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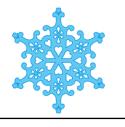
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The Ledyard Library serves as a valuable resource for the community, providing friendly, knowledgeable service and free access to a diversity of ideas, information and experiences. We strive to enhance the quality of life in our community, encourage lifelong learning, critical thinking and the love of reading.

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Nancy Brewer Retires

Nancy Brewer, the first full-time Children's Librarian for Ledyard Library will retire on December 31. She began as a Library Assistant in 1988 and when the Children's opening came up she applied and was hired. During her tenure she prepared scores of children for kindergarten with story times, encouraged children to read over the summer with programs and helped numerous children and teens find information for a school project. We are collecting photos, stories, and good wishes for Nancy's memory book. If you



have something you wish to share, drop it off at either library for Laura Norcia or email her at (lnorcia@ledyard.lioninc.org) by December 20. Stop in to wish Nancy well Tuesday, December 17, 10 am - 12 pm at Gales Ferry or Wednesday, December 10 am - 5 pm at Bill. We asked her to reflect on her time here with a few questions.

Q. You have worked at Ledyard Library for 31 years. How has it changed in that time?

A. I have been privileged to serve the people of Ledyard/Gales Ferry for many years. I have seen some wonderful programs begin and continue to grow. The growth of online resources has been challenging to keep up with because of the quickness of new applications and social media sites. But people still love books!! I have seen children's attention spans shorten and the need for more entertainment in storytimes, rather than simply reading books to them.

Q. What has been the most challenging part of working here?

A. I believe the most challenging aspect is trying to fit all my Storytimes (16 per month)/preschool visits (20 per month) and preparations for those programs into my regular schedule, along with having to work hours on the circulation desk because of staff reduction. I still need to keep up with book ordering/weeding/shelving, going through endless magazine reviews, PR opportunities like Ledyard School visits or community outreach, extra programs such as the Giving Tree, Trunk or Treat, Summer Reading Program preparation and implementation.

Children's Programs



Registration for Story times at the Ledyard Public Library will begin



Monday, January 13, 2020. Please sign up online under

"Children's/Storytime" or call in to either library any time after 9:30 am.

Infant/Toddlers (6-23 mos.)

Bill	Mondays 9:30 am	Feb. 3 – May 4		
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Bill	Wednesdays 1:00 pm	Feb. 5 – May 6		
GF	Tuesdays 9:30 am	Feb. 4 – May 5		



Thursday, December 5, January 9, February 6
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.

Coding Grant received

The Library was one of 50 applicants chosen from a field of 250 to receive a Coding Club grant. The grant, valued at \$4500 will provide code club software for one year along with coaching and training for library staff on how to use the software. We have committed to providing a facilitator, computers, space, and a dedicated meeting time for Code Club to meet throughout the next year. We will be expanding the club from monthly sessions to weekly sessions beginning in February, 2020. The Coding Club is suitable for all students ages 8 – 18 and will alternate between Bill and Gales Ferry.

The grant was made available to small & rural libraries through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), North Dakota State Library, Linda Braun, Crystle Martin, and Prenda.

Saturday, February 1, 2020 Take Your Child to the Library Day

Ledyard Library will participate in the ninth annual Take Your Child to the Library Day (TYCLD), an international initiative that encourages families everywhere to take their children to their local library. Join us for a program that day at either library.

Mr. Magic Performance Bill Library

11:00 am All Ages

Our favorite magician is coming to Bill Library! Enjoy his tricks and wonder "how does he do that?" This program is free and open to all.

LEGO Junior Maker Gales Ferry Library

1:00 pm Ages 4 – 8

Build a vehicle, space station or where ever your imagination takes you! Building with Legos provides an opportunity 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.

Teen Programs

Acrylic Paint Pouring Tuesday, February 18 Bill Library

1:30 pm Age 12-17

Calling all teen 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



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 and online.



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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 Library and the Friends of the Ledyard Library.

Upcoming Dates:

December 10:James BuchananJanuary 14:Harry S. TrumanFebruary 11:John TylerMarch 10:Woodrow Wilson

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:

*December 19: Winter Street by Elin Hilderbrand January 22: An American Marriage by Tayari Jones February 26: Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman

*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:

- January 7: My Kitchen year: 136 Recipes that Saved my Life by Ruth Reichl
- February 4: The Winter Table: Fireside Feasts for Family and Friends by Lisa Lemke
- March 3: The Enchilada Queen by Sylvia Casares

Other Programs

Join us for some unique and interesting programs this winter in addition to the regular monthly programs. Ledyard High graduate and author Erin Jones will talk about her book and Patty Carver returns with a Toast to St. Patrick. Learn about the basics of Medicare, how to use LinkedIn as part of your job search strategy, or what is causing the decline of the insect population. For the makers we have kayak building, fly-tying, Tunisian crochet, essential oils and worm composting. If you like the outdoors you won't want to miss the program on fishing, or the winter hikes with Avalonia. Whatever your interest we hope you will find it here @ the Library.

