

Ledyard Public Library

January 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



SimplyE

The Library E-Reader App

SimplyE, a single app for all your digital resources

Beginning in January downloading digital e and audio books will become easier than ever with a new app called SimplyE. Ledyard Library patrons will be able to do one search and bring up digital items available from our library as well as the Connecticut State Library. It will include our collection of over 15,000 titles from Overdrive or Libby as well as those available through the State Library. The State Library collection currently has over 27,000 titles including free access to titles in the Digital Public Library of America and the New York Public Library. Browse, borrow and read or listen to any one of these free e or audio books with one app. Download SimplyE, log in with your library card and start reading! Available on the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#). Click [SimplyE](#) for help in setting up and using the app.

Please note that after January 1 the RB Digital app currently used to access State Library digital resources will no longer be available.

Digital Magazines

The library's digital magazine collection will be moving from RB Digital to Libby in mid January. If you have been using RB Digital for online magazines the Libby App will provide access.

Holiday Closing

Monday, January 18, 2021

Martin Luther King Day



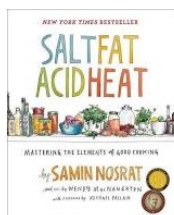
Monthly Events

Cookbook Club

Tuesday, January 5
Zoom

12:30 pm

January will feature *Salt, Fat, Acid, Heat* by Samin Nosrat. 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, January 5

7:00 pm

Harry Pearson will present and share the topic for discussion this month: Continuing with Technical Analysis.

Beginner Stock Discussion
Tuesday, January 19



Continued discussion of Investment Risk.

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 the Bill Library for the link to this meeting.

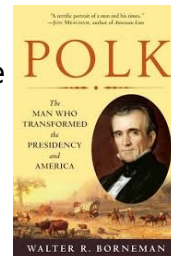
Presidents Book Discussion

Tuesday, January 12

7:00 pm

***President James Polk: The Man Who Transformed the Presidency and America* by Walter R. Borneman**
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. 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.



Online Book Discussion

Civil Rights

Through January

For adults and older teens

To celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day and to prepare for Black History Month, let's read about civil rights and discuss. Choose a book, fiction or non-fiction, which covers a topic such as race or social injustice. Visit the [January Virtual Book Discussion post](#) on our website where you can write about the book you read, if you liked it, and what you learned. You may also reply to other's comments with your own thoughts. If you need book recommendations, we have some on the website post. Join this important discussion today! Any offensive comments will not be approved.



Special Events

Introduction to Ledyard Town Trails

Wednesday, January 13

Zoom

6:30 pm

Join us on Zoom for an introduction to the 13 trails in Ledyard. Explore nature and history in the scenic woodlands, wetlands, tidal estuaries, and glacial remains more than 13,000 years old. Ledyard's trails highlight a diversity of landscapes and many points of interest from Native American and Colonial history. Sponsored by the Ledyard Conservation Commission and the Ledyard Public Library. Guided outdoor hikes will follow.



Glacial Park Boulder Train Trail Hike

Saturday, January 16

11:00 am

Glacial Park

Gary Paul with the Ledyard Conservation Commission will lead a hike through Glacial Park. This trail provides a view of boulders 3 and 4 deep that were left by the Wisconsin glacier about 12,000 years ago. We will take the blue trail to the yellow cut-through. Please meet at the parking area off Whalehead and wear weather-appropriate clothing and shoes. Click here for a [trail map](#).

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



Virtual Chinese Calligraphy for Adults

Saturday, January 23

11:00 am

Zoom

Jo Jo Liu will instruct students in the art of Chinese Calligraphy, one of the most traditional art forms in the world, truly representative of eastern art and culture. Jo Jo Liu was taught and inspired by her grandfather to practice Chinese calligraphy from a young age. She adopted a modern twist to traditional Chinese calligraphy. Her work showcases a perfect balance of traditional calligraphy art with modern flare. Participants will need 1 brush, 2-3 tsps. of black ink, and 3 pieces of calligraphy paper.



Social Security and Retirement Income Maximization Workshop

Wednesday, January 27

6:00 pm

Zoom

If you are approaching or in retirement, this free virtual workshop is for you.

Learn how to:

- Protect yourself from retirement's greatest threats
- Increase your Social Security retirement income by up to 76%
- Receive Social Security income from ex or deceased spouse's earnings
- Replace Social Security income lost after spouse's death
- Understand the biggest tax law and fiscal stimulus change in decades
- Are you eligible for benefits?

All attendees will receive a FREE personalized Social Security Maximization analysis.

This event is sponsored by AAA Retire and Ledyard Public Library.

Join the Conversation



Children

Story Times

Preschool Storytime

Tuesday January 12 – February 16 **10:30 am,**
Wednesday January 13- February 17 **Ages 2 +**
Zoom

Preschool Storytime via Zoom is back for another six week session. It is interactive, fun, and a great way to connect! Registration is required and some supplies may need to be picked up at the library. Once you have registered for the day of your choice, you will be signed up for all six sessions. Registration will close on January 19 and 20.



