

Ledyard Public Library

October 2020

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

Ledyard Library is now Fine Free

Ledyard Library is joining a growing number of local and national public libraries that have eliminated fines for overdue items. Libraries that have gone fine free have discovered it actually helped to get materials returned. The library has waived all overdue fines over the past few months due to the pandemic shut down and phased reopening and we are pleased to make it a permanent change.

Library items will still have due dates and will automatically renew if there are no holds on the item. If an item is lost or damaged, a replacement fee will be added to your account.

Old overdue fines for Ledyard owned items will be wiped clean as of October 1. Any replacement fees for lost or damaged items will remain. If you happen to still have long overdue items we are happy to get them back and will remove the replacement fee from your account.



Additional Library Capacity

Governor Lamont recently announced Connecticut will move toward Phase 3 of reopening on October 8. He has increased the indoor capacity from 50 to 75%. This will allow our libraries to add back a little more seating and increase the number of patrons allowed in at one time. We have been making incremental steps toward getting back to full service. We appreciate your patience and willingness to follow the guidelines for wearing masks and social distancing during this unusual time. We have enjoyed seeing all of you in the library.



**The Library will be closed
Monday, October 12 for
Columbus Day!**

Monthly Events

Cookbook Club

Tuesday, October 6

12:30 pm

Zoom



The Ledyard Cookbook Club will be discussing and making recipes from the book, *Half Baked Harvest Super Simple: 150 recipes for Instant, Overnight, Meal-prepped, and Easy Comfort Foods* by Tieghan Gerard. Participants can also share recipes found in ebooks and online. See the Zoom link on our website:

ledyard.lioninc.org

Stock Discussion Groups

Join us on Zoom

Stock Discussion

Facilitated by Harry Pearson

Tuesday, October 6

7:00 pm

Beginner Stock Discussion

Tuesday, October 20

7:00 pm



Our Stock Investment Discussion Groups will continue to meet this fall. At the first session we will continue our introduction to stock options. At the beginner's session we will be discussing an investor's interpretation of a stock's price. Contact Lisa Murno at the Bill Library for the link to this meeting.

Presidents Book Discussion

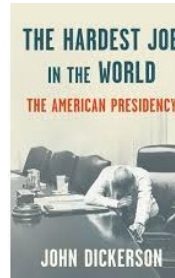
Tuesday, October 13

7:00 pm

The Hardest Job in the World:

The American Presidency

Zoom



The American Presidents Book Discussion group will 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. The Ledyard Library is now open to the public and also offering Curbside Service.

Attendees are encouraged to choose different reading materials on the monthly topic. Ledyard patrons can find additional reading materials through the digital resources on our website including Overdrive through the Libby App and Hoopla. Hoopla allows patrons to read the same title simultaneously. Go to the library webpage for the Zoom link and join in.

Special Events

Tunisian Crochet:

Stylish Tablet Cover/ Handbag

Friday, October 16

3:00 pm

On Facebook Live

See Lisa's last videos for completing the stylish tablet cover/handbag.



Join the Conversation



Children

Story Times

Preschool Storytime

Tuesday, October 6, 13, 20 & 27 10:30 am
Or Wednesday, October 7, 14, 21 & 28
Zoom Ages 3 +



We will be offering two Interactive Zoom Storytime sessions each week through October 28 including books, music, scavenger hunts, playdough, crafts, learning kits, and more! Participants may be required to stop by the library prior to the event to pick up craft or learning kit supplies. There will be twelve spaces available for each class. Register here for [Tuesday Storytime](#) and here for [Wednesday Storytime](#).

Special Programs

Lego Club Zoom Edition

Thursday, October 1, 15, & 29 3:30 pm
Zoom Ages 6 -12

If you love building with Legos then don't hesitate to join our club! This is a very informal group and there will be occasional building challenges but for the most part we will meet to build together virtually and share our love of Legos. This club is for kids ages 6 + and once you are registered you will be signed up for our Fall Session. Register here: [Lego Club](#).

Grab N' Go Bags

NOW AVAILABLE! Be sure to check each library for craft and activity kits, scavenger hunts, gratitude journal pages, and more! These are geared for all ages unless otherwise indicated and are available on a first come first served basis. Questions? Contact Mrs. Burt at sburt@ledyard.lioninc.org

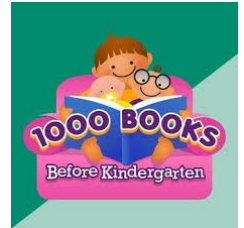
1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Sign up now!

Ages 0-5

[Register here](#)

Did you know? Reading aloud to your child is the best way to prepare them for reading and writing success in school. The time before a child enters kindergarten is crucial for language and brain development, as well as for fostering a lifelong love of reading.



1000 Books for Kindergarten is a free program that encourages you to read one thousand books with your child before he or she begins kindergarten. It's easy, fun, and a great way to bond with your young child.

