

Ledyard Public Library

August 2021

Bill Library

718 Colonel Ledyard Highway, Ledyard, CT 06339
860- 464-9912

Hours: Mon – Wed. 9-8; Thurs. & Sat 9-1;
Fri. 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.. 9-5; Sat 9-1 Fri & Sun.
Closed

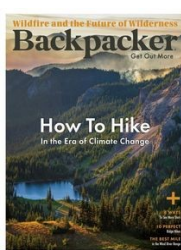
News Flash!

Per CDC & Ledge light Health District Masks are now required for all individuals entering the library and other town buildings due to the Delta variant. Thank you for protecting the community together. Curbside service is also available to those who want it.

Downloadable magazines from Overdrive

DID YOU KNOW your library card may be used to borrow magazines digitally on your computer or other device? Choose from over 3,000 magazine titles available to borrow anytime! With twenty-eight different subject areas to choose from there is sure to be something of interest. Topics include Tech and gaming, home and garden, travel, food, crafts, health & fitness, sports, parenting and more.

Click the [Overdrive link](#) from our webpage or use the Libby App on your device and start reading!



Monthly Events

Adult Summer Reading Challenge

Tales and Tails

Extended to August 20

Our adult summer reading challenge has been so popular, we decided to extend the final date to August 20. It's not too late to join! We have 15 categories of books we are challenging you to read—can you complete them all? Pick up your bingo board and bookmark at the library to keep track of your progress. Receive a prize drawing entry for every three books read for a total of five entries if completed. Two winners will be drawn at the end of the program, for a gift card to Bank Square Books or a gift card to Valentino's.

Senior Book Discussion

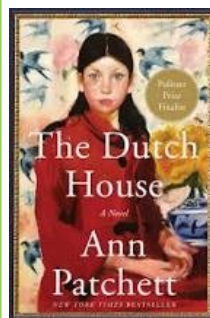
The Dutch House by Ann Patchett

Wednesday, August 25

Ledyard Senior Center

10:30 am

Ages 55+



Join us for our monthly book discussion. Books are passed out at the monthly meetings, or pick up a copy at the Gales Ferry Library. This title is also available as an e-book and e-audiobook narrated by Tom Hanks.

Monthly Events Continued

Cookbook Club

Tuesday, August 3 **12:30 pm**
(Rain date August 10) **Gales Ferry Library Grounds**

The Library will host August's Cookbook Club on the Gales Ferry Library Lawn with Stacey and Lisa serving. Tables and chairs will be set up outside. Although masks are not required for vaccinated individuals, we ask that attendees be mindful of social distancing.



Select your recipes from *Katie Lee's Easy-Breezy Eats: The Endless Summer Cookbook* and *The Complete Summer Cookbook: Beat the Heat with 400 Recipes that Make the Most of Summer's Bounty* by America's Test

Kitchen.

Looking ahead to September the cookbook will be *The Harvest Eating Cookbook* by Keith Snow.

Special Events

Farm to Table: Eating Seasonally in CT

Saturday, August 14 **11:00 am**
Rain date August 21 **Bill Library Lawn**



Join local farmer, Allyson Angelini of Full Heart Farm in Ledyard, and learn how to enjoy more farm-fresh vegetables in your kitchen. She will discuss produce seasonality, favorite recipes and preserving the harvest to enjoy all winter long.

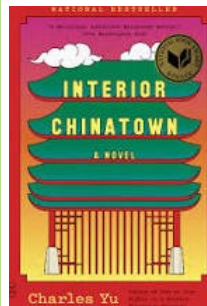
Click [here](#) to register.

Librarian's Picks for Adult Summer Reading Challenge

Looking for recommendations to read for the reading challenge? These titles fit the category of another culture or red cover and beach read.