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!

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

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](#).

Congratulations to the following who are on their way to reaching this goal!

Cora	Isla
Aaron	Connor
Annabelle	Kennedy
Natalie	Emma
Eli	



Special Programs

Kids Cooking Club

Saturday, January 16 **1:30 pm**
Zoom **Ages 6 to 12**

We're starting a cooking club for all of our junior chefs and bakers! Participants will receive a list of necessary ingredients prior to the meeting and then we will meet on Zoom while we each cook in our own kitchens. For our first meeting we'll be making something that is SO easy and SUPER yummy....Human Puppy Chow! This sweet treat is sure to be a hit and we will discuss our other goals during our first meeting. This recipe can be adjusted for food allergies. Registration is required at [Kids Cooking Club](#)



Teens

LitLoot! Boxes

Registration for Winter Box opens January 4

Grade 7-12



7th – 12th graders are invited to register to receive the first of four “LitLoot!” boxes. 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. Registrants will pick up their box, enjoy the books and treats, and the only thing that needs to be returned is the library book. Everything else is yours to keep!

When you register on January 4th you are registering for the Winter Box – you must register separately for each box offered throughout the year. The Winter Box will be available to be picked up February 1, 2021. 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 is limited to 12 so don't hesitate to reserve your box.

Once you register for your box, you will receive a Google Form to fill out that will help Mrs. Burt know what types of books you are interested in, if you have any allergies, or any other pertinent information. Please email Mrs. Burt at sburt@ledyard.lioninc.org if you have any questions. Special thanks to the Teen Advisory Board members for their help in the planning and implementation of this program.

Coding Club

Code Club Update

Ages 8 to 18

Welcome to our two new code club members that joined in November! This brings our total count up to 38 members. We can see that everyone has been working hard using our Prenda software from home.

Code club is open to children and teens aged 8 to 18. You can join anytime by making an account at app.prendacodeclub.com and choosing “Ledyard Library” as your code club when creating your account. Learn web design, animation, and create apps from the convenience of your own home at your own pace! The software will be open until the end of March, at which time we hope we will be able to resume in-house code club.

Holiday Code Club Contest

Open to children and teens ages 8 to 18

December 15 through January 31



Our coders are invited to join in a free coding contest Prenda is hosting this holiday season. The best projects will be awarded a drone, robot, or Makey Makey.

Learn more and sign up at: <https://prendacodeclub.com/holiday-2020>

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!

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 written accounts of you and your family or Ledyard business during the COVID19 pandemic. Did you start new traditions? How did your business adapt? What did your family do to cope with quarantine, recovery, virtual school or work? Are you an essential worker? What is that like for you?

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 and return them 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.

We are always adding newly scanned items to our Online Collections, which are available at <http://ledyardhistory.org/virtualexhibit/>

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



Friends

A Word from the Friends of the Ledyard Libraries

Winter General Membership Meeting
Thursday, January 14, 2021 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 Friends activities on behalf of the Ledyard Library, we will be planning the Friends activities 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.

Congratulations to Linda DeRose for a great Books and More Silent Auction! Thank you, Linda, the library staff, and all of the volunteers that assisted, for all of your hard work. Thanks to all those who donated items 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 Libraries.

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

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Friends BOGO Book and Media Sale scheduled for February 22 through February 27. Buy one item and get a second item of equal or lesser value free. The sale will be held at both the Gales Ferry and Ledyard branches of the Ledyard Library.

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

Seed Library

Seed Library Contest

As you begin to think about planning your gardens for the spring we invite you to test your gardening knowledge. Take this 12 question quiz from *Garden Lover's Puzzle & Quiz Book* and submit your answers to gardener@ledyard.lioninc.org by January 15. All entries with 12 correct answers will be entered into a random drawing to win a gardening activity book donated by Arcturus Publishing Ltd. Quiz printed with permission by Arcturus Publishing Ltd. Good Luck!

1. In which of the following flowers is the religious figure of Buddha often depicted as sitting: tulip, lotus, or bird-of paradise flower?
2. What useful substance is obtained from the following plants: flax and sunflower?
3. The parasitic plant that bears the largest known flowers (up to three feet in diameter) is named after a former British governor of Sumatra, who also gave his name to a famous hotel in Singapore. Who was he?
4. Reel, rotary, and ride-on are all types of which item of gardening equipment?
5. In Norse mythology, Yggdrasil was the name of the tree of the universe, which bound together heaven, earth, and hell. What type of tree was it?
6. When applied to hybrid plants such as roses and irises, what is meant by the term "remontant"?
7. What type of berry is used to flavor gin?
8. Which part of the horseradish plant is used to make the well-known sauce?
9. Which pigment makes green plants green?
10. The word *albus* in a plant name suggests white flowers, *rubens* suggests red but what does *viridiflora* indicate?
11. Leatherjackets are a pest but what in the garden do they attack?
12. When does honeysuckle release most perfume into the air?

Remember to submit your answers by January 15 to gardener@ledyard.lioninc.org.



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