



# 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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### Know Your Town

Ledyard Library is co-sponsoring a series of programs designed to provide insight into the history and governmental process of the town. Get to know the workings and location of the town government facilities and the staff and volunteers who make it work. It is nice to put a name with a face in case you have future questions.

We are launching our first session at the Nathan Lester House because we wanted to showcase one of Ledyard's early treasures. You cannot appreciate the history of Ledyard unless you cross the threshold of the Nathan Lester House.

You will visit the Emergency Services building, the new police station, the Up Down Sawmill, the Senior Center, Bill Library and more.

We highly recommend coming to all seven events. Space is limited and registration is required. Call the library or visit our webpage at [www.ledyard.lioninc.org](http://www.ledyard.lioninc.org) "Events" to register for this informative series.

- **Sunday, September 15** **2:00 pm**  
**Nathan Lester House 153 Vinegar Hill Road, Gales Ferry**  
Mayor, Town Council and Town Historian Kit Foster
- **Thursday, September 26** **6:00 pm**  
**Emergency Services Building, 11 Fairway Drive, Ledyard**  
Emergency services in town.
- **Saturday, October 5** **9:00 or 11:00 am**  
**Ledyard Police Department, 737 Col. Ledyard Hwy., Ledyard**  
Tour the new police station
- **Saturday, October 5** **1:00 pm**  
**Ledyard Up-Down Saw Mill, 172 Iron Street, Ledyard**  
Watch the saw mill in action

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## Children's Programs



Registration for Storytimes at the Ledyard Public Libraries



will begin Monday, September 9, 2019. Please go to the Ledyard Public Libraries website (under Children/Storytimes) to register for the program you would like. Children must be the correct age within 2 weeks of the Storytime's start date.

### Infant/Toddlers (6-23 mos.)

Bill Mondays 9:30 am Sept. 30 – Dec. 16

### Terrific Twos

Bill Wednesdays 9:30 am Oct. 2 – Dec. 11

### Three - Fives

Bill Wednesdays 1:00 pm Oct. 2 – Dec. 11

GF Tuesdays 9:30 am Oct. 1 – Dec. 10



### Coding Club:

**Thursday, October 3, November 7, December 5**  
**Gales Ferry Library 4:00 pm Ages 8-13**

The coding club will continue to meet during the school year, on the first Thursday of each month at Gales Ferry Library. Children will learn how to code Ozobots using the Ozoblockly interface, incorporating simple variables and functions.

### Summer Wrap up



We had a great program with "A Universe of Stories" celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the moon landing this summer. There were 140 players in the older program (grades 2-6) and 71 players in the Read to

Me program (ages 4 – grade 1) for a total of 211 children who participated at both Bill and Gales Ferry Libraries. The older children read 11,640 minutes and the younger children read 2510 books! In addition to the reading programs, we had a Sidewalk Chalk Contest, Preschool Storytime, Lunch and a Movie, Cosmic crafts, LEGO makers, Hip-Hop Dance, Ozobot coding, NASA week and a fantastic music performance with Tom Seiling.

Congratulations to Aubrey at Bill Library and Luke at Gales Ferry Library for winning the Kindles, and Jonah for winning the LEGO space shuttle kit!

## Teen Summer Reading Program 2019



We had a busy summer this year with lots of programs for teens. Thirty-two teens participated in our program reading a total of 173 books and volunteering 319 hours.

We provided programs in Acrylic Paint Pouring, Space & Pizza Movie night, Teens Cook Chocolate, Hip Hop Dance Workshop and an Ice Cream Party to finish up the summer. In addition several volunteers helped the younger children with coding the ozobot robots.

Prizes were awarded to 32 winners over eight weeks and included CT Sun tickets, fun summer games, movie basket, candy, bluetooth speakers, Pop's Ice Cream coupons, Friends Book Sale coupons and Subway gift cards. Overall prize winners got various gift certificates.

### Most Books Read:

- Emily Dunsmore (24 books)
- Taryn Parnell (20 books)

### Most Volunteer Shifts:

- Laura Pellowski (32 hours)
- Malloch Allison (29 hours)

I want to thank the teens who went over and above by helping me figure out the new software for this year's Summer Reading Registration and Logging. I could never have done it without you and I am so very grateful!

