

Ledyard Public Library

February 2021

Bill Library

718 Colonel Ledyard Highway, Ledyard, CT 06339
860- 464-9912

Hours: Mon – Wed. 9-8; Thurs. 9-1;
Fri.—Sat 9-5; Sun Closed



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Gales Ferry Library

18 Hurlbutt Road, Gales Ferry, CT 06335
860- 464-6943

Hours: Mon. – Tues. 9-8;
Wed., Thurs., & Sat. 9-5; Fri & Sun. Closed

Learn to Craft with Creativebug

February is here with cold snowy days and long evenings. A good time to find your inner creativity and we have the perfect tool to inspire you. Creativebug is an online database with thousands of award-winning art & craft video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists.

If you're a beginner, experimenter, practitioner, or just want to have some fun, Creativebug contains the list of supplies, motivational dialogue, and video chapters to show you the media and the methods. Creativebug also allows you to share your work and send your feedback or questions. Engage in Creativebug's one month of inspirational prompts and ideas. You may find a technique, craft or art you have never tried before or find a new appreciation for all things Creative!

Click [here](#) to get started or click the creativebug link from our webpage. Log in with your library barcode number and set up an account to access all that it has to offer.

Art Journaling Creativebug Activity of the Month

February



Push your creative boundaries with Creativebug's art journaling artist, Pam Garrison as she instructs you in the Daily Lettering Challenge. Over 31 days, Pam will introduce you to the numerous lettering forms, pens, brushes, paint, paper, embellishments and techniques. Whether you are brand new to lettering or more practiced, the 31 days of Daily Lettering offers many exercises to enhance your style and ability. Creativebug is all about exploring and practice--so you don't have to be shy.

Creativebug offers many daily and monthly practice challenges including color meditation, sharing your gratitude, art journaling, embroidery samplers, oil painting, home creativity, sketching, quilting, making cards, gift wrapping, flowers, and so much more.

Kill-A-Watt Meters Available

Eversource has provided each library with a kit to help you monitor energy use by items in your home. The kit contains a kill a watt monitor and instruction booklet. The monitor will measure the electrical draw of household appliances to determine current energy usage, with the goal of helping you reduce energy consumption and electric costs.

Borrow a kit for 3 weeks and learn how you can save money on your electric costs.



Holiday Closing

Monday, February 15, 2021

Presidents' Day

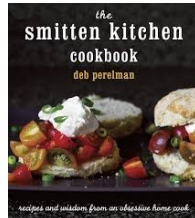
Monthly Events

Cookbook Club

Tuesday, February 2
Zoom

12:30 pm

February will feature *The Smitten Kitchen* by Deb Perelman. Join us for our virtual monthly cookbook club meetings. We pick a theme for each month, collect photos of what we make, and discuss recipes we have tried. Email Lisa, lmurno@ledyard.lioninc.org for your Zoom invitation



Stock Discussion Groups

Join us on Zoom
Stock Discussion Group
Tuesday, February 2
Investment Strategy for 2021

7:00 pm

Harry Pearson will present and share the topic for discussion this month:

Beginner Stock Discussion
Tuesday, February 16
Individual Risk Tolerance



Beginners, who are interested in getting started in stock investing and learning how to manage an existing or new portfolio, are encouraged to join on the third Tuesday. Discussion and questions and answers are encouraged as participants learn how economic conditions affect the stock market.

Contact Lisa Murno at Bill Library for the link to this meeting.

Presidents Book Discussion

Tuesday, February 9
President Millard Fillmore

7:00 pm

A variety of books about President Fillmore will be available at the Gales Ferry Library for pick up. Three to mention are *Millard Fillmore: Biography of a President* by Robert J. Rayback, *Millard Fillmore* by Paul Finkelman, and *Millard Fillmore* by Robert J. Scarry. We also invite you to watch a C-Span documentary on Millard Fillmore at <https://www.c-span.org/video/?124976-1/life-portrait-millard-fillmore>.

The Presidents Book Discussion group will focus on the White House years of former American presidents. Assistant Librarian, Elaine Steele 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. Attendees are encouraged to choose different reading materials on the monthly topic. Additional reading materials may be available digitally through Overdrive or Hoopla. Hoopla allows patrons to read the same title simultaneously. Go to the library webpage for the Zoom link and join in.

Online Book Discussion

Romance Book Discussion Through February
For adults and older teens

Valentine's Day is around the corner and romance is in the air! Choose a romance novel to read and then post a review of it on our website. Let us know how you liked the book and who you would recommend the book to. We will have a discussion thread going and encourage you to read the reviews to find a new book to read! If you need help choosing a book, we will have a recommendation list posted on the website. Any offensive comments will not be approved.



