



BOOKS AND BEYOND...

NEWS OF THE LEDYARD LIBRARIES

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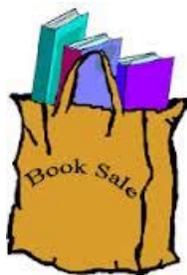
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The Ledyard Libraries support and encourage the freedom to read, learn and discover in a welcoming environment. We provide friendly, knowledgeable service and free access to a diversity of ideas, resources and experiences. We strive to enhance the quality of life in our community, encourage lifelong learning and the love of reading.

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Genealogy Resources at your fingertips

Searching for ancestors has become a popular activity in recent years and once again the library has responded. An online Genealogy group meets monthly at Bill Library to review and share findings. The library provides online access to ancestry.com which links to thousands of databases, with census data, military records, land records and more. Libraries and Historical Societies throughout the country are digitizing more of their resources making them available to a wider audience. Our own Janice W. Bell Research Room at Bill Library has numerous print and online resources for both local and regional families. Volunteers have been scanning many of the collections in the room and have made them available on the Historical Society's webpage at <http://ledyardhistory.org>.

Print resources in the research room or the library include numerous local family genealogies. These are all listed in the online catalog and will be found with a keyword search of the name such as Spicer, Avery, Gallup or other. The Barbour Collection covers vital records of People from Ledyard and surrounding towns. There are several document boxes that contain groups of papers from a specific family, sometimes including copies of wills. Other resources include diaries of Ledyard families, old land records, vitals and census records from North Groton which later became Ledyard. Other more general resources include *Black Roots in Southeastern Connecticut 1650-1900*, *Genealogical Dictionary of New England* and *The Great Migration Series (1620-1635)*.

Discovering your ancestors is both exciting and educational. What fun it is to discover a 4th or 5th great grandparent served in the Revolutionary War or perhaps they were Loyalists and went to Canada to escape a town full of Patriots. History becomes more interesting with a desire to know what was going on when they were alive, providing clues to why families moved from one area to another. Begin your search right here in Ledyard and see what you can discover!

Children's Programs



Registration for story times at the Ledyard Public Libraries will begin Tuesday,

September 8. Register online at www.ledyard.lioninc.org "Events."

Infant/Toddler (6 – 24 mos.)

Bill Mondays 9:30 am Sept. 15 – Oct. 20

Terrific Twos

Bill Mondays 9:30 am Nov. 3 – Dec. 8

Three - Fives

Bill Wednesdays 9:30 am Oct. 8 – Dec. 10
GF Tuesdays 9:30 am Oct. 7 – Dec. 9

Four - Sixes

Bill Thursdays 1:00 pm Sept. 25– Dec. 11

Summer Wrap up

We had a great time with science in "Fizz Boom Read" this summer. There were 182 students in the older program (grades 2-6) and 73 children in the Read to Me program (ages 4 – grade 1) for a total of 255 children who participated at both Bill and Gales Ferry Libraries. The older children read 221,644 minutes and the younger children read 2,290 books! In addition to the reading programs, we had a Sidewalk Chalk Contest, Preschool Story time, Lunch and a Movie, Soda...POP! experiments, Kids Cook: Cool Foods, Touch a Truck, Catapults and Geodesic Dome building, Bubblemania and Kid's Scratch computer programming. We had 2 Kindle winners! At Bill Library it was Peyton Kneeland and at GF it was Ryan Pohlman! Congratulations!!



Teen Summer Reading Program

What a great 'maker' summer we had! There were 80 teens who signed up for summer reading this year. Fifty-six of them read 407 books during the program, and sixty three volunteered 808 hours. Our maker sessions included a 'Teens Cook' session on the new patio at Bill Library, Scratch coding, a stop-action animation video workshop, and bracelet-making with washi tape. We also wrapped our earbud cords with colorful threads and charms, created fun things with duct tape, watched a Sci-Fi movie marathon, and had a great time at the annual ice cream social. If you



haven't yet picked up your volunteer certificate, it is waiting for you at the library.

There were 24 winners of the weekly prize drawings, with entries in the drawings earned by reading and volunteering.

Awarded at the ice cream social were the prizes for the highest numbers of books read and volunteer hours worked this summer, with the winners receiving

Amazon gift cards of various denominations.

Most Books Read:

1st place: Will Cipher (41 books)
2nd place: Erin Healy (35 books)
3rd place: Olivia Lane (31 books).