Nancy Brewer, Youth Services Librarian

## Adult Programs

### American Presidents Book Discussion

#### Second Tuesday of the month

#### Gales Ferry Library

7:00 pm



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

Please note: Completion of the book selection is not a prerequisite for attending, only a recommendation. The discussion is open to those, who are simply curious about the monthly topic. This is program is a collaborative effort of the Ledyard Libraries and the Friends of the Ledyard Libraries.

### Upcoming Dates:

**October 8:** *Chester A. Arthur*

**November 12:** *Calvin Coolidge*

**December 10:** *James Buchanan*

### Senior Center Book Discussion



Elaine Steele, Assistant Librarian 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 print versions. Please contact Elaine if you would like a copy of the book.

#### Upcoming dates:

**September 25:** *Young Jane Young* by Gabrielle Zewin

**October 23:** *Claire of the Sea Light* by Edwige Danicat

**\*November 20:** *The First Wife* by Erica Spindler

**\*December 19:** *Winter Street* by Elin Hilderbrand

\*A week early due to the holiday

### Cookbook Club



The group meets monthly 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:

- **October 1:** *Barefoot Contessa Back to Basics* by Ina Garten
- **November 5:** *Thanksgiving 101* by Rick Rogers
- **\*December 3:** *Wichcraft* by Tom Collicchio or *Lake Eden Cookbook* by Joanne Fluke

\*Join us for a “high tea” meal of sandwiches and cookies. There is an option of two cookbooks this month, but you may take a copy of each if you like.

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- **Thursday, October 10** **6:00 pm**  
**Ledyard Senior Center, 12 Van Tassel Drive, Gales Ferry**  
Parks and Rec/Senior Center and VNA Health Services
- **Thursday, October 17** **6:00 pm**  
**Ledyard Town Hall, 741 Col. Ledyard Hwy., Ledyard**  
Town Clerk's office and the Land Use Department
- **Thursday, October 24** **6:00 pm**  
**Board of Ed Building**  
Ledyard Public Schools
- **Wednesday, October 30, 2019** **6:00 pm**  
**Bill Library, 718 Col. Ledyard Hwy, Ledyard**  
Library Services

### Other Programs

Join us for some unique and interesting programs this fall in addition to the regular monthly programs. The Know Your Town series will provide information about town services you may not know about. Mystic Seaport returns with Harvest lights. There will be a hike for outdoor enthusiasts as well as a program on collecting mushrooms and cooking with Chef Jenn Magrey. For the crafters we have coloring, earring design and paint pouring. Whatever your interest we hope you will find it here @ the Library.



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**Avalonia Land Conservancy Hike**  
**Wednesday, September 18** **6:00 pm**



Join us for a 2-mile hike on the trails of the Great Oak Greenway and beyond to the Atkinson-Dirlam Preserve. We will meet at the Nathan Lester House parking lot, 153 Vinegar Hill Rd., Gales Ferry, CT. Please wear proper hiking attire.

### Putting Your Garden to Bed

Wednesday, September 25

6:30 pm

Bill Library



Emma M. Sutphen, Asst. Director, Eastern CT Community Gardens Assoc. (ECCGA) & Asst. Gardener Manager of Giving Garden at Coogan Farm will talk about your garden as the growing season ends. Learn about ways to make the most out of the food you grew, as well as methods of garden winterization for even greater production next year. Topics covered will include cover cropping, canning, freezing & storing, building/maintaining compost, and soil mineralization.

### AARP Presents Living Longer, Living Smarter

Monday, September 30

6:30 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.



### Mystic Seaport Presents:

#### Harvest Lights: Tips and Tricks for Autumn Night Viewing

Wednesday, October 2

6:30 pm

Bill Library



*In case of unclear skies, back up date is Friday, October 4, at the same start time.* Brian Koehler of Mystic Seaport's Treworgy Planetarium will present the celestial bodies (planets, star clusters, you name it!) as well as tips and tricks for autumn night viewing. We will follow up this presentation with some light refreshments and telescope viewing outside. Please wear appropriate outdoor clothing.

