

Bill Library

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Hours: Mon – Wed. 9-8; Thurs. 9-1;
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Gales Ferry Library

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Texting Service with Shoutbomb

Did you know we can send text messages to your phone?



Why Should I Sign Up?

Receive text messages on your phone immediately when:

- Items you requested are ready for pickup.
- Items you are borrowing are overdue.

Use your phone to text the library to:

- Renew your items

Shoutbomb has features to make managing your account easier:

- Receive notices on multiple library cards.

What Do I Need To Sign Up?

Signing up is totally free! Standard text rates apply.

How To Sign Up Using Your Cell Phone:

1. Using a phone that can send text-messages to an e-mail address.
2. Text the word SIGNUP to lion@shoutbomb.com.
3. You should receive a reply asking for a library card number.
4. Text your library card number.
5. You should receive a confirmation text with an email request. (Responding with your email address is optional.)

How To Use Shoutbomb

Text commands for using Shoutbomb

HELP - Detailed description of each keyword

ADDCARD+card# - Add a secondary library card to your notification account

HOLDS - Hold notices Opt In/Out

QUIT+card# - Stop this text notices service

RENEW - Renew notices Opt In/Out

For more information and a full list of commands goto: <https://is.gd/SBhelp>



National Library Week April 4-10, 2021

National Library Week is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities.

The theme for National Library Week 2021, "Welcome to Your Library," promotes the idea that libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building – and that everyone is welcome to use their services. During the pandemic we had to find new ways to provide our services to meet your needs. When we couldn't meet in person for programs we switched to virtual programs, when we had to close for safety we expanded our digital holdings and made it possible for patrons to apply for a library card online so they could access those digital resources. Free wi-fi was available from our parking lot and as things began to improve we were able to offer curbside pick-up of materials and later to open our doors. Whether you visit in person or virtually, we invite you to take advantage of all the Ledyard Library has to offer.



Monthly Events

Cookbook Club

Tuesday, April 6
Zoom

12:30 pm

In April we will look at the *Eat What You Love series* by Marlene Koch for our culinary adventures. Choose from Restaurant Favorites, Quick & Easy, or Everyday. Join our virtual monthly Cookbook Club meeting and share what you made. We pick a theme for each month, collect photos, and discuss the recipes we tried. Please email Lisa lmurno@ledyard.lioninc.org for your Zoom invitation.



Stock Discussion Group

Join us on Zoom
Stock Discussion Group
Tuesday, April 6
Current Event Impact on Investing

7:00 pm

We are now hosting one stock discussion group facilitated by Harry Pearson. The link to join will be found on our website. Discussion and questions and answers are encouraged as participants learn how economic conditions affect the stock market.



Presidents Book Discussion

Tuesday, April 13
President Gerald Ford
Zoom

7:00 pm

We will look at *Gerald Ford: an Honorable Life* by James Cannon and *Gerald R. Ford* by Douglas Brinkley. The American Presidents Book Discussion group will focus on the White House years of former American presidents. We discuss the impact American Presidents have had while in office, and as well as their trials and triumphs.



Online Book Discussion

The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris

This beautiful, illuminating tale of hope and courage is based on interviews that were conducted with Holocaust survivor and Auschwitz-Birkenau tattooist Ludwig (Lale) Sokolov—an unforgettable love story in the midst of atrocity. (From the publisher)



Check out a copy of this month's selection from the library, or download it from Hoopla Digital. Then, head over to our website post under "What's New?" and leave a comment letting us know what you thought about the book! Did you enjoy it, and would you recommend it to others?



Special Events

Companion Planting: Staging Your Garden for Success

Saturday, April 10, 2021 1:00 PM
Zoom

Co-sponsored with Eastern CT Community Gardens Assoc. (ECCGA)

Wondering which plants get along with one another in the soil and which don't? Join Emma Sutphen from DPNC/Coogan Farm's Giving Garden, ECCGA & Adesa Farm, to learn more about companion planting to maximize the use of your garden space. Click [here](#) to register.



Chef Rob Scott Celebrates Cinco de Mayo

Monday, May 3 7:00 pm
Facebook Live



Join Chef Rob for a Facebook Live cooking presentation using the following menu items:

- Spaghetti Squash Burrito Bowl
- Sheet Pan Fajitas with Lime
- Holy Guacamole
- Strawberry Aqua Fresca

with basil

A List of Ingredients and Recipes will be available at Bill and Gales Ferry branches. Click [here](#) to register.

Planting for Native Pollinators

Wednesday, May 5, 2021 6:30 pm
Zoom

Tim Wachtmann from PlantscapesNE.com, will discuss types of local pollinators, their importance, how to support their life cycles, and maintain a pollinator habitat in your yard, using sustainable practices. Click [here](#) to register!



Creativebug Activity of the Month Daily Embroidery Challenge: A Stitch-A-Day Sampler

Join fine artist and master embroiderer, Rebecca Ringquist, in completing a 30-day embroidery sampler! This embroidery daily practice is new to CreativeBug, and will include simple yet vibrant



stitches and colors. The Daily Embroidery Challenge is geared towards all levels of embroidery artists and crafters, whether you are new to embroidery, or know a few stitches. Gain some practice and experience with textural stitches like fancy chains, zigzag, flowers, and filling. You will learn how to embroider with 31 stitches, which means 31 video lessons! You will use different needles and embroidery threads in this daily practice, and end up with a beautiful sampler. As always on CreativeBug, you can ask questions, post comments, and interact with other students. Get Creative and Have Fun!