Please register online at

www.ledyard.lioninc.org "Events" for

programs with this symbol or by calling the Library

Erin Jones, author of *Tinfoil Crowns*Sunday, January 5
Bill Library

1:00 pm



Erin Jones is a 2006 graduate of Ledyard High School. She received her MFA in Creative Writing from Emerson College where she is now affiliated faculty. She was a 2017 finalist for the Boston Public Library Writer-in-Residence fellowship and now calls Boston home.

Erin's first novel, *Tinfoil Crowns*, is a contemporary young adult novel about a seventeen-year-old You Tube star named Fit and her mission to become famous at all costs. The book will be available for sale and signing following the program. Sponsored by Friends of the Ledyard Library, this program is free and open to the public.

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Building a Skin-On-Frame Sea Kayak Presented by Brian Cronin Tuesday, January 14 Bill Library

6:30 pm

Brian will present what he learned from building a kayak for his daughter, and for community members, who would like to know how to do the same.



Fly Tying for Everyone Saturday, January 18, 25, February 1 & 8 1:30 pm Bill Library Ages 8 – Adult



Fly tying classes will be conducted by highly experienced and long-time fly tyers from the Thames Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Participants will learn

about the basic tools and techniques needed to successfully tie flies. Patterns will be selected that will be easier for beginners, and cover key fundamental skills for tying most flies. Each class will usually involve the students tying 2 to 3 different patterns depending on complexity and participant skills. No prior tying experience is required and subsequent classes would build on skills learned in prior classes. Students are welcome to bring their own tying tools if they have them, but all required tools and materials will be provided by Trout Unlimited.

Hike the Pine Swamp Park at Queen Eleanor Trail Head Saturday, January 25

10:00 am



An Avalonia representative will take us through the Pine swamp wildlife corridor which features an impressive glacial moraine, ponds, swamps, and lush wildlife. This

preserve protects one of southeastern Connecticut's major aquifers. The hike is cosponsored by Ledyard Library and Avalonia Land Conservancy. Please wear proper hiking attire.

Jewelry Restringing and Replacement Saturday, January 25 1:30-3:30 pm Gales Ferry

Do you have a necklace or bracelet that needs restringing or needs a new hook? Stop in and we will restring or replace the hook for you. No soldering will be done.

Health & Wellness Guide to Essential Oils Presented by Amy Major Monday, January 27 6:30 pm Bill Library

Amy Major, B.A., M.A. in Health and Wellness in Physical Education, will lead a presentation and a question and answer session on how essential oils can help you find an oasis to well-being. Essential Oils have the ability to help every aspect of your life and support your body, calm your busy environment, and uplift your spirit. Everybody will get an oily goodie to take home.

Essential Oils: Make Your Own Rollers Presented by Amy Major Monday, February 10 6:30 pm Gales Ferry Library

Amy Major returns to demonstrate how to make Essential Oil Rollers. You will have your choice of 8 different rollers to support health, wellness, focus, calming, sleeping, allergies, aches and happiness! Customize 3 rollers to take home with you that fit your health and wellness needs.

LinkedIn

Tuesday, February 11 & March 24, 6:30 pm Bill Library



The importance of LinkedIin for job seeking will be presented as well as the settings, features, and

techniques for building a great profile.

Valentine's Day Drawing Cards Presented by LeeAnn Graham Wednesday, February 12 Bill Library

6:30 pm



Create Valentine's Day Greeting Cards through a variety of drawing techniques; exploring line, color, and shade. No prior art experience is necessary. Cards, Pencils, and Colored Pencils are supplied.

Hike the Avery Preserve Park on East tract off Avery Hill Road Saturday, February 22 10:00 am

An Avalonia representative will take us through the Avery Preserve which features a maple swamp, open upland woods, and Atlantic white cedar. This hike is cosponsored by Ledyard Library and Avalonia Land Conservancy. Please wear proper hiking attire.

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Medicare Made Clear
Presented by Christy Bondos, Licensed Insurance
Agent, AHIP Certified
Tuesday, March 10 2:00 pm
Bill Library

Christy will present information about the basics of Medicare, including the different parts of the program, eligibility requirements and enrollment windows. Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions about their coverage options and how to find coverage that best meets their health and financial needs.