### AARP Job Seeker 50+

Tuesday, October 8

6:30 pm

Bill Library

This interactive seminar on job searching in the digital age highlights the evolution of the job search, shares on-line job search resources and tools, and

showcases the power of personal branding. Anyone looking for a job or seeking to change careers knows the difficulty of finding fulfilling work. The tips and tools provided here will invigorate a job search, and help you prioritize where to focus your time and energies.

### Mushroom Hunting In Connecticut

Tuesday, October 15

7:00 pm

Bill Library



Ryan Bouchard and Emily Schmidt of 'The Mushroom Hunting Foundation' will present a slideshow that will cover the basics of mushroom science and safety. Learn about the many diverse and delicious autumn species in our area (including several that are considered safe for beginners to cook with). Sounds like a great new hobby! Sponsored by the Friends of Ledyard Library.

### Let's Make Earrings!

Saturday, October 19,

10:00 am - Noon

Gales Ferry Library

Teens and adults

Drop in between 10 AM and noon and make a pair of earrings for yourself or as a unique holiday gift! All materials will be provided, but you may bring your own beads if you wish.



### Your Gut and Brain Connection: Food and Mood

Wednesday, October 23

6:30 pm

Bill Library

Katie Ziskind, Holistic Therapist and Owner of Wisdom Within Counseling, LLC in Niantic, will present how food impacts mood and behavior, and how you can change your mood through nutrition and hydration. The audience will gain an understanding about how anxiety and depression are positively and negatively affected by food choices.

### How to Pay for College

Wednesday, November 6

6:30 pm

Bill Library



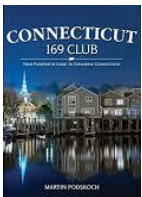
Jamal Ford-Bey, Valark Financial Services will introduce the audience to the college funding process, discuss what the resources are, and help you plan for your child's education needs. This is a presentation and a question- and answer-discussion session. Adults and families are welcome to attend.



**Acrylic Paint Pouring**  
**Saturday, November 9 10:30 am**  
**Bill Library**

Calling all DIY crafters and artists! No experience is necessary for this fun program. Acrylic paint pouring is unique and creative, and makes great gifts. We will experiment with a new technique this session. All supplies are provided. Due to possible paint splatter, please wear old clothes and/or bring an apron. Due to the popularity of program, please register early.

**Martin Podskoch, author of *The 169 Club***  
**Tuesday, November 19 7:00 pm**  
**Bill Library**



Martin Podskoch's new book, *The 169 Club*, encourages travelers to visit all of the towns and villages of our beautiful and unique state. The book is designed to be a travel guide and a passport. Believing that residents are the experts on their own town, Podskoch enlisted a native from each town to write a short description highlighting their town's location, history, and interesting places to visit. The book includes space for travelers to journal about their experiences and a place to include a stamp or the signature of a resident or business. Travelers learn about Connecticut and its residents by meeting the local townspeople, finding a good place to eat or an interesting local attraction. There is no membership fee, just a desire to experience all of Connecticut.

The book will be available for sale and signing following the program. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ledyard Library, this program is free and open to the public.



**Chef Jenn Magrey**  
**Tuesday, December 3 6:30 pm**  
**Bill Library**

Chef Jenn, a regular at the Ledyard Farmer's Market this year, will show you how to make two cheese based appetizers, perfect for your holiday entertaining. Make a Greek Cheese Log with Pita Chips and Mini Bite-sized Bacon Cheese Balls with Crackers. These are great make-ahead appetizers.



**Ongoing Activities**



**Technology Tuesday/Thursday Lessons**  
**October, November & December**

**(except 11/26, 12/24 & 12/31) 2:15 and 3:00pm**  
 Join Assistant Librarian, Lisa Murno at Bill Library on Tuesdays or Elaine Steele on Thursdays at Gales Ferry Library for a 45-minute session for learning and/or technical support on your phone, tablet, or laptop. Call either library to set up an appointment.

