

## 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

## Learning Express Job & Career Accelerator From Ebsco



LearningExpress®  
Job & Career  
Accelerator

Connecticut State Library has a new resource from Ebsco aimed at helping jobseekers from recent graduates to those looking to change careers find the perfect job. The Learning Express Job & Career Accelerator is the latest addition to [researchITCT](#), one of the great online resources available to all Connecticut residents in collaboration with Connecticut Public Libraries!

The Learning Express offers many features, which patrons will find useful and practical for meeting their education and career goals. A personal dashboard features six Centers including an Occupational Test Preparation area, a Job & Career Accelerator, a High School Equivalency and a Computer Skills areas. Within each area are modules that allow for self-paced learning and tracking of your progress in each area.

Two more centers are designed for Spanish learners with modules to improve math, reading, and writing skills, and finally the Workplace Success center, where soft skills, math, reading, writing, finance, and becoming a U.S. citizen modules are available.

Register for your free account [here](#) or click the "Learning Express" icon on the right side of our webpage and start learning.

## ARPA Grant



We are pleased to announce Ledyard Library has been awarded an American Rescue Plan Act Grant (ARPA) for \$17,836. "This project is made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the Connecticut State Library."

This federally funded program was set up with three priorities in mind, to help libraries increase digital access within a community, provide a safe and healthy environment and assist with workforce development and telehealth. Library staff have identified items they feel will have the most impact on the Ledyard community. These include boosting the Wi-Fi signal further outside the buildings, privacy booths where patrons can conduct online job interviews, make a telehealth appointment or take an exam for an online class, a self checkout station that will allow patrons to have a contactless interaction, adding electric and USB power on the patio for patrons who like to work there with their devices and more. We hope to begin ordering and installing the items in early fall.

## Independence Day Closing

Saturday July 3  
Sunday July 4  
Monday July 5

Closed  
Closed  
Closed



## Monthly Events

### Adult Summer Reading Challenge

Tales and Tails

Continues until August 7

It's not too late to join our adult summer reading challenge! We have 15 categories of books we are challenging you to read. 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. We will draw two winners at the end of the challenge for a gift card to Valentino's or a gift card to Bank Square Books in Mystic.

### Senior Book Discussion

*The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*

by Kim Michele Richardson

Wednesday, July 28

Ledyard Senior Center

10:30 am

Ages 55+



The library is collaborating with the Senior Center to facilitate a book discussion on the fourth Wednesday of every month. The upcoming titles will be passed out at the monthly meetings, or you may pick up a copy at the Gales Ferry Library.

### Cookbook Club

Tuesday, August 3

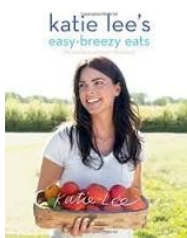
(Rain date August 8)

12:30 pm

Gales Ferry Library Grounds

The cookbook club will not meet in July. 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. Please be mindful of persons, who wish to stay socially distant and may wear a mask.

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. We ask that you check out one at a time so there are enough copies to go around.



## Special Events

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Zoom

6:30 pm

Grade 7 – Adult

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### Composting with Worms

Saturday, July 17

Bill Library Lawn

10:00AM

Adults & Families

(Children must be accompanied by an adult)

Ledyard resident, Jean Scialabba, has been composting with worms for 30 years. She will introduce us to her "red



wigglers" and share how important their job is in composting. Jean will teach us about indoor composting techniques and explain how to reuse our kitchen waste so that it turns into "gardener's gold". Anyone who would like a hands-on experience is welcome to bring some of the "red wigglers" home. We will have limited seating at outdoor tables, so we encourage any families & individuals willing to sit on the ground, to bring a blanket or something to sit on.

Click [here](#) to register!

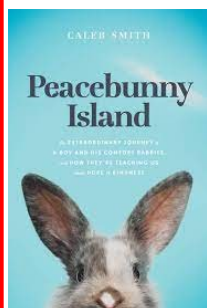
### Join the Conversation



## Librarian's Picks for Adult Summer Reading Challenge

Looking for recommendations to read for the reading challenge? These titles, recommended by library staff, have an animal as the main character?