Most Volunteer Hours:

1st place: Will Cipher (78 hours)
2nd place: John Burianek (72 hours)
3rd place: Dustin Bartlett (44 hours)

Many thanks to Adam Strickland, for his assistance with the stop-action video sessions and the Scratch workshops. His generosity with his time and technology expertise is much appreciated.



I would also like to thank Jan Fields for the generous donation of wonderful new YA books. At each teen activity held this summer, the teens were excited to receive new books to add to their home libraries.

Keep up with the Teen Program on Facebook at 'Ledyard Public Libraries' and on the Teen Program page on the libraries' website.

Have a great school year,
Andrea Buka, Teen Program Coordinator
teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org



Adult Programs

Senior Center Book Discussion

Mary Ellen Osborne, from the Gales Ferry Library, conducts a monthly book discussion at the Ledyard Senior Center. Anyone 55 years of age or older is eligible to participate. The group meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 10:30 am. Upcoming books are distributed monthly at the discussion. All books chosen are available in large print and audio, as well as, regular versions. Please contact Mary Ellen if you would like a copy of the book.



Upcoming dates:

September 24: *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett

October 22: *Truth in Advertising* by John Kenney

November 19: *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai

December 17: *Skipping Christmas* by John Grisham

Online Book Discussions

The monthly Bill Library Book discussion is now held online. Copies of the books will be available at either library and participants are encouraged to read the book and post their comments on the library website at www.ledyard.lioninc.org any time during the month. Click the “adults” link in the left column and select “Online book discussion” from the drop down menu. Click the link for the book title to see information about the book. These discussions are open to the public and all participants are welcome. The comments will be monitored before they are posted. Contact Marty Hubbard with any questions: mhubbard@ledyard.lioninc.org

September

After I'm Gone: A Novel by Laura Lipman

Felix Brewer runs a lucrative, possibly illegal, business. Still it keeps him, his beloved wife Bambi, his three daughters, and his mistress Julie living well. Fast forward to 1976 and Felix is facing jail time for racketeering, so with the assistance of Julie, he disappears. Ten years later when Julie disappears, everyone assumes she's gone to join Felix. That is, until 26 years after Felix's vanishing act, Julie's body is discovered in a wooded area. Enter Sandy Sanch, retired detective, failed Cuban restaurateur, and widower with a lot of ghosts of his own. When Sandy takes on the cold case, a slightly different picture emerges.

October

The Book of Unknown Americans by Christina Henriquez

Arturo and Alma Rivera have lived their whole lives in Mexico. One day, their beautiful fifteen-year-old

daughter, Maribel, sustains a terrible injury, one that casts doubt on whether she'll ever be the same. And so, leaving all they have behind, the Riveras come to America with a single dream: that in this country of great opportunity and resources, Maribel can get better. When Mayor Toro, whose family is from Panama, sees Maribel in a Dollar Tree store, it is love at first sight. It's also the beginning of a friendship between the Rivera and Toro families, whose web of guilt and love and responsibility is at this novel's core. Woven into their stories are the testimonials of men and women who have come to the United States from all over Latin America. Their journeys and their voices will inspire you, surprise you, and break your heart. (publisher)

November

Life As We Knew It by Susan Beth Pfeffer

High school sophomore Miranda's disbelief turns to fear in a split second when an asteroid knocks the moon closer to Earth, like "one marble hits another." The result is catastrophic. How can her family prepare for the future when worldwide tsunamis are wiping out the coasts, earthquakes are rocking the continents, and volcanic ash is blocking out the sun? As August turns dark and wintery in northeastern Pennsylvania, Miranda, her two brothers, and their mother retreat to the unexpected safe haven of their sunroom, where they subsist on stockpiled food and limited water in the warmth of a wood-burning stove. Told in a year's worth of journal entries, this heart-pounding story chronicles Miranda's struggle to hold on to the most important resource of all—hope—in an increasingly desperate and unfamiliar world. (publisher)

December

A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman

As time passes after the death of Sonia, the characters in this great book slowly weave themselves into Ove's life, offering him a chance at rebirth. The debut novel...is a fuzzy crowd-pleaser that serves up laughs to accompany a thoughtful reflection on loss and love. Though Ove's antics occasionally feel repetitive, the author writes with winning charm. (Starred review *Publishers Weekly*)

Other Programs

We have planned a full line-up of programs and activities this fall including author visits, hikes, technology classes, rain gardens, and even pirates. The Know Your Town series will be presented again, and the regular knitting and genealogy groups will continue to meet. In addition the Shred it truck returns in October and will safely dispose of your unneeded documents.