**Matinee Movies**  
**Saturdays or Mondays**  
**Bill Library**

**1:50 pm**

- September 30: The Mustang
- October 12: Rocketman
- October 28: Beautiful Boy
- November 9: TBD – Call the Library
- November 25: TBD – Call the Library
- December 9: TBD – Call the Library



Light refreshments provided.

**Chess Workshops for Kids and Adults**  
**Saturday, October 5, 19, 26 and November 21:30 am**  
**Bill Library** **Ages 7 to adult**



The class is designed to foster learning of strategy by playing different partners. A teacher-guide will be on hand to explain *chess etiquette, set up, moves and strategies*. Looking for beginner and intermediate players, willing to play intergenerationally. If you have some or no experience, come and practice your game.

**Adult Coloring**  
**Wednesday, October 9, December 4,**  
**Monday, November 18**

**Bill Library**  
 Join others for a relaxing evening of coloring. Coloring books and pencils provided. Light refreshments.

**6:00 pm**



**Computer Genealogy Group @ the Library**  
**Wednesday, October 16, November 20, December 18**  
**Bill Library** **7:00 pm**

Join Marty Hubbard as she discusses and presents resources for researching your ancestors. There is something here for everyone. Beginners, experienced researchers, and walk ins are welcome.

**Stock Investment Discussion Group**  
**Tuesday, October 1, November 5, December 3**  
**Gales Ferry Library 7:00 pm**



Our Stock Investment Group continues to meet monthly to discuss topics related to stock investing. Discussion this quarter will cover individual company annual reports or 10K forms. We will be tracking our stock and fund selections in our fantasy portfolio. We will include current events affecting the stock market in general and major economic indicators which track development of the business cycle. Stop by and join us. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine at the Gales Ferry Library.

**Beginners Stock Investment Discussion Group**  
**Tuesday, October 15, November 19, December 17**  
**Gales Ferry Library 7:00 pm**

Our Stock Investment Discussion Group for Beginners will meet on the third Tuesday of the month. The primary purpose of this group is to provide a forum to present basic information about stock investing and to address questions from individuals who have an interest in getting started in stock investing. Stop by to join the fun and maybe learn something new! If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Steele at the Gales Ferry Library.

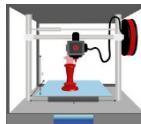


**Introduction to 3D Printing and Design**  
**Monday, September 23 6:15 pm**

**Monday, October 21 5:00 pm**

**Wednesday, November 13 & December 11 6:15 pm**  
**Bill Library**

Mike Molinari from Spark Makerspace, New London, will lead the class in the design features and functions of cloud-based 3D Printing with the new software, Autodrop3D. If you have a laptop with an external mouse, please bring it to class. A few laptops will be provided by the Library. Space is limited. Please register online.



**Books and More Holiday Sale**  
**Saturday, November 23 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**  
**Bill Library**



Get a jump on your holiday shopping at the Friends of the Ledyard Libraries Books and More Sale. We will be

offering quality books for sale, suitable for winter reading or gift giving, as well as crafts and baked goods. In addition, we will be holding a silent auction featuring many items or certificates for services donated by area hobbyists and merchants. Bid sheets will be in Bill Library beginning November 1. Enjoy complimentary hot and cold apple cider and candy canes while you shop!

**Ledyard Historical Society – Open Archive**  
**You are part of Ledyard’s history!**  
**Saturdays: October 5, November 2, January 4**  
**9:30 am – 12:00 pm Bill Library**

Join us at the monthly “open archive” where we welcome curious visitors, anyone with historical & genealogical inquiries, and the loan or donation of your items for digitization.

Your Gales Ferry and Ledyard memories will be added to the archive. We will scan them and return to you with a digital copy placed on your flash drive.

We can also assist you in preserving our community’s history:

- 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.
- Pictures, memorabilia, yearbooks, etc., from the Ledyard Center School are especially welcome! Contact us to share your digital images or to bring in physical items for scanning & return, or for donation.
- Need a safe home for family history items that may not interest younger generations? 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.)