Elaine recommends:

Interior Chinatown by Charles Yu



Interior Chinatown is this year's One Book One Region selection and the winner of the National Book Award in 2020. The satirical novel follows an Asian American actor, Willis Wu, who is continually cast in generic Asian background roles on TV such as 'Disgraced Son' and 'Delivery

Guy.' He dreams of playing 'Kung Fu Guy,' the best role he believes most Asian actors can achieve. With a touch of surrealism, blending scripts with his own thoughts, Wu climbs the acting ranks and subsequently ponders his life as an actor, Asian man, husband and father.

A timely and important read, *Interior Chinatown* will have you laughing out loud and wanting for a more just world. Author Charles Yu will be presenting at Connecticut College on October 5, so read the novel now before the holds list grows! Pair this read with the memoir, *Minor Feelings* by Cathy Park Hong or *The Nom Wah Cookbook* by Wilson Tang for more views on how it feels to be Asian in America.

Ledyard Seed Library

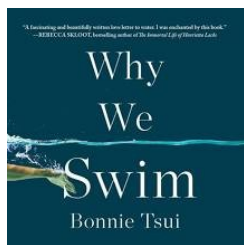
Pictures wanted: If you used seeds from the Ledyard Seed Library, we'd love to see pictures. Send us photos of your gardens, flowers, produce, or how you are using your produce to share with our gardening community. Send them to Laura at gardener@ledyard.lioninc.org.

Librarian's Picks Continued

Lisa Recommends:

Why We Swim (audiobook) by Bonnie Tsui

Why do we swim? New York Times contributor Bonnie Tsui attempts to answer this age-old question in a journey that takes her across the world to interview the swimming greats, the coaches, teachers, and mentors that brought swimming to the forefront of modern sports.



Legends like Michael Phelps, Dara Torres, Katie Ladecky, and Lynn Cox taught us much about swimming, competition, and medals. We learned of their great skill, thrills, bravery, and the testing of their limits in the pool and open water.

But what do we know about ourselves in the water? Why does the water draw us in so? What does the water and swimming mean for ordinary humans?

Imagine living in beachfront property with the wide expanse before you. Escaping into the great blue with pure abandon. Loosening the grip of terra firma and achieving oneness. Diving into the deep to become brave. Lying on your back for relaxation. Operating in the moment with each stroke, being omnipresent. Achieving a meditative state. Flowing with the rhythm of the water and the current. Reaching a higher sense of self; a pride and confidence unparalleled in other activities.

For some, swimming is the best way to tune up the body without impact, an exercise, a means to fitness. But if this explanation were the only answer to the question, Why do we swim?, this explanation would suffice. This audiobook speaks to the infinite lure of the water... an existential means to a heightened sense of self as author and swimmer, Bonnie Tsui joyfully explains.

Join the Conversation



Friends

A Word from the Friends of the Ledyard Library

Due to the pandemic as well as the furnace replacement in the basement, our Annual September Book Sale will not be held this year. We hope to be back for next year! Until then, stayed tuned for our Books & More Sale planned for later in the fall.

Are you looking for a great volunteer opportunity, a rewarding way to give back to our community here in Ledyard? Check out the volunteer needs below:

Join the Friends! We have current openings for Members-at-Large, Membership Chair and Vice-President. (See a member of the library staff or any of the Friends for more information or contact us at friends@ledyard.lioninc.org.)

Stacey Burt, our Children's Librarian in Ledyard, needs volunteers to help with several events:

Farm to Table: Saturday 8/14 at 10 am-12:30

(Setting up/taking down tables, helping patrons during the event)

Shelf Reading: Minimum 1 hour time commitment that fits in your schedule

Grab and Go Craft Kit Organization: 1-2 hour time commitment (depending on the craft) that fits in your schedule (Make copies, cut paper, assembling the craft kits. There is also an opportunity to help in the planning of the crafts.)

Virtual Opportunities:

One Bag at a Time Clean Up Initiative: For every large bag of trash you pick up, you will receive 1 hour of volunteer time. Send a photo of you and your bag(s) of trash to Mrs. Burt.