Tunisian Crochet Class for Adult Beginners Alternate Saturdays, March 14 - May 9 2:00 pm Bill Library

Learn the Tunisian simple stitch to make an easy first project: a Tablet Cover or Pencil Case. Please bring a light weight cotton yarn in 4 coordinating colors to class. If time permits, we will learn other Tunisian Crochet stitches. Familiarity with the single crochet stitch is helpful.

A St. Patrick's Day Celebration with Patty Carver Sunday, March 15 2:00 pm Ledyard Senior Center



Musical sensation Patty Carver returns to Ledyard! Join Patty as she toasts to the spirit of Ireland in an afternoon of toe-tapping music and fun. This program is co-

sponsored by Ledyard Library with the Ledyard Historical Society and Ledyard Senior Citizens.

Composting With Worms Saturday, March 28 10:30 am Bill Library All Ages (adults, children/families)

Ledyard resident, Jean Scialabba will demonstrate how to make compost. For 30 years she has been composting with worms and giving classes on this subject to people of all ages. She loves to introduce her "red wigglers" and share with everyone what an important job they have. She will tell us about the technique of indoor composting and how to reuse our kitchen waste so that it is turned into "gardener's gold". She always brings a few hundred of her worm friends so that anyone who would like to have a hands on experience can do so. Presented in conjunction with Ledyard Seed Library.

Bees, Insects & the Environment Sunday, March 29 Bill Library

2:00 pm



Kimberly A. Stoner, from the Dept. of Entomology, CT. Agricultural Experiment Station, will cover pest management and the exposure of pollinators to pesticides in pollen

and nectar. Discover how we can help our environment!

DEEP Presents How To Fish for Everyone Tuesday, March 31 6:00 pm Bill Library Ages 8+ and Adults

DEEP will teach all the basics to begin fishing: equipment, baits and lures, rules & regulations, fish identification, how and where to fish, and how to care for your catch. We will practice casting and tying knots on the front lawn of the



Library. All supplies are included. A tentative fishing trip is planned for Sunday, April 12!

Register

Ongoing Activities

Technology Tuesday/Thursday Lessons

Join Assistant Librarians, 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.



Introduction to 3D Printing and Design Monday, January 6, February 4, March 23 ary 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.

Stock Investment Discussion Group Tuesday, January 7, February 4, March 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 includes a continuation of

our discussion of individual company annual reports or

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10K forms. We will be tracking our stock and fund selections in our fantasy portfolio. We will also be discussing current events affecting the stock market in general, and major economic indicators which track development of the business cycle. Stop by and join in the discussion! If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Steele at the Gales Ferry Library.

Chess Workshops for Kids and Adults Saturday, January 11, 18, February 8, 15, 22 (Snow date February 29) 11:30 am Bill Library Ages 7 to adult



Chess Workshops will continue for kids and adults. Each 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. We are looking for beginner and intermediate players, willing to play inter-generationally. If you have some or no experience, come and practice your game.

Monday Matinee Movies Bill Library

1:50 pm

- January 13 Angel has Fallen, rated R
- January 27 Downton Abbey: The Movie, rated PG
- February 10 Judy, rated PG 13
- February 24 Blinded by the Light, rated PG-13
- March 16 TBA
- March 30 TBA



Light refreshments provided.

Computer Genealogy Group @ the Library Wednesday, January 15, February 19, March 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.

Beginners Stock Investment Discussion Group Tuesday, January 21, February 18, March 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.

Adult Coloring Wednesday, January 22, February 5 Monday, March 16 Bill Library

6:00 pm

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



Buy One Get One Free (BOGO) Book and Media Sale

February 24 - 29

The Book Cellar, located at the Gales Ferry Library at 18 Hurlbutt Road, and the Bill Library in Ledyard Center, will hold a Buy One Get One Free (BOGO) sale. The sale is being held this year at the Friends continuing used book sale facilities at both library locations this year for library patron convenience. The sale will be held during regular library hours, so be mindful of the Library schedules.

Sale applies to our large selection of used books, CD's, DVD's and puzzles. Purchase one item and get a second item of equal or lower price free. Prices will range from 10 cents to \$2. This sale is the perfect opportunity to stock up on items to entertain on cold, snowy days. The sale is sponsored by the Friends of the Ledyard Library. All proceeds go directly to support the Library.

Ledyard Historical Society – Open Archive You are part of Ledyard's history! Saturdays: January 4, February 1, March 7 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.

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

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Nancy Brewer Con't

Q. What have you enjoyed most?

A. I have loved doing children's storytimes. Anyway that I can get a child connected to a book, and their eyes light up when they realize they love it... there is no better feeling! Puppets and stuffed animals highlighting the stories are so much fun!

Q. Can you share a favorite patron story?

A. Many years ago, a mom told me a story about one of my preschoolers in storytime. She said that she loved Mrs. Brewer, and wished they made a doll of me! (I thought sure...if I could look like Barbie!!) I still laugh about that!

