

Bill Library

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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;
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COVID Resources

Are you struggling to get your COVID vaccine or maybe you want more information? The following links may help. These links will also be found on the Library webpage.

Stay up to date on COVID-19 and Connecticut's vaccination program. Get the facts at ct.gov/coronavirus

[Vaccine eligibility](#) Who is eligible to be vaccinated and what are the phases?

[Where to schedule getting the vaccine near Ledyard.](#) Please check this site frequently for availability.

For telephone help scheduling your vaccine **Call the CT COVID Vaccine Appointment Assist Line at 877-918-2224**

[CVS COVID Vaccine Resource Center](#)

[Ledge Light Health District](#) holds pop-up clinics. Keep checking their website, where they post dates and locations.

[Registering in VAMS](#) (required by some of the vaccination locations)

[COVID-19 vaccine and allergies](#)—What to do if you have an allergic reaction to the vaccine.

Ledyard Seed Library

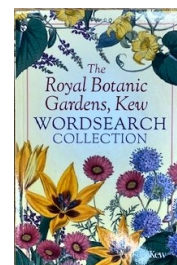
The Ledyard Seed Library, located at the Bill Library, is now open!! What is a seed library? Stop by and take a look! We have a wide selection of free vegetable, flower, herb & locally grown garden seeds, as well as garden-themed books & DVDs for check out, brochures, educational materials and catalogs. Many thanks to Michael & Ledyard Garden Club-HOPE Garden Committee Members, Roberta Levandoski, Sue Anderson, Mary Pias, Gayle Wilson & Martha Wread for help with seed sorting. Thanks too to Jan Dawson & Michael for help with graphics. Much appreciation to Roberta Levandoski for her continued enthusiasm and expertise as my "all-things-gardening" Advisor! Happy gardening everyone!



Garden Challenge Winner

Congratulations to Laurie Gorham, the winner of our 2nd Garden Challenge! Laurie won a garden activity book, generously donated by Arcturus Publishing Ltd.

Look for this months quiz on Page 6 of this newsletter.



Monthly Events

Cookbook Club

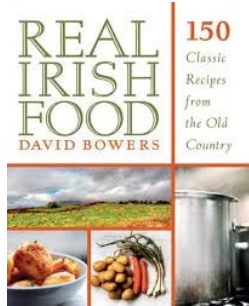
Tuesday, March 2
Zoom

12:30 pm

March will feature *Real Irish Food* by David Bowers.

Join our virtual monthly Cookbook Club meetings. We pick a theme for each month, collect photos of what we make, and discuss the recipes we tried. Please email Lisa

lmurno@ledyard.lioninc.org for your Zoom invitation.



Presidents Book Discussion

Tuesday, March 9

7:00 pm

President William McKinley
Zoom



A variety of books have been chosen on President McKinley, and will be available at the Gales Ferry Library for pick up. Three to mention are *The Presidency of William McKinley* by Lewis Gould, *The Triumph of William McKinley* by Karl Rove, and *The President and the Assassin* by Scott Miller.

The American Presidents Book Discussion 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, SimplyE, and Hoopla. Hoopla allows patrons to read the same title simultaneously. Go to the library webpage for the Zoom link and join in.

Stock Discussion Groups

Join us on Zoom
Stock Discussion Group
Tuesday, March 2

7:00 pm

Market Volatility Index (VIX)

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



Beginner Stock Discussion
Tuesday, March 16
Series Summation

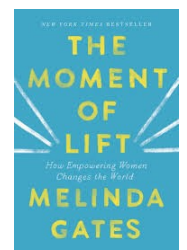
This is our last Beginner Stock Discussion. Please refer to our Continuing Stock Discussion Group on the 1st Tuesday of the month.

Online Book Discussion

The Moment of Lift: How Empowering Women Changes the World by Melinda Gates

For adults and older teens Ongoing on our website

Copies of the book will be available at Bill and Gales Ferry Library. This title is also available as an e-book and e-audiobook on Hoopla. After reading the selection, head over to the website post under "What's New" and leave a comment letting us know what you thought! You will also be able to reply to each other's comments.



Special Events

Tri-Town Trail Hike

Saturday, March 6

10:00 am

Meet at the trail head

Join us with the Tri Town Trails Association for this guided hike. We will meet at the trail head across the street from the entrance to Preston Community Park. If the parking lot is full, you may park in the Preston Community Park and walk across Rte 117. Please wear weather-appropriate clothes and shoes for hiking, and a mask. Please register on our website.



Introduction to Fly Casting

Saturday, March 20 (Rain date April 3) 1:30 pm

Highlands Lake Park Ages 10 & up and Adults



Join us for this Introduction to Fly Casting with the Thames Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Participants will learn 4 different types of basic casting from great instructors. Participants are asked to sign up at the time of the event for COVID-19 Contact

Tracing and wear a mask. All instruction and equipment are included.

Co-sponsored with Thames Valley chapter of Trout Unlimited Please register online.

Meditation and Mindfulness

Wednesday, March 31 (Note changed date)

Zoom

7:30 pm

Join Amy Rutledge in a healing Meditation and Mindfulness session with visualizations for the passing seasons. Please register online.



