



BOOKS AND BEYOND...

NEWS OF THE LEDYARD LIBRARY

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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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Ledyard Seed Library

Ledyard Library is pleased to bring you the Ledyard Seed Library, a community outreach program with the goal of encouraging both new and seasoned gardeners to try our seed collection.

We also hope you will learn something new, share produce with your neighbors & community and build healthy eating habits! Collect, dry and share your seeds with us!

Our Seeds

We have a variety of vegetable, flower and herb seeds including Heirloom, Organic, Open-Pollinated & Hybrid. These seeds have been donated by a variety of sources including local businesses, larger commercial vendors, a university extension program, a local seed library, a regional community garden association and local community members. The Open-Pollinated seeds were cleaned, sorted, packaged and cataloged by a hard-working group of local volunteers, members of the Ledyard Garden Club, & LHS AgriScience students. This project was initiated, researched and arranged by Laura Norcia,



Ledyard Seed Program Coordinator.

How to Use our Seed Library

Stop in at Bill Library (during Library hours of operation), and browse through our seed collection. The seed packets are grouped in boxes: Early Planters, Vegetables, Flowers, & Herbs.

The seeds are free but we ask that you take only what you will use (limited to 1 packet per variety) so that there is plenty for everyone to choose from. Record what you take in the Seed Library Inventory Notebook so that we can keep track of usage. Take your seeds home and start planting!! Please share photos of your progress and produce to be included in our display.

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Children's Programs

April vacation week programs are coming to the Ledyard Libraries. Please note these programs on your calendar and join us for some great fun. All programs are free and open to the public. If you have any questions, please call 860-464-9912.

Mr. Magic Performance Tuesday, April 16 Bill Library

10:30 am
All Ages



Our favorite magician is coming to Bill Library! Watch his tricks and wonder "how does he do that?" Join us for an enjoyable morning of magic!

This program is open to all.



Watch it Grow!--Children's Planting Workshop

Wednesday, April 17
Bill Library

10:00 am
Ages 3-10

Join Allyson Angelini from Full Heart Farm and learn to how to grow veggies and flowers. There will be crafts and hands-on potting. You will go home with an awesome plant!



Drop-in anytime between 10:00 and 12:00. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult.

Lego Junior Maker Fun

Wednesday, April 17
Bill Library

1:00 pm
Ages 9-12

Thursday, April 18 10-11 am and 1-2:30 pm
Gales Ferry Library Ages 4-8

Building with Legos provides children with opportunities to develop skills of the 21st century: collaboration, communication, creativity, critical thinking and problem solving. Come with a friend and see what you can build.



Summer Program Alert!

The theme for the 2019 summer program will be "A Universe of Stories". The program begins after school gets out in June and will end August 10. There will be a Read-to-Me program for children born in 2015 through entering first grade. Please check the next newsletter for complete information and special programs.



Teen Programs



Acrylic Paint Pouring Friday, April 19 Bill Library

2:00 pm
Ages 13 - 17

Calling all teens to join us for Acrylic Paint Pouring No experience necessary. Acrylic Paint Pouring is a lot of fun and makes a great gift. Please bring an 8 x 8 birch Wood Cradle Panel (available at craft stores) at the minimum size of 8 x 8, 8 x 10, or maximum size of 9 x 12. Due to possible paint splatter, please wear old clothes.



Adult Programs

The American Presidents Book Discussion Second Tuesday of each month Gales Ferry Library

7:00 pm

The American Presidents book discussion group will focus on the White House years of former American presidents. Assistant Librarian, Lisa Murno, and Harry Pearson, President of the Friends, will facilitate a discussion of the triumphs and trials American presidents faced, and how lessons learned could be applied to our modern era.

Please note: Completion of the book selection is not a prerequisite to attend this discussion group, only a recommendation. This discussion is also open to those who are simply curious about the topic for the month. This program is a collaborative effort of the Ledyard Libraries and the Friends of the Ledyard Libraries. If available, two sets of books will be made available at both the Bill and Gales Ferry Library.