**Please register online at www.ledyard.lioninc.org “EVENTS”.
for programs with this symbol or by
calling the Library.**

Computer Genealogy Group @ the Library
Bill Library 7:00 pm



This group meets the fourth Wednesday of the month. As this newsletter goes to print, arrangements are in the making for a fall meeting at “The Family History Center” at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Mystic, 1230 Flanders Road, Groton. Please check the events calendar at www.ledyard.lioninc.org for the final date and time. (You can let us know you are attending by clicking “register” on those events in the calendar!)

Kristin Kimball, author of *the Dirty Life*
Saturday, September 13
Ledyard High School 10 am



Kirsten Kimball will speak on the 2014 One Book One Region book and then entertain questions or comments from the audience. Books will be available to purchase and have signed by the author.

After the formal discussion, the audience is invited to the Agri-Science Wing of the high school to visit and interact with the animals on site and talk to students from the program about the classes and work they are pursuing. Local farms, farm organizations and state affiliates will also be on hand with informational materials. We hope that residents of Ledyard will attend this free event.

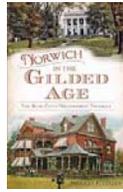
Creating Rain Gardens
Thursday, September 18 7:00 pm
Bill Library

Elaine Remondi-Simpson, Master Gardener Intern will speak about the benefits of a rain garden. Do you enjoy gardening, the creative process and being a good steward of our natural resources? Creating rain gardens encompasses all of these activities.



Rain gardens are living water treatment systems. The basic components and processes involved in creating a rain garden will be presented including planning, designing, building, planting and maintaining. Learn how to work with nature to preserve our watershed, while enjoying your garden.

Norwich in the Gilded Age
Monday, September 22 7:00 pm
Bill Library



Please join author Patricia Staley as she takes us on a virtual walk of Norwich’s “Millionaire Mile”. Hear stories about the wealthy merchants and industrialists who built these magnificent mansions. Prominently featured will be the estate of Henry Bill, our library benefactor, which still stands today. Books will be available for purchase and signing.



Using your iPad (all models)
Wednesday, October 1 7:00 pm
Bill Library

The basics of turning your device on and off, getting to settings, finding an internet connection, how to set up your email, and, what apps will serve you best. We will also discuss using Overdrive and Zinio on iPad devices



Using your Kindle Fire
Wednesday, October 8 7:00 pm
Bill Library

We will review the basics for using a Kindle Fire including connecting to the internet, reading ebooks, listening to audios, great apps and games for free or nearly so. Overdrive and Zinio for Kindle Fire devices will also be presented.



Rose Hill Road Ramble
Rose Hill Rd., Ledyard, CT
Sunday, October 12 1:00 pm
Rain date: Sunday, October 19

Discover hidden treasures in this CT DEEP’s Wildlife Management site. Local conservationist Anne Roberts-Pierson of Avalonia Land Conservancy (ALC) along with local historian Kit Foster will guide us on this easy hike. Colonial stone bridges, warrens of stone walls, family farm remnants and Rose Brook are some of the highlights of this location. Tailgate refreshments after hike, courtesy of Ledyard Library Friends (LLF).



Directions: Take state Rte. 117 to Rose Hill Rd, go up hill about one mile, to a metal gate on the south side of the road, look for WALKTOBER signage.

What Gravestones Tell Us

Wednesday, October 15
Bill Library

7:00 pm



Ruth Shapleigh-Brown, Executive Director of the Connecticut Gravestone Network will discuss the early history of CT families through the study of some of their burial grounds. We will hear about the stone carvers, and their symbols, as well as the preservation and conservation of old cemeteries. Ms. Brown has been a consultant, writer and lecturer in Connecticut, and has worked with the state archaeologist on projects involving early Connecticut burial grounds. Come to hear what the stones can tell us!

Shred it Day

Saturday, October 18
Bill Library

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Dime Bank and Ledyard Libraries are pleased to sponsor a shred-it day at Bill Library. Consumer fraud and identity theft are becoming an epidemic in our communities. To raise awareness and to promote prevention, we have organized a free Community Shred-it™ day to offer paper shredding services for residents. Fall is a good time to clean out your files of all those personal papers and confidential documents no longer needed. A Shred it truck, equipped with cutting-edge proprietary paper shredding technology, will destroy those documents while you watch.