Elaine recommends:



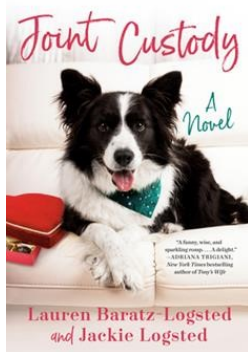
*Peacebunny Island: The Extraordinary Journey of a Boy and his Comfort Rabbits, and How They're Teaching Us about Hope and Kindness*

This nonfiction book is written by the now 16-year old Caleb Smith as he recounts starting his comfort rabbit business. As an elementary school child, Caleb convinces his parents to

help him create a rabbit education and fostering program. After seeing therapy dogs at work while volunteering in the aftermath of the Sandy Hook school shooting, he gets the idea of "comfort rabbits" and expands his program to bring his rabbits to funerals, detention centers, and places where people are recovering from trauma. You'll laugh and cry with Caleb, but the real stars of the book are the rabbits, whose unique personalities shine on every page.

Lisa recommends :

*Joint Custody* by Lauren Baratz-Logsted and Jackie Logsted  
Told in the voice of Gatz, a smallish-22 lb. Border Collie, Gatz observes the exaltations and trials of love with a curious mind.



Keenly aware of the relationship between the Man and the Woman, his two favorite humans, Gatz experiences a heart-wrenching breakup. As the Woman moves out, Gatz desperately creates a plan to get his owners back together again by eating a 2-lb. box of chocolates. Contemplating his own death in the process, Gatz realizes it's not so easy to die when you don't really want to.


A romping, fun tale, Gatz learns love is anything but predictable! A unique, clever story for dog and animal lovers alike.

## From the Seed Library

Attract pollinators to your yard by planting an assortment of wildflowers. Stop by Bill or Gales Ferry Libraries to pick up American Meadows wildflower seeds, generously donated by Bio Tech Pest Controls of Westerly, RI.



VIRTUAL PROGRAM WITH  
SPECIAL PRESENTER RACHEL  
DAWSON



# collage journaling with the NY Times

For Teens and Adults  
Wednesday, July 14th, 6:30 p.m.  
Registration Required

# 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! Register [here](#) and start exploring!



## Special Programs Continued

### Summer Storytime & Chalk the Walk

Monday, July 12, 19 & 26

Bill Library

10:30 am

All ages

Join Mrs. Burt for a story time on the lawn of Bill Library and then help decorate the sidewalks leading up to and around the library. A family friendly event so all ages are welcome. Special guest Reader and local author Rebecca Snay will join us on July 12 to read her book *Cackle, Cackle, Croak*. The event will be cancelled if there is rain. Please register on the [Events Page](#) for each session you wish to attend.



### Creation Station Activities

Friday or Saturday 10:00 or 11:00 am (2 sessions)

Bill Library

All ages

Join us on the patio at Bill Library each week to create something special.

- Saturday, July 10 Birdhouse Wind chimes
- Friday, July 16 Polymer Clay Charms
- Saturday, July 24 Paper Quilling
- Friday, July 30 Velvet Art Tote

If it rains the outdoor program will be cancelled but participants can pick up their kit to make at home. Register for each event separately for the session you want to attend on our [Events Page](#).

## Special Programs @ the Library

### Animal Tails Program

Thursday, July 8

Bill Library

10:30 am

All ages

What special abilities do animal's tails give them? Learn about local animals like beavers, opossums, squirrels and more and how their super-powered tails help them survive in their habitats. An educator from Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center will present this family friendly program. Click [here](#) to register.



### Graphic Novel Book Club

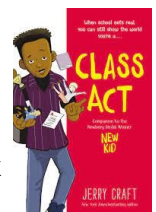
Tuesday, July 13

Bill Library

3:00 pm

Ages 8-11

Join us for a discussion of *Class Act* by Jerry Craft. Drew Ellis, one of the few kids of color at a prestigious private school learns how to fit in. The book is now available to pick up at both libraries. Click [here](#) to register.



## Family Movies on the Green

The Sandlot  
Friday, July 16

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. This baseball comedy features "a new kid in town [who] is taken under the wing of a young baseball prodigy and his rowdy team, resulting in many adventures." (IMBD.com) Watch a trailer [here](#). Bring your blanket or chair and don't forget the popcorn!



## Virtual Programs

Virtual Emergency Preparedness Programs  
Prepare with Pedro  
Thursday, July 15 10:00 am  
Grades K-2

Prepare with Pedro teaches students how to BE PREPARED and TAKE ACTION for either home fires or a local hazard. This program complements The Pillowcase Project in scope and mission, by reading a story featuring a penguin named Pedro. Students learn a coping skill and receive a storybook to share what they have learned at home. Participants will receive a storybook and coloring page for the presentation given by a Red Cross Educator. Click [here](#) to register.