Upcoming Dates:

April 9: *Herbert Hoover in the White House: The Ordeal of the Presidency* by Charles Rappleye

May 14: *Warren G. Harding, The American Presidents Series* by John W. Dean

June 11: *Impeached: The Trial of President Andrew Johnson and the Fight for Lincoln's Legacy* by David O. Stewart

Senior Center Book Discussion



Elaine Steele, Assistant Librarian at the Gales Ferry Library, will continue to hold 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 print versions. Please contact Elaine for a copy of the book.

Upcoming dates:

- March 27:** *Hillbilly Elegy* by J. D. Vance
- April 24:** *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles
- May 22:** *Beartown* by Frederik Backman
- June 26:** *Brass* by Xhenet Aliu

Cookbook Club



The group meets on the first Tuesday, 12:30 PM, at the Gales Ferry Library. Each month, a cookbook is distributed at the meeting. Cookbooks are also available at Gales Ferry Library, if you are unable to attend the monthly club meeting or by contacting Elaine Steele at 860-464-6943. Group members peruse the cookbook for the month, trying as many recipes as they please. They provide a sample of one recipe at the next discussion for all to share. We taste test and discuss the cookbook for about an hour each month. Space is limited.

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

- April 2:** *Farm to Fork* by Emeril Lagasse
- May 7:** *Martha Stewart's Dinner at Home*
- June 4:** *Ciao Italia Pronto* by Mary Ann Esposito

Other Programs



Join us for some unique and interesting programs this spring in addition to the regular monthly programs. There is something for everyone from Gardening and Crafts to Nature Photography and Aging Well. If you are looking to earn some extra money, a representative from the Census Bureau will be here to talk about Census jobs and how to apply. Hope to see you at the library!



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

This Old Hat, Characters
A New Musical by Patty Carver
Sunday, March 24
Ledyard Senior Center

2:00 pm

Characters is a one-woman, tour de force musical focusing on three noted women of American History. Conceived of and written by Patty Carver, this original musical brings Emily Geiger, Susan B. Anthony & Mother Jones to life - Musical Theatre Style! This program is co-sponsored by The Friends of the Ledyard Libraries and the Ledyard Historical Society.



Census Jobs available!

Meet with a Representative from the Census Bureau
Wednesday, March 27 **3:00 pm – 5:00 pm**
Bill Library



The Census Bureau has jobs available now in New London County. A recruiting assistant will be on hand to answer questions and help with the on-line application process. High paying part-time and temporary jobs with flexible hours are coming to your community. No experience needed. See how you can be a part of the Decennial Census!



Starting Your Garden--Adult Planting
Workshop with Allyson Angelini,

Saturday, March 30 **10:00 am**
Bill Library

Planting a spring garden is a wonderful way to enjoy homegrown produce and flowers during the summer. In this workshop, Allyson Angelini from Full Heart Farm will walk through tips for successfully starting seeds indoors. She will also discuss succession planting, so that your harvest can continue for months to come. Participants will be provided with soil, seeds, and a small container to get plants started.



Nature Photography 101, plus...

Sunday, April 7 (Snow Date: April 14) **2:00 pm**
Bill Library



Winner of many awards Stan Malcolm will present basic concepts photographers should have in mind as they strive to master nature photography in the field and in editing software. Topics will include equipment, shooting conditions, composition, technical aspects, editing, and an introduction to advanced options. In addition, he will provide tips for photo contest entrants to improve their chances of success. Finally, he will present a virtual tour of the Air Line Trail and offer some of his own photos of the trail to allow participants to practice critiquing. As a bonus, Stan will provide a how-to-guide to making digital kaleidoscopes online.

Community Gardening...Basics & Beyond
Julia Cronin, Cedar Meadow Farm, Ledyard
Wednesday, April 10 6:30 pm

This presentation will discuss the history and importance of community gardening as well as the importance of community outreach programs such as Seed Libraries. Discussion will include ways to work as a community, give back to your community & promote healthier lifestyles for all. Time will be allowed for questions and answers.