Special Event

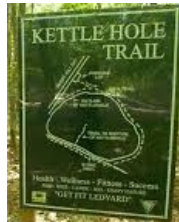
Kettlehole Trail Hike

Saturday, February 13

11:00 am

Meet at the Parking Lot

Join Gary Paul from the Ledyard Conservation Commission for a hike around a large dry kettlehole. A kettle hole is a circular hollow created when a block of glacier ice was buried and later melted. At the southern end of the trail is a side path to the bottom of the kettle hole. Please wear weather-appropriate clothing, shoes for hiking, and a mask. Please register in case we have to reschedule or cancel due to snow/rain.



This in-person event is a collaboration of the Ledyard Conservation Commission and Ledyard Public Library.

Sculpto 3D Printer



Join the Conversation



3 D Printer

The Ledyard Public Library has been gifted a new 3D Printer from CreativeBug. This printer has an impressive footprint utilizing PLA plastic. It operates on the Library's free Wifi using Sculpto, an app with the same name as the printer, connecting from a mobile device. In getting started and exploring the nuances of the printer, Lisa decided to print a Baby Yoda (the character from The Mandalorian on Disney+) using an open source website called Thingiverse.



Baby Yoda has proven to be very popular with patrons who have asked for one of their own. To get your own Baby Yoda or something of your choosing we ask for a donation to cover the cost of the materials. Depending upon the strength and structure of the model, printing times vary. However, we are very impressed with this quiet and sturdy 3D printer. Please contact the Library if you are curious or want to get started.

Janice W. Bell Research Room

Mondays: 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. (except holidays)

Other days by appointment.

Share your 2020 experiences with future generations! Please submit photos and accounts of you and your family or Ledyard business during the COVID19 pandemic. Did you start new traditions? How has your business adapted? What has your family done to cope with quarantine, recovery, virtual school or work? Are you an essential worker? What has that been like for you?

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

Children

Story Times

Preschool Storytime

Wednesday, February 3, 10, 17
Zoom

10:30 am
Ages 2 +

An interactive and fun storytime!
Registration has closed for this session but you can reach out to Mrs. Burt with any questions or concerns at sburt@ledyard.lioninc.org



Special Programs

Adopt a Polar Pet Workshop and Storytime A Take Your Library to Your Child Event

Saturday, February 6
Zoom

10:30 am
All ages welcome

Registration Required—Program Full

Registered participants may join us for a workshop where we will read a story and then bring a polar pal to life by hand-stuffing it and wishing on a star. Each animal comes with everything you need to bring your very own furry friend to life, including fiberfill stuffing, rainbow wish star, birth certificate, and take home bag. Participants should pick up their kit before February 6 and join Mrs. Burt for the workshop via Zoom. If you can't make it to the workshop, directions will be included for you to make your new friend when it works for you.



Kids Cooking Club

Saturday, February 13
Zoom

1:30 pm
Ages 6 to 12

Join us to decorate Valentine's Day cupcakes! Participants will bake their cupcakes prior to the meeting and then when we meet on Zoom we will decorate the cupcakes together. A fun and sweet treat for your special valentine! Registration is required at [Kids Cooking Club](#).



Lego Club

Wednesday, February 17
Zoom

3:30 pm
Ages 6 to 11



Our Lego Club will begin meeting monthly starting in February. Each month we will build together via Zoom and share our love of Legos. Registration is required at [Lego Club](#).



Take the Library
to Your Child Day!

Adopt a Polar Pal

Stuff an Artic Animal Workshop and Storytime

Saturday, February 6th
10:30 am via Zoom
All ages welcome!



Special Programs Continued

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Ongoing

Sign up now!

Ages 0-5

This new program has been a huge hit and we're excited to have more kids start their journey to 1000 books! You can join this free program at any time—it's easy, fun, and a great way to bond with your child. Plus it starts them on the path to a life-long love of reading! Interested in signing up or learning more? Go to [1000 Books Before Kindergarten](https://www.1000booksbeforekindergarten.org).



Grab N' Go Bags

Updated Weekly

All Ages

Available on a first come first served basis

Make sure you check for new crafts, activities, and challenges each time you visit the library!

Mrs. Burt's Top Five Classes on Creativebug for Kids and Teens

Creativebug is the featured database of the month. Mrs. Burt has selected five activities for you to try. Click [here](#) to go into Creativebug or click the link on our webpage. Log in with your library barcode number and set up an account to access all that it has to offer. Type the activity you want in the search box and start creating. Mrs. Burt's favorites are:

1. **Galaxy Slime (beginner 10 minutes)**
A sparkly, swirly version using liquid starch, clear glue, nontoxic pigment and fine glitter. The slime comes together quickly and clean-up is a breeze.
2. **How to Make a Pom Pom (Beginner 10 minutes)**
Learn three different ways to make pompoms using a store-bought pompom maker, or make your own pompom maker out of cardboard.
3. **Finger Knitting (Intermediate 8 minutes)**
Learn how to finger knit chains of yarn that can be turned into necklaces, bracelets, garlands and much more.
4. **Doodle and Paint an Animal Portrait (Beginner 1 hour)**
In this fun and improvisational course, learn how to make expressive, exciting animal portraits!
5. **How to make Zines (Beginner 1 hour)**
Zines are DIY booklets ("zine" is short for magazine) – perfect for showcasing your artwork and sharing with friends.