Q. What are your hopes for the Library's future?

A. I would love to see the libraries' hours and staff restored. We were able to create such a wonderful Children's Room over at our Gales Ferry branch, and I wish we could add an addition to Bill Library so we could expand our Children's Room here also.

Q. What plans do you have for retirement?

A. My husband and I are going to go on an Alaska cruise, but we are waiting to do that until early summer! I am planning on spending more time with my grandkids in PA and IN. I would love to pursue narrating children's audiobooks someday. That would be a dream retirement job!

Holiday Hours			
December 24	Christmas Eve	Close at 1	
December 25	Christmas Day	Closed	
December 31	New Year's Eve	Close at 1	
January 1	New Year's Day	Closed	
January 20	Martin Luther King	Closed	
February 17	President's Day	Closed	

Books and Beyond now Digital Only

The quarterly newsletter for Ledyard Library is going digital. We will no longer print and mail copies out. A link to the recent edition will be available on the library webpage under the newsletter tab. Ledyard Events the new town newsletter will contain information on Library programs for the quarter and the Library newsletter will provide more detailed information.

Strategic Plan Update

Thank you to all who have participated in our strategic planning process by answering our survey, attending a focus group or agreeing to an interview. We appreciate your input. The committee is in the process of evaluating all the responses. The information will be used to set goals and objectives for the Library for the next few years. We will have a final report sometime in January.

Notary Services Available

The Library has a Notary on staff that is willing to notarize your document for you. This service is available by appointment during library hours at either library. Call the library to have the notary schedule an appointment for you.

Courtesy Renewals

To help prevent accidental late fees, the library recently implemented courtesy renewals. If an item is not on hold for another patron, eligible Ledyard items will auto-renew up to two times. An email will inform you of the new due dates for your items. We still recommend double checking your account as the due date approaches to be sure the item is renewable.

Donations

The following donation was 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

Sandy Seaton

Display Case Availability

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.

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Giving Tree

Thank you to all who generously participated in our "Give a Child a Book" program this Christmas season. Thank you also to all who gave anonymously.

Jami Allyn Pam Kalinoski Jeanne Allyn Althea Koschmieder

Beth Ayer Jodie Lees Jackie Bacon Laura Norcia Jessie Baker Michele Pearson John & Claire Kim Pendleton Nancy Brewer Rosemary Punzalan Andrea & Scott Buka Naomi Rodriguez Sharon Butler Patricia Salmon Eric Carlson Kim Sandberg Christina Clark Barbara Savage Aidan Schuler Donna Coen Mary Schwab Makayla Couzelis Sue Davis Michael Sienkowski Cathy Davis Norma Sokolski Jan Dawson Lisa Stacey

Pamela Dinger Alex & Gabriella Storz Mary Jane Duback Nancy Strawderman Jan Erhart Patrick Sullivan Kim Feraco Sharon Treaster Finegan Family Kathleen Walvatne Carol Ganz Alice Wester Ellin Grenger Kathy Wieland Marion Griffin Gayle Wilson

Linda Hardie Sheri Harris

Seed Library

The Library is collecting seeds from last summer's harvest for the seed library. If you have any dried seeds you wish to donate, please label with type, location and date collected and drop off at either library for Laura Norcia.

A Word from the Friends of Ledyard Libraries

Friends Meeting Tuesday, January 28 Bill Library

7:00 pm

Join us for our winter meeting at which we will discuss our plans for 2020. Come hear what new items our program committee is working on.

Congratulations to Linda DeRose for another successful Annual Bill Books and More Sale! Thank you, Linda, the library staff, and all of the volunteers that assisted, for all of your hard work. Thanks to all of the businesses and individuals that donated items for the sale and for the silent auction. And finally, thanks to all of the patrons who supported this important event. All proceeds go directly to support the Ledyard Library. Many worthwhile enhancements to enrich the patron experience such as Hoopla, are made possible by Friends fundraising activities.

Be sure to stop by either Bill or Gales Ferry Library for your winter reading material! We have a great selection from our ongoing book sales at both locations. Mark your calendars for the Buy One Get One Free (BOGO) sale at the Gales Ferry Book Cellar and Bill Library Friends ongoing used book sale locations. The BOGO sale will take place February 24 through February 29 during normal library hours.

I hope everyone had a great holiday season. I look

forward to seeing you at the Library!

Sincerely,

Harry Pearson, President, Friends of the Ledyard Library.

pearsonhl@tvcconnect.net or 860-287-2670

LIBRARY HOURS

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Ellen Young

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Friday- Saturday 9-5 Sunday 1-5

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