Disrupt Aging in Your Community with AARP
Friday, April 26 3:00 pm
Bill Library

Let's Disrupt Aging

How does one's perspective on aging affect one's health over the course of a lifetime? AARP will tackle the topic of ageism and will help people take a look at their perspectives around aging with interactive activities, discussion, and research. For the 50+ crowd.

Rivers, Roads and Rails: How Transportation Shaped the Development of Ledyard
Sunday, April 28 2:00 pm
Bill Library



Railroad Station, Gale's Ferry, Conn.

Town Historian Kit Foster will reprise this popular program, which tells how the town's population centers, Ledyard Center and Gales Ferry, were influenced by the rivers, roads and rails that connected them to each other and to the world outside. The program is illustrated with many historic photos and will be the centerpiece of the spring Historical Society Membership Meeting. The event is free and open to the public.



Quilted Cardmaking with Janis Lynick
Sunday, May 5 1:30 pm

Bill Library

Make a beautiful quilt-design cover, and bring home 5 finished cards and envelopes. Supplies are provided.



Acrylic Paint Pouring
Saturday, May 11 1:30 pm
Bill Library
Ages 18+

Join this very popular craft of Acrylic Paint Pouring. No experience necessary. Acrylic Paint Pouring is a lot of fun and makes a great gift. Each resulting design is unique to the individual. Please bring one 8 x 8 birch Wood Cradle Panel (available at craft stores) at the minimum size of 8 x 8, 8 x 10, or maximum size of 9 x 12. The hollowed cradle serves as a paint canvas.



Due to possible paint splatter, please wear old clothes.



AARP Presents Living Longer, Living Smarter

Wednesday, June 5 3:00 pm

Bill Library



This program gives people an understanding of what they need to plan for the life they want to live. The presenter will discuss the costs of care comparing Connecticut to other places in the United States.

He will review lifestyle choices for one's current home and community, one's health, and the granting of wishes and gifts for the family during and after one's lifetime. For the age 50+ crowd.

Ongoing Activities

Technology Tuesday/Thursday Lessons
April, May, June

1:30, 2:15, and 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday Bill Library; Thursday Gales Ferry

Bring your own phone, IPAD, tablet, or laptop for instruction or tech support. Call either Library to make an appointment. Due to the demand, we ask that you call the Library to reschedule your appointment if you cannot make it.

There is a 2-appointment maximum per month for each individual.





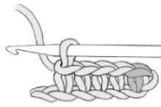
Adult Coloring
Wednesdays, April 3, May 8, and June 12
Bill Library 6:00- 7:30 pm

Join us for a relaxing and creative evening of coloring for adults. Colored pencils and patterns are provided. You may bring your own pencils as desired. Refreshments provided.



Crocheting for Adults: Make a Pocket Pillow Cover with Buttons
Saturdays, March 16, 30, and April 13 and 27
Bill Library 1:00-3:00 pm

Participants will work on perfecting the single and double crochet stitch and putting on the final touches to a throw pillow. Please bring a P needle and one or two skeins of bulky or super bulky yarn to this workshop.



Monday Movies
2 Showings: 1:50 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Bill Library



View the 2019 Academy Award-winning films and Oscar contenders. We are offering an afternoon and evening showing of each movie. Choose the showing that best meets your schedule.

- March 25:** After taking cousin Abigail under her wing to serve as a companion to the frail Queen Anne, Sarah finds herself consumed by the details of war, and must compete with Sarah for the Queen's friendship. Rated R
- April 22:** A young Harlem African-American couple, Tish and Alonzo, in love face social challenges in the 1970's. Rated R
- May 20:** Rival Queens, Mary Stuart and Elizabeth I, compete for their rightful claim to the English throne. Rated R
- June 24:** A darkly comedic tale of how one of Washington's insiders became the most powerful man in the world. Rated R, Free event. Refreshments available.