Children

Special Programs

Welcome Wednesday Preschool Fun
Ages 2 and up 10:30 AM
Zoom

Each session will feature a themed activity with a story to go along with it. Register on our [Events Page](#).

April 7 - Tea Party!

Time to get dressed up for a tea party! Everyone come in their finest--bowties, top hats, boas, and tiaras are welcome! We will pour tea, have snacks and listen to stories to mark the end of this series of Welcome Wednesday events.



Dig In! A Children's Planting Workshop

Monday, April 12 10:30 am
Thursday, April 15 2:30 pm
Zoom All ages welcome



Join Farmer Allyson from Full Heart Farm, to learn how to plant your own seedling for spring and watch it grow! Your seedling can grow on your deck or balcony in a plastic pot, or your peat pot can be planted directly into your garden. Then enjoy a craft with Mrs. Burt, followed by a garden story. Participants will also receive a decorative wooden bird house craft kit to complete after the event. Click [here](#) to register and let us know where you would like to pick up your planting and craft kit prior to the workshop. A Ledyard Seed Library Program co-sponsored with Eastern CT Community Gardens Assoc. (ECCGA)

Kids Cooking Club

Saturday, April 17
Zoom

1:30 pm
Ages 6 to 12

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



Lego Club

Wednesday, April 21

3:30 pm

Zoom

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

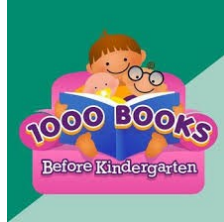
1000 Books Before Kindergarten

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

We finished out the grant year with Prenda, who supplied us with free software for coding. Until we can meet in person again, we encourage you to continue coding on your own using the free online coding resources we have listed on our webpage at <http://www.ledyard.lioninc.org/children/coding-club/>.

Remember, we still have Ozobots and Spheros available to check out from the library. Take a robot home today and have fun learning!



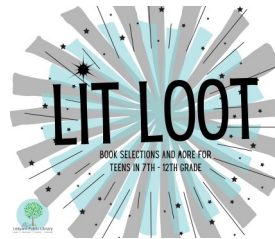
Teens

LitLoot! Boxes

Thursday, April 1

Grade 7-12

Those teens that registered for the Spring Box can begin picking up their LitLoot! Box. 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 10 it will go to the next person on the waiting list. Registration for the LitLoot! Summer Box will open May 1 and the twelve spots available fill up quickly so mark your calendar!



Teen Smartphone Photography Contest

Monday, April 12

Grade 7-12

Teens are invited to submit photos via email starting April 12 in three categories. Participants can submit one photo per category. Categories include animals/pets, landscape/nature/scenery, and books (favorite read, favorite place to read, etc.) Photo submissions will close Friday, May 7. Community voting will begin on May 10 via Google Form. The highest vote getters from each category will receive a \$30.00 Amazon gift card. Winners will be announced on May 21. Please send submissions to Mrs. Burt at sburt@ledyard.lioninc.org. Special thanks to the Teen Advisory Board members for their help in the planning of this program.



Join the Conversation



Friends

A Word from the Friends of the Ledyard Libraries

Friends Meeting
Thursday, April 22
Zoom

7:00 pm

Join us for our spring meeting at which we will elect new officers to serve on our board. The Zoom Link for the meeting will be available on the Library web site home page.

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

April 6 is National Library Workers Day. Make sure that you take time to recognize our amazing Ledyard library workers who continue to make the library experience possible for all patrons. They are on the front lines providing all in person library services possible during this pandemic, and have also adapted quickly to the new virtual reality by offering many services via Zoom. Way to go Ledyard 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.

I look forward to seeing you all at the library, in person or virtually!

Sincerely,

Harry Pearson, President,

Friends of the Ledyard Libraries

pearsonhl@tvconnect.net or 860-287-2670

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?

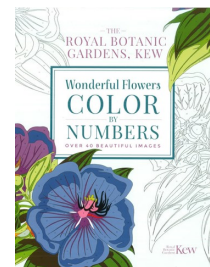
Contact Andrea Buka at research@ledyardhistory.org or 860-464-9912 (Bill Library) for more information.

Seed Library

Garden Challenge #3 Prize Winner

Congratulations to **Christy Semmelrock**, the winner of our third Garden Challenge!

Christy won a garden activity book, generously donated by Arcturus Publishing, Ltd. All challenge entries with correct answers, were put into a random drawing to choose the winner.



Answers to Challenge #3: 1. Saintpaulia (ionantha) 2. Aspidistra, parlor palm or bar room plant 3. Lilies 4. Narcissus 5. Wet/rain 6. Periwinkle 7. Blackberry & raspberry 8. When it flowers, the blooms stink like rotting meat to attract the flies that pollinate them 9. The leaves collapse when touched & spring back after a few minutes to a half hour 10. Orange & grapefruit 11. Sequoyah 12. Autumn/Fall



Ledyard Public Library

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