husband Scott Buka, who was indispensable during the hanging of the exhibit, and to Sheila Jordan, my co-host, who came all the way from Virginia to help out. Congratulations to this year's exhibitors on a wonderful show!



Artists

Connie Burianek
Bob Campbell
Shawn Coffing
Richard Cook
Robin Franklin
Terry George
Laurie Gorman
Deanna K. Kramer
Jan Lynick
Mary Jane Peterson
Brenna Rowan
Christine Schlichting
Lorain Ohio Simister
Margaret Spence
Hannah Walsh
Sarah Walsh
Barry Watrous
Melanie Watrous
Heather Yano

Writers

M. J. Allaire
Scott Buka
Melissa Crandall
Jane Herr Desrosiers
Mary Howard
Marty Hubbard
Heather Hunt
Austin 'Butch' Jordan
Stacey Longo
Annie McCosh
Elmer Munson
Richard Peterson
Jean-Yves Solinga
Ryenne Strong
Susan Topping
Artist & Writer
James Bennett
Robert A. Farace
Matthew Goldman
John W. Malenda
John Valeri

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, as well as how to use free Overdrive E-books or audio books, and free Zinio magazines if desired. Refreshers or troubleshooting can also be scheduled.

**Ledyard Historical Society – Catch & Release
Saturday: August 5
9:30 am – 12:00 pm** **Bill Library**

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 for more information

Holiday Hours		
July 3	Independence Day	Closed
July 4	Independence Day	Closed
September 4	Labor Day	Closed
September 9	Ledyard Fair Bill Library	Closed

Donations

The following donations were received for the library. We are grateful for these gifts that will be used to purchase books and other items for the libraries.

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

A Word from the Friends of Ledyard Libraries

**Friends Meeting
Thursday, July 20 7:00 pm
Bill Library**

Join us for the summer meeting to see what the Friends have been up to. Hear about our new Development Committee and what we have planned. Plans will be finalized for the annual Bill Library Book sale which is just around the corner. Volunteers are needed for the sale to help with set up, cashiering and clean up. If you have helped in the past, please expect an e-mail or phone call from the Chairman, Sarah DeSormier.

Cashiers will be scheduled for three-hour spots, with 2 two people per spot. Cashier



training will be drop-in, so all will have time to practice processing credit cards.

Below are the important dates and information. Please feel free to contact Sarah at jnsdeso@comcast.net with questions, comments or suggestions.

Important dates for the 2017 Book Sale @ Bill Library

Last day books are accepted: Saturday, July 1 1:00 pm

Set up:

- Saturday, August 26, 2:00 pm carry shelves up
- Monday, August 28, 6:30 pm carry books up
- Tuesday, Aug. 29 through Wed, Sept. 5, put books on shelves, library hours

Cashier training:

- Thursday, August 31, drop in any time between 4:00 & 6:30 pm

Staffed Sale hours:

- Wednesday September 6, 6:00-9:00 pm members night (\$5.00 entry for non-members)
- Thursday, September 7 9:00 am – 9:00 pm
- Friday, September 8 9:00 am – 9:00 pm
- Saturday, September 9 9:00 am – 9:00pm
- Sunday, September 10 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm
- Monday, September 11 9:00 am – 9:00 pm

Unstaffed hours customers pay at the library check-out desk

- Tuesday, September 12 - Thursday, September 14 9:00 am – 9:00 pm
- Friday, September 15 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Clean up:

- Saturday, September 16 10:00 am box up books & carry shelves down.

Fondly, Carrie Sitz, FOLL President
carrielsitz@gmail.com (860)572-0035

**Friends Annual Bill Library
Book Sale**

September 7-15, 2017
(September 6 – members’ night)
**Books, games, puzzles
and lots more**

Mark your calendar now!!



News from the Book Cellar @ Gales Ferry Library

Children and Young Adult Half Price Sale July Gales Ferry Library

The Friends of the Ledyard Libraries will be holding a sale featuring all children's and young adult books during the month of July in the Gales Ferry Book Cellar. All children's and young adult books in all forms will be offered at half price. The sale will be open during library hours. Stop by and stock up on summer reading for the family!

History, Politics, and Biography Half Price Sale August Gales Ferry Library

The Friends of the Ledyard Libraries will be holding a sale featuring non-fiction in the categories of history, politics and biography during the month of August in the Gales Ferry Book Cellar. Both hardcover and paperback books will be offered at half price. The sale will be open during library hours. Stop in and pick up some great reading at bargain prices!

SUMMER HOURS

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860-464-9912

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Friday 9-5
Saturday 9-1
Sunday Closed

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Saturday 9-1
Sunday Closed

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