Computer Genealogy Group @ the Library
Wednesday March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19
Bill Library 7:00 pm

Marty Hubbard will continue to facilitate the genealogy group and help you find answers to your questions. She will share information from the New England Genealogy Conference that she plans to attend in April. All meetings are open to the public, new or returning members.

Stock Investment Discussion Group
Tuesday, April 2, May 7, June 4
Gales Ferry Library 7:00 pm



Our Stock Investment Discussion Group continues to meet monthly to discuss topics related to stock investing. It is always exciting to see how economic events influence our perspective toward future investing, and how these events affect the investments we have already made in our fantasy portfolio. The situation is always changing. Stop by and join the fun! If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Steele at the Gales Ferry Library.

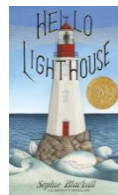
Newbery/Caldecott Awards 2019

Newbery Award:
Merci Suarez Changes Gears by Meg Medina



Newbery Honor Books:
Book of Boy by Catherine Gilbert Murdock
Night Diary by Veera Hiranandani

Caldecott Award:
Hello Lighthouse by Sophie Blackall



Caldecott Honor Books:
Alma and How She Got Her Name by Juana Martinez-Neal
Big Mooncake for Little Star by Grace Lin
Rough Patch by Brian Lies

Thank You, Omu by Oge Mora
 Copies of the books are available at our libraries. If you wish to read any, please put holds on them!

Seed Library *Con't from Page 1*

Learn Something New

We have a variety of resources available on gardening topics, from how to start a garden, to seed saving and composting!

- Books to check out
- Resource binder with tables & maps to help your gardening efforts.
- Pamphlets & informational sheets
- Displays
- Gardening related workshops and speakers. Check our website and Facebook page for scheduled events.
- Answers to your questions from experts with the "Ask a Gardener" feature.

Display Case Availability



We continue to accept monthly reservations for our secure display cases at Bill Library. If you have a club or organization you'd like to

highlight, or a personal collection you would like to share with the community, we'd love to have you! Wooden case dimensions: 44"W X 24"D X 11"H (back)/5" (front). We also have a taller glass case available as well. Please contact Laura to reserve your month at lnorcia@ledyard.lioninc.org.



Changes and Additions to Social Media

We recently updated the library's Pinterest page! Our new board "Coming Soon From Your Favorite Authors" showcases books coming out within the next six months by our most popular authors! Each pin will link you directly to our website, where you can add your name to the hold list. This is the best way to get the newest books quickly, or keep track of when authors add to their series! Follow us at www.pinterest.com/LedyardPubLib



For those who are on Instagram, the Library now has an account. Follow us on Instagram to view information about upcoming events and see our displays! We can be found by visiting www.instagram.com/ledyardpubliclibraries

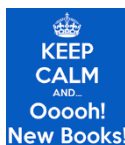
Holiday Hours

April 21	Easter Sunday	Closed
May 26	Memorial Day Sunday	Closed
May 27	Memorial Day	Closed

3D Printer at Bill Library

Bill Library owns an Afinia 3D printer. The Afinia 3D printer is accurate and reliable, allowing the public to create high-quality color products, for just .05 cents per gram with a .50 cent minimum. 3D printing is grounded in opportunities for STEM learning for hobbyists and future engineers. Patrons may bring their own STL file for printing or download a design from Open Source software. Please call Lisa Murno at the Bill Library to make an appointment for learning the use of the printer and submitting a file. Length of printing projects must be under 6 hours.

New Books



Several favorite authors have new books coming out this spring. We are happy to reserve a copy for you.