Stop by, call the library or click the link above to register your child and pick up everything you need to start this self guided program. Children who participate will receive recognition in the library and incentives for signing up and progressing through the program. In addition, we will commemorate your child's journey by sharing (with your permission) their successes on our social media platforms.

Check out some of our New Arrivals at Gales Ferry Library



Teens

We Love Art! Grab N' Go Bags

Ages 11 and Up

These bags are geared toward ages 11 and up. This month we will be offering an Origami Kit and a DIY Spool Photo Holder Kit. These kits will be displayed in the teen areas at both libraries and will be there on a first come first served basis. If necessary, Mrs. Burt will put out video tutorials on our social media pages to help explain the creation process. Otherwise, all instructions will be included in the kits.



New Arrivals in Gales Ferry Teen Area



Coding Club

Ozobots and Spheros For Club Members to Borrow

Ages 8 to 18

We will soon offer a few of our Spheros and Ozobots available for club members to checkout. We will have one of each available at both libraries. The bots may be checked out for three weeks at a time. [Click here](#) for a printable copy of the code club log book—participants in our code club who keep track of their logging until December 31st can bring in their log book in January to receive a free book and/or other prize.



The Spheros are circular rolling bots that can be controlled by downloading the Sphero Edu app to a phone or tablet. The robots connect to your device using Bluetooth. The app teaches students how to code in three ways: drawing instructions on your screen, dragging blocks, or typing text. Try them all!

The Ozobots are robots that are coded by picking up color patterns. You can code just by drawing special patterns using markers on a piece of white paper. The Ozobot will “walk” over your code and then do whatever you told it to do! You may also code them using a computer or portable device using the Ozoblockly block coding program. Once you have created a block code, you can upload it by holding the Ozobot against your screen, which will flash colors and program the instructions into your Ozobot.



If you have any questions about the robots or Code Club, please contact Elaine at esteele@ledyard.lioninc.org or Stacey at sburt@ledyard.lioninc.org.

Seed Library

Ledyard Seed Library

As the gardening season winds down, the Ledyard Seed Library would like to extend heartfelt thanks to all who all helped make the program a success during this unusual year. We could not have done it without you! If you would like to get involved, please email Laura at lnorcia@ledyard.lioninc.org! Looking forward to gardening with you next year!

Volunteers: Roberta Levandoski (CT Master Gardener/ Ledyard Garden Club) & Diana Hunt (Wheeler Library Seed Library) -Advisors, LHS AgriScience Students (Virginia (Student Liaison), Nicole, Stefie, Zahra & Mrs. Karolyn Jordan) (seed inventory), LHS National Art Honor Society Student (Erin) (seed packet design), Ledyard Garden Club & Community Members (seed cleaning workshops) (Bonnie, Carol G., Carol S., Carolyn, Claire, Diana, Harold, Janet, Marcela, Marlene R., Marlene S., Mary, Nancy, Roberta, Sue)

Presentations: Dr. Richard Benfield-ZOOM presentation Around the World in 80 Gardens; Allyson Angelini (Full Heart Farm), Charlie Boos (Mystic Natives Consulting Services), Jean Scialabba (Local Gardener & Composting Consultant) & Emma Sutphen (ECCGA & Coogan Farm)—All in this group planned program presentations that were postponed due to COVID-19.

Seed Donations: Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds, Bio-Tech Pest Controls (Westerly, RI), Eastern CT Community Gardens Assoc. (ECCGA), Fleming's Feed (Stonington & Preston, CT), Holdridge Home & Garden Center (Ledyard, CT), Johnson's Hardware (Groton, CT), URI Coop. Ext., Seed Savers Exchange, Southern Exposure Seed Exchange, Wheeler Library Seed Library (No. Stonington, CT)

Grants: Eastern CT Community Gardens Assoc. & CT Master Gardeners Assoc.

Friends

A Word from the Friends of the Ledyard Libraries

Fall Friends General Membership Meeting
Thursday, October 15, 2020, 7:00 pm



Join us at The Friends of the Ledyard Libraries virtual General Membership meeting.

The meeting will be hosted by Gale Bradbury using the libraries' Zoom software license. As well as providing an overview of the status of current and future Friends activities on behalf of the Ledyard Library, we will be presenting the Friends budget for 2021. Friends and library patrons are invited. Visit the library web site and click on the link for this meeting for the Zoom information.

Remember that the Gales Ferry Book Cellar located in the lower level is now open to library patrons. Stop by and purchase a gently used book for fall reading. And of course, please follow safety protocols of social distancing, hand sanitizing, and wearing masks while in the library building.

I look forward to seeing you all at the library, virtually for now, and in person again when we emerge from the pandemic.

Sincerely,

Harry Pearson, President,

Friends of the Ledyard Libraries

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