Pillowcase Project  
Thursday, July 15 11:00 am  
Grades 3-5

This interactive preparedness program with a Red Cross educator aims to increase awareness and understanding of natural hazards, teach safety and emotional coping skills, as well as the importance of personal preparedness. Participants learn the best ways to stay safe and how to create their own emergency supply kits by packing essential items in a pillowcase for easy transport during a disaster. Students receive a digital workbook and will be encouraged to decorate and personalize their pillowcases and share what they've learned with friends and family. Click [here](#) to register.

## 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 # 2: Flower Farms  
Wednesday, July 7 10:00 am  
Facebook Live Ages 6-11

This week we will build a Monster Flower using an umbrella from your house and supplies in your 4-H Activity Kit to learn about the parts of a flower. Mrs. Burt will read *Plantzilla* by Jerdine Nolan 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 # 3: Bee Farming  
Wednesday, July 21 10:00 am  
Facebook Live Ages 6-11

In this session we build a BeeBot with a toothbrush and a vibrating motor to pollinate the plants on your farm. Mrs. Burt will read *Buzz* by Eileen Spineli 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, July 14 & 28 10:00 am  
Ages 6-11

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 on the [Events Page](#) for each session you wish to attend.

Lego Club  
Wednesday, July 21 3:30 pm  
Zoom Ages 6-11



Join us for our monthly sessions. We will continue to meet via Zoom to build together and share our love of Legos. Click [here](#) to register.

## Virtual Programs Continued

### Chem-Mystery Virtual Program

Thursday, July 29

Zoom

10:00 am

Grades 3 – 5

A botched bubble blowing contest, some wonky security footage. Sounds like it's time to use science to solve this crime! Help us gather evidence as we re-trace the steps of the crime and discover not only who did it, but what caused the sabotage! Together, we will look for evidence of chemical reactions and identify the unique properties of newly formed products to help solve the chem-mystery. The CT Science Center's STEM Educators will lead participants through an exciting experience. Click [here](#) to register.

## Summer Events

### Mrs. Burt at the Farmer's Market

Wednesday, July 7

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 lifelong 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](#).



## Teens



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### Teen Book Club

Tuesday, July 27

Bill Library

4:00 pm

Grade 7 – 12

Join us on the patio for a discussion of *Slay* by Brittney Morris. This novel follows a teen game developer who battles a real-life troll intent on ruining the Black Panther inspired video game she created. Books are now available to pick up at both libraries. Click [here](#) to register!



## LitLoot! Boxes

Thursday, July 1

Grade 7-12

Those teens that registered for the Summer 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 July 10 it will go to the next person on the waiting list. Registration for the LitLoot! Fall Box will open September 1 and the twelve spots available fill up quickly so mark your calendar!



### Volunteer Opportunities Ongoing

Teens can volunteer to help with programs, shelf reading, craft preparation and other tasks as assigned by Mrs. Burt. Virtual volunteer opportunities are available as well. Contact Mrs. Burt if you are interested in hearing more.

## 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](mailto:research@ledyardhistory.org) or 860-464-9912 (Bill Library) for more information.

## Friends

### A Word from the Friends of the Ledyard Library

**Membership Meeting**  
**Thursday, July 15, 2021**  
**Zoom**

**7:00 pm**

Join us as we begin to plan fundraisers for the coming year. Details will be posted on the library website [www.ledyard.lioninc.org](http://www.ledyard.lioninc.org). All who are interested are encouraged to attend.

Our recent half price book sale at both libraries was successful. Thank you to those who shopped. All proceeds go towards funding programs, museum passes, books, and online services for the library.

Thank you as well to the recent outgoing executive board, and welcome to the new members. We are still looking for volunteers for the positions of vice president, membership and two members at large.

The current officers are

- ⇒ President: Sarah Desormier
- ⇒ Treasurer: Jan Erhart
- ⇒ Secretary: Lorraine Healy
- ⇒ Members at Large: Eileen Morange, Mary Jane Haddad and Terry Reilly
- ⇒ Publicity Chair: Lu Finegan

Volunteers are always welcome, be it for a one time task or ongoing help.

Sarah Desormier  
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# Ledyard Public Library

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <a href="#">9:00 AM LitLoot! Summer Box</a>	2	3 <a href="#">Closed for holiday weekend</a>
4 <a href="#">Closed for holiday weekend</a> 	5 <a href="#">Closed for holiday weekend</a>	6	7 <a href="#">10:00 AM 4-H Farm Tales Activity Kit</a>  <a href="#">4:00 PM Mrs. Burt at the Farmer's Market</a>	8 <a href="#">10:30 AM Animal Tails Program</a>	9	10 <a href="#">10:00 AM Creation Station - Birdhouse Windchime - Group One</a>  <a href="#">11:00 AM Creation Station - Birdhouse Windchime - Group Two</a>
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