

Ledyard Public Library

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May 2022

Bill Library

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

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



Gales Ferry Library

18 Hurlbutt Road
Gales Ferry, CT 06335
860- 464-6943

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



Meet Jennifer Smith your new Ledyard Library Director

After 42 years working for Ledyard Public Library I will be retiring as Library Director at the end of May. It gives me great pleasure to welcome Jennifer Smith as your new Library Director beginning May 17. Jennifer currently serves as department head for children's services at Waterford Public Library. She has a lengthy background in libraries and is ready to take on this new role. Please be sure to welcome her when you visit the library.

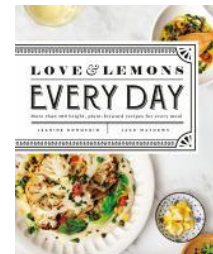
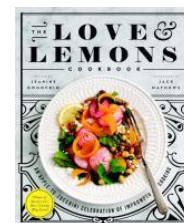
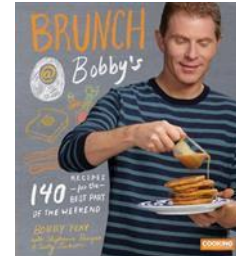
Monthly Programs

Cookbook Club

Tuesday, May 2, 2022 12:30 pm
Gales Ferry Community Center

This month we will do brunch right! The book is Brunch @ Bobby's: 140 Recipes for the Best Part of the Weekend by Bobby Flay with Stephanie Banyas and Sally Jackson. New members are always welcome! For June we will use two Jeanine Donofrio cookbooks: *The Love and Lemons Cookbook: An Apple-to-Zucchini Celebration of Impromptu Cooking* and *Love and Lemons Every Day: More than 100 Bright, Plant-Forward Recipes for Every Meal, a Cookbook* which should be fresh and fun!

Click on any book to place a hold.



Stock Discussion

Investing in a Rising Interest Rate Environment

Tuesday, May 2 7:00 pm
Bill Library and on Zoom

Join us for a discussion of topics pertinent to stock investment. Harry Pearson will facilitate the discussions and participants are encouraged to join in the Q & A. The link to join Zoom will be found on the library website.

American Presidents Book Discussion

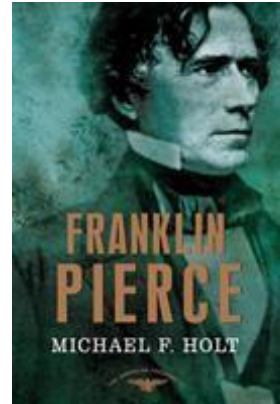
Tuesday, May 10

7:00 pm

President: Franklin Pierce

Bill Library and on Zoom

In April we will discuss Franklin Pierce and we will read *Franklin Pierce* by Michael F. Holt. 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. Click on the book cover to place a hold.



Senior Center Book Discussion

Wednesday, May 25, 2022 10:30 am

Ledyard Senior Center

Ages 55+

This month we will be discussing the book *Suite Française* by Irène Némirovsky. Born in Kiev, Irene was a writer who fled the Paris occupation of the Nazis, and her manuscript for this book, which was meant to be a longer novel, survived the War in a suitcase. "*Suite Française* is a singularly piercing evocation-at once subtle and severe, deeply compassionate, and fiercely ironic-of life and death in occupied France, and a brilliant, profoundly moving work of art." Goodreads A novel that is, unfortunately, timely as we are about to enter the summer of 2022. Books are handed out at the previous month's meeting or can be picked up at the Gales Ferry Library. New members are always welcome! Click on the book cover to place a hold.



Chess for Teens and Adults

Saturday, May 7 & 14 **11:30 am**
Bill Library

Kyle Pearson will lead teens and adults in chess strategy and practice. This practice is intended for both beginners and intermediates. The instructor will provide all boards unless you would like to bring your own. We will meet in the Teen Area of the Library (We will play on the patio if it is a nice day.)

Masks are optional outside and inside, but recommended for those, who are uncomfortable with the close proximity of play. Please register under Ledyard Events for each session you wish to attend.



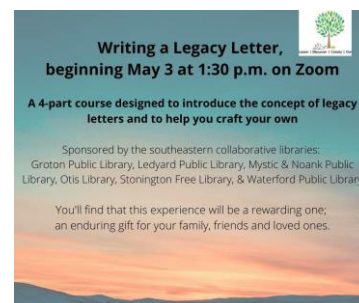
[Click here to register for May 7](#)

Special Programs

Writing a Legacy Letter

Tuesday, May: 3, 10, 17 & 24 **1:30 pm**
Zoom

Jay Sherwin, Founder of the Life Reflections Project will teach participants how to create a legacy letter that will be an enduring gift for your family, friends and loved ones in this 4-part series. A legacy letter (also called an "ethical will") is a written document that allows you to share your life lessons, express your values, and transmit your blessings to future generations.



[Click here to register](#)

Sponsored by the southeastern collaborative libraries: Groton Public Library, Ledyard Public Library, Mystic & Noank Library, Otis Library, Stonington Free Library, and Waterford Public Library.

Russia's War Against Ukraine: Lessons Learned and Future Scenarios

Thursday, May 5
Zoom

6:00 pm

Join us with Olena Lennon, Ph.D., Adjunct Professor of Political Science and National Security at the University of New Haven, and Eastern Ukraine native, for a follow up on her last talk about Russia's invasion of Ukraine. As the state of the war changes daily, Olena's talk will summarize recent developments so far, present lessons the war poses, and project what may occur in the future as this war unfolds. The session will close with a question and answer session with audience members. You can find a list of reference materials and aid organizations assisting the people of Ukraine [here](#).