Program cancelled

Pysanky Easter Egg Decorating

This program has been cancelled and will be re-scheduled at a later date

Crochet Sampler

Creativebug Activity of the Month

This daily practice is for crocheting beginners, or for experimenting crocheters, who would like to learn a variety of



different stitches for an eventual wall hanging sampler! Begin creating your crochet sampler with knowing what tools you should have in your craft arsenal, to learning how to hold your hook, start a foundation row, and move on to your first stitches. If you know how to execute a single or double crochet, have you ever tried a puff stitch, a bubble wrap, or a spike stitch? This 30-day crochet sampler will include those stitches and more in addition to learning how to increase and decrease, change colors, and work in the round. If you are left-hand dominant, CreativeBug has a daily practice day for you. On the 30th day, CreativeBug will teach you how to seam all your stitch squares together. You will have one beautiful and creative sampler! Do not forget to view the discussion, view the gallery, and seek out related classes to "visit the gallery".

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

Special Programs

Welcome Wednesday Preschool Fun

Ages 2 and up

Zoom

Each session will feature a themed activity with a story to go along with it. Register for any or all that you are interested in on our [Events Page](#).

March 10 - [Dance Party!](#)

No sitting allowed! Join us to dance to some great songs. Mrs. Burt will also read a story.

March 17 - [St. Patricks Day Celebration!](#)

Be sure to wear green to celebrate St. Patricks day together! We will read stories, dance, and make a sweet treat together. Participants will need to purchase cookies and decorating supplies prior to the event.



March 24 - [I Spy Party!](#)

Will you be able to find everything on Mrs. Burt's list? She will challenge you to find different colors, shapes, objects, and also read a story.

March 31- [Free Art Extravaganza!](#)

Gather all of the art supplies you have in your home, make sure you have enough room to work, and we will create together! Mrs. Burt will also read a story and we'll dance to some songs.

Kids Cooking Club

Saturday, March 27

Zoom

1:30 pm

Ages 6 to 12

Our cooking club meets once a month to make sweet treats together. This month will be a no bake cookie we can all make together during the Zoom meeting. Participants will receive ingredients necessary to participate a few days before we meet.

Registration is required at [Kids Cooking Club](#).



Lego Club

Wednesday, March 17

Zoom

3:30 pm

Ages 6 to 11



Join us each month as we will build together via Zoom and share our love of Legos. Register at [Lego Club](#).

Special Programs Continued

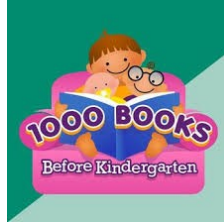
1000 Books Before Kindergarten

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 lifelong love of reading! Interested in signing up or learning more? Go to [1000 Books Before Kindergarten](#).



Grab N' Go Bags

Updated Weekly

Available on a first come first served basis

All Ages

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

Coding Club

Code Club Update

Ages 8 to 18

March is the last month that our members can use the Prenda software. Log on to app.prendacodeclub.com and complete workouts and missions! After this month, we will be transitioning to different online resources. Stay tuned for more information.

Robots for checkout!

For children and teens

We also still have Sphero and Ozobot robots available to check-out at each library. These fun little robots help your child learn the basics of coding. Code them on your own or use our Prenda code club software to help you learn how.



Teens

LitLoot! Boxes

Registration for Spring Box opens March 1

Grade 7-12



7th - 12th graders can sign up for the second installment of our LitLoot! Boxes. The supply is limited so sign up soon.

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!

The Spring Box will be available to be picked up April 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 April 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

Join the Conversation



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, March 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. African Violets are botanically known as what?
2. What is the cast iron plant usually called?
3. Oriental and Asiatic are types of what flowering plant grown from bulbs?
4. Which plant was formed, according to mythology, from a beautiful youth who fell in love with his own reflection?
5. According to the Old Wives' tale, what weather can you expect if you see a snail crawling up a blade of grass?
6. The plant *Vinca major* shares its common name with a marine snail. What are they called?
7. The loganberry is a product of a cross between which two fruit bushes?
8. Why is it not advisable to grow a *Stapella* plant, an attractive succulent, in an enclosed room?
9. What is an unusual characteristic of the sensitive plant, *Mimosa pudica*?
10. The Ugli fruit is a cross between which two fruits?
11. The giant redwood was named after which Cherokee scholar?
12. Spring flowering bulbs such as daffodils, should be planted at what time of year?

Answers to Quiz #2 (February newsletter):

1. Plum 2. Flower buds 3. Slugs 4. Honeysuckle 5. Forget-me-not 6. Blackthorn 7. Evening Primrose 8. Grapes 9. Laburnum 10. Dethatching 11. Artichoke 12. Mildew



Ledyard Public Library

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1 Online Book Discussion: The Moment of Lift 9:00 AM LitLoot! Box Registration: Spring Box 2:00 PM Open Archive - Bell Historical Research Room	2 12:30 PM Cookbook Club 7:00 PM Stock Investment Discussion Group	3	4	5	6 10:00 AM Tri-Town Trail Hike	
	7	8 2:00 PM Open Archive - Bell Historical Research Room	9 7:00 PM Presidents Virtual Book Discussion	10 10:30 AM Dance Party - A Welcome Wednesday Event	11	12	13 1:00 PM When Can I Get Into the Garden?
14 Daylight Savings Time Begins 	15 2:00 PM Open Archive - Bell Historical Research Room	16 7:00 PM Beginners Stock Investment Discussion Group	17 10:30 AM St. Patrick's Day Celebration - A Welcome Wednesday Event 3:30 PM Lego Club Zoom Edition	18	19	20 1:30 PM Introduction to Fly Casting 	
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