Carr, Robyn	The View from Alameda Island	April
Evanovich, Stephanie	Under the Table	April
Jance, J.A.	The A List	April
Perry, Anne	Triple Jeopardy	April
Sanford, John	Neon Prey	April
Scottoline, Lisa	Someone Knows	April
Frank, Dorothea	Queen Bee	May
Koonz, Dean	The Night Window	May
Brown, Rita May	Whiskers in the Dark:	June
Card, Orson Scott	The Hive	June
Oates, Joyce Carol	My Life as a Rat	June
Patterson, James	Unsolved	June
Woods, Stuart	Skin Games	June

Chess Instructor Wanted



The Library is looking for a Chess Instructor to provide some workshops for adults at the library. We would like to offer a time for interested players to meet and play Chess. The workshops would serve as a kickoff for the activity and provide information and helpful hints to new players. If you have the skill and would like work with us, please contact Lisa Murno at Bill Library.

Ledyard Historical Society – Janice W. Bell
Historical Research Room Bill Library
Mondays: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. (except holidays)
Saturdays: April 6, May 4, June 1
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

NOTE: The Bell Room will be **closed for Memorial Day** on Monday, May 27, 2019.

We continue to scan items to our Online Collections, which are available at <http://ledyardhistory.org/virtualexhibit/>
On the first Saturday of the month we welcome curious visitors, historical or genealogical inquiries, or the loan of items for digitization.

- Need a safe home for family history items? We can provide that home, and will give you a digital copy. (We can even arrange for items to be kept private until a future date of your choosing.)
- Donations of materials related to the people, buildings, and events of Ledyard and Gales Ferry are gratefully accepted for preservation and inclusion in the collection for future researchers, either as digital copies or the items themselves.
- Your Gales Ferry and Ledyard memories will be added to the archive in the Janice W. Bell Historical Research Room at the Bill Library. We will scan them and return to you with a digital copy placed on your flash drive. Digital copies are easy to share with far-flung family members, or use as a back-up if the original is lost or damaged.

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

A Word from the Friends of the Ledyard Libraries

Friends Meeting
Tuesday, April 23
Gales Ferry Library

7:15 pm

Spring has come and it is time to emerge from the dark and the cold! Join us for our spring meeting. Come hear what new items our program committee is working on to enrich our community and raise funds for the Ledyard Libraries. Join in on the discussion. We always enjoy hearing new voices and new ideas.

The Gales Ferry Library Book Cellar completed another successful buy one, get one free (BOGO) sale during the winter. Thanks to the Friends, volunteers and library staff who worked hard to make this sale a success. Thanks also to all of the patrons who supported this important event. All proceeds go directly to support the Ledyard Libraries.

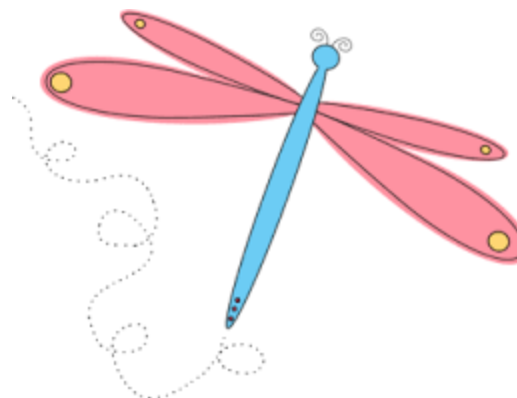


Make sure you stop by either Bill or Gales Ferry Library for spring reading material! We have a great selection from our ongoing book sales at both locations.

Mark your calendars for our summer sale at the Gales Ferry Library Book Cellar from June 3 through June 8. All items will be offered at 1/2 price!

See you at the library!

Sincerely,
Harry Pearson, President,
Friends of the Ledyard Libraries
pearsonhl@tvconnect.net or 860-287-2670





Half Price Summer Book Sale
Monday, June 3 – Saturday, June 8
Gales Ferry Library

The Friends of the Ledyard Libraries will be holding a half-price sale in the Book Cellar at Gales Ferry Library. The sale applies to all paperback and hardcover books, CD's, and puzzles. The sale will be open during library hours. Stop in for some great bargains for your summer reading!

LIBRARY HOURS

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 Thursday Closed
 Friday- Saturday 9-5
 Sunday 1-5

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