[Click here to Register](#)

Glacial Park Hike

Saturday, May 7
Bill Library

10:00 am

Join us with Gary Paul to hike the Yellow Trail at Glacial Park. Please note this trail is considered moderately difficult. Proper hiking shoes and clothing are advised. Carrying water is highly recommended.



[Click here to Register](#)

Invasives in Gardening

Saturday, May 21
Bill Library

1:00 pm

Join UConn Master Gardener, Ray Hasson, as he discusses our somewhat complicated relationship with non-native plants. Though often referred to as “invasive plants”, the reality is that many of our favorite “native” plants can be just as damaging as some of the newcomers. Take a look at how a variety of species, not only in the plant world, but also insects and other characters such as the “jumping worms”, can create challenges in your garden and surrounding yard.

A Ledyard Seed Library Program

INVASIVES IN GARDENING **FRIEND OR FOE? NEW OR OLD?**

With **Ray Hasson**

UConn Master Gardener

Saturday, May 21, 1:00 PM, Bill Library

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Please register: ledyard.libinc.org (Library Events): 860-464-9912 or 860-464-6943



[Click here to Register](#)

Children

We are wrapping up our spring programming and will be spending most of our time in May getting ready for summer reading! We have lots of great activities and programs planned so be sure to look at our June newsletter for registration information.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Ongoing

Birth – 5 yrs.

A free program that encourages you to read one thousand books with your child before he or she begins kindergarten. It's easy, fun, and a great way to bond with your young child.



Teens

Teen Photography Contest

Submissions Close: May 6

Voting Opens: May 9

Winners Announced: May 20

Grade 7-12

There's still time for teens to submit photographs 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.) The highest vote getters from each category will receive a \$25.00 Amazon gift card. Winners will be announced on May 20th. Submissions can be sent to Mrs. Burt at sburt@ledyard.lioninc.org.



Volunteer Opportunities Bill Library or Gales Ferry Library

There are volunteer opportunities available to help with programming, shelf reading, craft organization, and more. Mrs. Burt is now collecting names and emails of teens interested in volunteering for the summer. There are limited spaces available so if you are interested please email her at sburt@ledyard.lioninc.org to let her know.



News from the Ledyard Seed Library

Now that Spring is finally here, we would like to remind you that the Ledyard Seed Library, located at Bill Library, still has a wide selection of free gardening seeds available! Come by and take a look! Perhaps you'll find some old favorites as well as something new to try. Thanks to our volunteers Linnea and Sylvia for keeping our seed boxes well stocked. Also, don't forget to check out our monthly Ledyard Seed Library Gardening Series Programs, now thru September (both in person & on Zoom). Registration is required at our website ledyard.lioninc.org. Questions? Please email Laura at lnorcia@ledyard.lioninc.org. Happy Gardening!!



The Puzzle Table is back at Gales Ferry Library

We are pleased to bring the puzzle table back to Gales Ferry Library. Take some time out of your busy day and see how many pieces you can add. A great way to relax and enjoy your library!



Friends

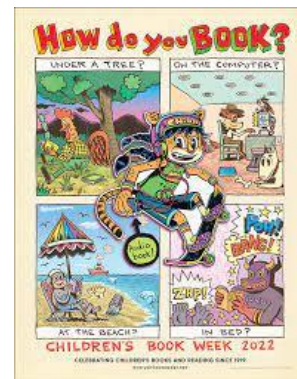
A Word from the Friends of Ledyard Library

**Children's Book Week
May 2-8, 2022**

Children 18 and under are welcome to stop in choose one free book from either book sale location. During May The Friends will be honoring Library Director Gale Bradbury as she retires this month after 42 with Ledyard Public Library. As a recognition of her many year of service to the community of Ledyard, we are asking patrons to donate 42 cents per item you check out, or \$4.20 per for all, or another amount of your choosing. All funds will be used to purchase books for the library. Please use the colorful envelopes at the circulation desk at either library. Feel free to jot a note or memory on the provided colorful paper and place it in th envelope as well.

Visit the ongoing books sales at each library during regular library hours. The Book Cellar in the basement of Gales Ferry Library has a wide variety of books for all age along with DVDs, CDs, puzzles and games. In the Bill meeting room, you'll find smaller but wide selection as well.

Sarah Desormier, President
860 464-9538, Friends@ledyard.lioninc.org



Janice W. Bell Research Room

Mondays: 2:00 – 5:00 pm (except holidays)

Other days by appointment.

For those curious about Ledyard and Gales Ferry events and people, the ‘Historic Ledyard’ series is a good place to start. These books contain photos and genealogical trees alongside the events of the 18 – 20 centuries in our community. The books can be found at both libraries to check out or purchase.

A keyword search in the library catalog can often obtain results for local family names, places, or subjects such as the Ledyard Oak. Ask at the library desk for help obtaining books in their collection. Please email the Bell Room with your more complicated questions or for an appointment to access items that have “HistRm” in their call number in the library catalog.

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

**For a complete list of Library Programs visit the Library
Events Page at www.ledyard.lioninc.org**

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Learn | Discover | Create | Connect

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