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

Holiday Hours		
October 14	Columbus Day	Closed
November 11	Veterans Day	Closed
November 27	Thanksgiving Eve	Close at 5
November 28	Thanksgiving	Closed
November 29	Thanksgiving	Closed

## Donations

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

In Memory of

- Thomas Lee
- Lance Rockefeller
- Tom Wilson

Glenwoods Book Club

Lions Club – for large print and audio books

Rotary Club – to purchase ozobots for coding with children

CT Master Gardener's Association and Eastern Ct Community Gardens to support our seed program.

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## Seed Library

We would like to thank the volunteers, donors, contributors, speakers and community for their support of the Ledyard Seed Library. This first year has been a huge success thanks to you! We look forward to continuing this community outreach program and will see you next year!

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## Display Case Availability

As we approach the end of 2019, we are accepting reservations for our secure display case at Bill Library for 2020. If you have a club or organization you'd like to highlight, or a personal collection you'd like to share with the community, we'd love to have you! Case dimensions: 44"W X 24"D X 11"H (back)/5" (front). Please email Laura to reserve your month at [lnorcia@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto:lnorcia@ledyard.lioninc.org).

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## A Word from the Friends of Ledyard Libraries

### Friends Meeting

**Thursday, October 22**

**7:15 pm**

**Gales Ferry Library**



Join us for our fall meeting at which we will present the budget for 2020 which includes items the library has identified to benefit library patrons. Come to hear what new projects we are working on. Congratulations to Sarah Desormier for another successful Annual Bill Book Sale! Thank you, Sarah, the library staff, and the volunteers that

assisted, for all of your hard work. Thank you also Eileen Morange for leading the effort of sorting, shelving and boxing donations throughout the year in preparation for the annual sale. Volunteer support is the key to the success of the Friends organization. The funds raised by this event go directly to the library which allows purchase of items to maintain and improve the library experience for our patrons.

We are currently preparing for our Books and More Sale, November 23. Along with quality books for sale, we will hold a craft and bake sale and a silent auction. The Friends are asking for donations of both craft items and baked goods. In addition, if you are a hobbyist or merchant, we are asking for donations of items or certificates for services for our silent auction. Please contact Linda DeRose at [ctantiquer2000@yahoo.com](mailto:ctantiquer2000@yahoo.com) or 860-464-6730. If you would like to donate your time, Linda also needs volunteers to help with setup/cleanup and cashiering. Please contact Linda if you would like to help.

Have a great holiday season. I look forward to seeing you at the library!

Sincerely,

Harry Pearson, President,

Friends of the Ledyard Libraries

[pearsonhl@tvconnect.net](mailto:pearsonhl@tvconnect.net) or 860-287-2670

## New Books

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



Child, Lee	Blue Moon	Oct
Connelly, Michael	The Night Fire	Oct
Demille, Nelson	The Deserter	Oct
Hilderbrand, Elin	What Happens in Paradise	Oct
LeCarre, John	Agent Running in the Field	Oct
Oates, Joyce Carrol	The Pursuit	Oct
Patterson, James	The 19 <sup>th</sup> Christmas	Oct
Sanford, John	Bloody Genius	Oct
Strout, Elizabeth	Olive Again	Oct
Woods, Stuart	Stealth	Oct
Beaton, M.C.	Beating Around the Bush	Nov
Berg, Elizabeth	The Confession Club	Nov
Clark, Mary Higgins	Kiss the Girls and Make them Cry	Nov
Crichton, Michael	The Andromeda Evolution	Nov
Evanovich, Janet	Twisted Twenty-Six	Nov
Smith, Martin Cruz	The Siberian Dilemma	Nov
Cook, Robin	Genesis	Dec
Ellison, J.T.	Good Girls Lie	Dec



**Friends Books and More Sale**  
 November 23, 2019  
 9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
 Crafts, baked goods and Silent Auction  
 Mark your calendar now!!



**LIBRARY HOURS**

**BILL**

860-464-9912

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

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**GALES FERRY**

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Monday –Tuesday 9-8  
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 Saturday 9-5  
 Sunday Closed

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