

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;
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CTDA: Connecticut Digital Archive

The CTDA is a program hosted by the University of Connecticut Libraries in collaboration with the Connecticut State Library that provides long-term preservation services for non-profit Connecticut based institutions.

The archive includes digitized collections from various sources including museums, libraries, and Historical Societies.

The collections include sheet music from the PT Barnum museum, amateur films, early town newspapers such as the New London Chronical, photographs, maps, scrapbooks and more.

The CTDA is dedicated to the preservation of a wide-range of digital resources for educational and cultural institutions and state agencies in the State of Connecticut.

Search [their collections](#). A link will also be found under the Resources tab on our webpage.



One Book One Region

Please join us as we once again participate in the One Book, One Region. The goal is to encourage community members to read the chosen book and discuss it with their neighbors. Libraries throughout the region will host book discussions and programs related to the theme. The book title will be announced in mid May with a regional kick-off event planned for early June. The book is included as a choice in the adult summer reading challenge we have planned.

Display Case

The Ledyard Garden Club's creative display on the New England States' Flowers at Bill Library. Welcome Spring! Do you have something you would like to display in our case? Contact Laura Norcia at Inorcia@ledyard.lioninc.org.



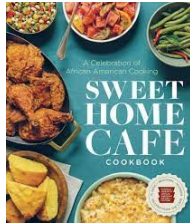
Monthly Events

Cookbook Club

Tuesday, May 4
Zoom

12:30 pm

For May we will select our recipes from *Sweet Home Café* by Albert Lukas. Join us for our virtual monthly cookbook club meetings. We will pick a theme for each month and discuss recipes we have tried. Looking ahead to June we will select recipes from *Cook's Country Eats Local* by America's Test Kitchen.



Email Lisa, Imurno@ledyard.lioninc.org for your Zoom invitation.

Presidents Book Discussion

Tuesday, May 11

7:00 pm

President George H.W. Bush
Zoom

George H.W. Bush will be our topic for this month and we will look at *The Quiet Man: The Indispensable Presidency* by John N. Sununu and *George H.W. Bush* by Timothy Naftali



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 their trials and triumphs additionally.

Stock Discussion Group

Join us on Zoom

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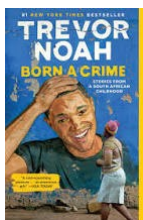
7:00 pm

Current Event Impact on Investing

Harry Pearson will continue to facilitate a discussion on the impact of current events. 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.



Online Book Discussion *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah



Check out a copy from the library, or download the ebook on Libby. 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

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.

Special Events Continued

Planting for Native Pollinators

Wednesday, May 5, 2021
Zoom

6:30 pm

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!

Ledyard Historical Hike

Saturday, May 15

10:00 am

Meet at the Pfizer Field

(GPS 210 Stoddards Wharf Rd, Gales Ferry 06335)

Join Ledyard Town Historian Kit Foster on an Avery history hike. Visit the adjacent Avery-Stoddard Cemetery, resting place of many prominent Ledyardites. A short walk up Avery Hill Rd. will pass the historic Avery homestead (built circa 1720 by William Morgan, Jr., the oldest house in Ledyard) to the Avalonia Avery Preserve, site of a historic sheep-dip pen and stone-hand basin. For walkers with energy to spare the walk will conclude with a circumnavigation of the glacial kettle hole on Avery Hill Rd. Extension.



The cemetery and Avalonia walk will be about 1-1/2 miles in length. The Avalonia trail is a single track through woods, with some roots and rocks and a few damp places. Sturdy, preferably water-resistant footwear is advised. The kettle hole encore will be approximately another half mile and is much easier walking. Click [here](#) to register.



Friends

A Word from the Friends of the Ledyard Libraries

Be sure to stop by either Bill or Gales Ferry branches and purchase some gently used books or media for your summer enjoyment. We have a wide selection from our Friends continuous book and media sales at both locations. We are now accepting gently used book and media donations at Gales Ferry.

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.



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

Kids Cooking Club

Saturday, May 15

Zoom

This is a cooking club for all of our junior chefs and bakers! This month we will be making dirt and worm pudding cups. We will meet on Zoom while we each cook in our own kitchens.

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

1:30 pm

Ages 6 to 12



Lego Club

Wednesday, May 19

Zoom

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



3:30 pm

Ages 6 to 11

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!

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](#).



Congratulations!

We salute the following readers who are well on their way to reading 1000 Books Before kindergarten!

Annabelle Bacon

Gracelynn Bailey

Cora Campbell

Levi and Lucas Cook

Isla Desmarais

Aaron Hanner

Aaron Peters

Keep On Reading!



Teens

LitLoot! Boxes

Registration for Summer box opens May 1
Grade 7-12

7th - 12th graders can sign up for the third installment of our LitLoot! Boxes. The Summer Box will be available to be picked up JULY 1, 2021.



****Please note the longer**

gap between registration and pick up.** 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 July 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



Teen Smartphone Photography Contest

Grade 7-12

Friday, May 7: the last day for submissions

Monday, May 10: Community voting opens

Friday, May 21: Winners announced

Teens are invited to submit photos via email 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.



Ledyard Public Library

TEEN SMARTPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

7th - 12th Grade

Accepting submissions
until May 7th

Ledyard Public Library

www.ledyard.lioninc.org

May 2021



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<p>1</p> <p>Online Book Discussion: Born A Crime</p> <p>9:00 AM LitLoot! Box Registration: Summer Box</p>
2	<p>3</p> <p>2:00 PM Open Archive - Bell Historical Research Room</p> <p>7:00 PM Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Chef Rob</p>	<p>4</p> <p>12:30 PM Cookbook Club</p> <p>7:00 PM Stock Investment Discussion Group</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30 PM Planting for Native Pollinators</p>	6	<p>7</p> <p>9:00 AM Teen Smartphone Photography Contest -last day for submissions</p>	8
<p>9</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>9:00 AM Voting Opens for the Teen Smartphone Photography Contest</p> <p>2:00 PM Open Archive - Bell Historical Research Room</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 PM Presidents Virtual Book Discussion</p>	12	13	14	<p>15</p> <p>10:00 AM Ledyard Historical Hike</p> <p>1:30 PM Kids Cooking Club</p>
16	<p>17</p> <p>2:00 PM Open Archive - Bell Historical Research Room</p>	18	<p>19</p> <p>3:30 PM Lego Club Zoom Edition</p>	20	<p>21</p> <p>9:00 AM Winners Announced in the Teen Smartphone Photography Contest</p>	22
23	<p>24</p> <p>2:00 PM Open Archive - Bell Historical Research Room</p>	25	26	27	28	29
30	<p>31</p>  <p>Closed Memorial Day</p>					