A promotional graphic for the 'Kids Cooking Club'. It features a light blue background with various kitchen items like a whisk, rolling pin, and cookie cutters. At the top center is a small logo of a tree with the text 'Ledyard Public Library' below it. The main text reads 'KIDS COOKING CLUB' in large, bold, black letters, followed by 'Saturday, February 13th', '1:30 pm via Zoom', 'Ages 6 to 12', and 'Registration Required'. At the bottom is the website 'www.ledyard.lioninc.org'.



Teens

LitLoot! Boxes

Monday, February 1

Grade 7-12

Registered teens can pick up their LitLoot! Winter Box. These boxes will be offered seasonally and each box will contain one library book, a freebie book to keep, and an assortment of goodies to enjoy. All boxes must be picked up within ten days of the distribution date. This means if you don't pick up your box by February 10th, it will go to the next person on the waiting list. Registration for the Spring LitLoot! box will open on March 1st. If you have any questions please reach out to Mrs. Burt at sburt@ledyard.lioninc.org.



Coding Club

Code Club Update

Ages 8 to 18

Our virtual code club is available online for children and teens ages 8 to 18. Sign up at any time online by making an account at app.prendacodeclub.com and choosing "Ledyard Library" as your code club. This software will be available until the end of March.

Robots for checkout! For children and teens

We have one Ozobot and one Sphero at each library that is available for checkout. Code them on your own or use our Prenda code club software to help you learn how. We used to dream of having our own personal robots—now it is a reality!

Friends

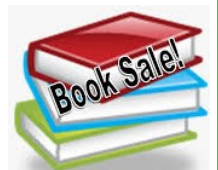
A Word from the Friends of the Ledyard Libraries

Friends BOGO Book and Media Sale

February 22 - 27

Buy one item and get a second item of equal or lesser value free. Mark your calendars for this sale which will be held at both the Gales Ferry and Bill branches of the Ledyard Library.

Remember that the Gales Ferry Book Cellar located in the lower level is open to library patrons during library hours. Stop by and purchase a gently used book for winter reading.



We are now accepting gently used book and media donations at Gales Ferry Library.

The Friends of the Ledyard Libraries are always looking for energetic people to help us improve the library experience. If you are interested in supporting your library through Friends participation, please contact a Friend or a member of the library staff to see how you can help. Proceeds from all of our activities go directly to support the Ledyard Library.

Sincerely,

Harry Pearson, President, Friends of the Ledyard Libraries

pearsonhl@tvconnect.net or 860-287-2670

Seed Library

Seed Library Contest

The Seed Library brings you another contest to test your gardening knowledge. Submit your answers to gardener@ledyard.lioninc.org by Tuesday, February 16th. All entries with 12 correct answers will be put into a random drawing to win a gardening activity book. Book and permission for use of the quiz, courtesy of Arcturus Publishing, Ltd. Good Luck!

1. Stanley, "Bluebyrd" and Black Amber are all varieties of which tree?
2. Which of the following parts of the caper plant are gathered for pickling: roots, flower buds or fruits?
3. Traps baited with beer are laid to kill which garden pest?
4. Of which fragrant plant is woodbine a variety?
5. What flower could be said to have a good memory?
6. The sloe is the fruit of which white-flowered shrub?
7. Which plant has white or yellow flowers that open at the end of the day and bears seeds that yield oil, much praised in alternative therapies?
8. With which fruit is the Roman god Bacchus particularly associated?
9. What is the name of the poisonous leguminous tree or shrub which produces long, drooping clusters of yellow flowers?
10. What is the correct name for the activity in which you would use a spring-tined rake to drag out moss and dead grass from the lawn?
11. Jerusalem & Globe are different types of what?
12. Powdery and downy are types of which garden disease?

Congratulations to Sara Holliday, the winner of our first Gardening Challenge. Sara won *Beautiful Flowers coloring book* courtesy of Arcturus Publishing Ltd.



Answers to Gardening Challenge #1 (January newsletter):

1. sacred lotus 2. oil/seeds 3. plant *Rafflesia arnoldii* named for Sir Stamford Raffles 4. lawn mower 5. ash 6. repeat flowering 7. juniper 8. root 9. chlorophyll 10. green flowers 11. the lawn 12. early evening/dusk



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Online Book Discussion Topic: Romance 9:00 AM LitLoot! Winter Box 2:00 PM Open Archive - Bell Historical Research Room	2 10:30 AM Pre-school Storytime 12:30 PM Cookbook Club 7:00 PM Stock Investment Discussion Group	3 10:30 AM Pre-school Storytime	4	5	6 Take your Child to the Library Day! 10:30 AM Adopt a Polar Pal Workshop and Storytime
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