Instagram Book Reviews: Post a book review on Instagram and include 1. A photo of the book, 2. The author/title in the caption, 3. A reason you are recommending the book, 4. Tag the Ledyard Public Library's Instagram Account (@ledyardpubliclibrary). Each review is worth one hour of service.

Sarah Desormier

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friends@ledyard.lioninc.org, 860 464-9538

Children

Summer Reading



Tails and Tales: Read, Make, Explore Summer Adventure Program

June 12 – August 7

Age 2 – Grade 6

Summer Reading continues! Log adventures for a chance to win prizes and everyone receives a free book! Winners will be announced on August 9. Register [here](#) and start exploring!

Virtual Programs

Farm Tales With UConn 4H

The library is partnering with UConn 4-H New London County to provide virtual farm related activities. Pick up a kit from the library for each session and then join a Facebook Live build-along session.

Farm Tale # 4: Hog Farms

Wednesday, August 4

Facebook Live

10:00 am

Ages 6-11



Learn Iris Folding and Origami to make some fun paper pigs! You can make greeting cards and ornaments with these crafting techniques.

Mrs. Burt will read *Right This Very Minute* by Lisl H. Detlefsen and send you a link to the recording. Follow along as she reads or read on your own. Register [here](#) for your kit.

Farm Tale # 5: Fish Farms

Wednesday, August 18

Facebook Live

10:00 am

Ages 6-11

Using LED lightbulbs and watch batteries, we will put a bright spin on the art of Koinobori Carp Windsocks. Mrs. Burt will read *A Carp for Kimiko* by Virginia Kroll and send you a link to the recording. Follow along as she reads or read on your own. Register [here](#) for your kit.



4-H Break-out! Escape Rooms

Wednesday, August 11

Ages 6-11

10:00 am

New Breakout! games will be posted on the odd week of the 4-H Farm Tales activities. You can play the games anytime during the summer. Challenge a friend to complete the virtual puzzles and see who can escape the fastest. New games will be posted for each session. Register [here](#) to attend the final session.

Special Programs @ the Library

Summer Storytime & Chalk the Walk

Monday, August 2

Bill Library

10:30 am

All ages

Join Mrs. Burt for the final summer story time on the lawn of Bill Library and then help decorate the side-walks leading up to and around the library. A family friendly event so all ages are welcome. The event will be cancelled if there is rain. Please register [here](#) to attend.



Free Comic Book Day

August 14

All Ages

We are excited to be a part of Free Comic Book Day 2021! This is the event's 20th anniversary and it's a great opportunity to discover new titles and genres of comic books. Be sure to stop by either library to see what is available!



Summer Events

Family Movies on the Green

The Emperor's New Groove

Friday, August 20

8:00 pm

We are pleased to collaborate with Ledyard Parks and Recreation to bring you monthly family movies on the Town Green in front of Bill Library. In this version of a Disney classic, Emperor Kuzco is turned into a llama by his ex-administrator Yzma, and must now regain his throne with the help of Pacha, the gentle llama herder. (IMBD.com) Watch a trailer [here](#). Bring your blanket or chair and don't forget the popcorn!



Mrs. Burt at the Farmer's Market

Wednesday, August 4

4:00—7:00 pm

Stop by the library's booth at the Ledyard Farmer's Market for face painting and beading craft fun. Hope to see you there!



1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Ongoing

Sign up now!

Ages 0-5

Start your child on the path to a life-long love of reading! You can join this free program at any time—it's easy, fun, and a great way to bond



with your child. Interested in signing up or learning more?

Go to [1000 Books Before Kindergarten](#).

Congratulations to Kennedy and Natalie who read 1000 books! They did it!



Teens



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Janice W. Bell Research Room

Mondays: 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. (except holidays)

Other days by appointment.

Looking for volunteer opportunities this summer? We are looking for teen and adult helpers in the following areas: Web design (Wordpress), social media posting, and setting up community-sourced image sharing, as well as non-computer jobs such as adding obituaries to our files.

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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