Tri-Town Trail/ Friends Meeting

Monday, October 27
Bill Library

7:00 pm

Join us at the Friends fall meeting and get an update on the Tri-Town Trail. The Town of Ledyard has received a grant from the Connecticut DEEP Recreational Trails Fund to work on the northern end of the Tri Town Trail. Planning and mapping are being done now. Dave Holdridge will update us on the progress of the trail.



Using your Kindle Paperwhite

(or other Kindle e-reader only devices)

Wednesday, October 29

7:00 pm

We will look at downloading books from Amazon, from free sites and from your cloud. Overdrive ebooks will be discussed. (Note: Zinio and audio apps do not work on these devices!)



Using Overdrive and Zinio

Wednesday, November 5
Bill Library

7:00 pm

Overdrive and Zinio can be used to download audio and ebooks as well as magazines to computers, and other mobile devices. Come learn about these sources and how to access them on the device or computer of your choice. Written directions will also be available. For Ledyard patrons only.

Myths and Realities of Pirates, Past and Present

Thursday, November 6

7:00 pm

Bill Library

PIRATES



Maritime historian Steven Park will speak to us about the myths and realities of piracy past and present. He teaches at the University of Connecticut at Avery Point/Storrs and sometimes fully online.

Many of our ideas about maritime piracy come from Robert Louis Stevenson's 1883 adventure novel *Treasure Island* and the 1950 Disney film (although there have been more than a dozen films made about pirates). We have a wealth of stereotypes and favorite myths about the "Golden Age of Piracy." It wasn't until the attack on the MV *Maersk Alabama* in April of 2009 that many Americans realized that piracy was not just "a thing from the past." Join us to hear more about this timely topic.

iConn and Other Useful Databases



Wednesday, November 12

7:00 pm

We'll take a tour of iConn, the statewide suite of free online resources and then take quick tours of Ancestry Library Edition, Peterson's Testing & Education, and JobNow as well as Chilton's and Antiques and Collectibles. Most of these are available from home and public computers are always available for patrons to use these databases at both of our libraries.



Stitch and Dish/Mad Hatters

Baby Bibs, Burp Cloths, Booties, Blankies and Bird Nests! Oh, My!!



Have some fun knitting and crocheting for the Mad Hatter's latest collection. We will be accepting donations of baby items, including nests for baby birds, through January. Didn't know you could knit bird nests? You can!! Patterns will be available at both libraries for traditional baby items and baby bird items.

Don't worry about our usual winter project of hats, scarves and mittens. We have enough on hand to make our donations to social service agencies this year.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our "Snuggles" project. We will be donating over 30 snuggles to Ledyard Animal Control, which should make some cats and dogs very happy.

Stitch and Dish recently lost one of our founding members, Bett Schissler. Bett was an enthusiastic supporter of our charitable missions and a compassionate teacher to struggling knitters. She will be greatly missed.

Stitch and Dish, a friendly get together of knitters and crocheters, meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and the fourth Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. at the Gales Ferry Library. We love having new people join us.



Know Your Town



Get to know the workings and location of the town government facilities and the staff and volunteers who make it work. It is nice to put a name with a face in case you have future questions.

We are launching our first session at the Nathan Lester House because we wanted to showcase one of Ledyard's early treasures. You cannot appreciate the history of Ledyard unless you cross the threshold of the Nathan Lester House.

We will visit Bill Library where the library staff will demonstrate online resources, downloadable books and a visit to the Janice Bell Local History Room.

You will meet Members of the Emergency Services, tour the building and be able to see and touch the vehicles. You will be awed by the equipment and training necessary to fight fires, provide emergency services and transport patients to the hospital.

The Senior Center Director wants to introduce you to the programs and activities that take place at the center for the older residents of our town.

We highly recommend coming to all seven events. Space is limited and registration is required. Call the library or visit their webpage at www.ledyard.lioninc.org "Events" to register for this informative series. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Ledyard Libraries.



Sunday, September 14 2:00 pm
Nathan Lester House

Mayor, Town Council and the History of Ledyard featuring Lee Moore as Nathan Lester



Thursday, September 25 7:00 pm
Bill Library

Library Resources



Sunday, September 28 2:00 pm
Emergency Services Building

Fire, Police and LVES



Thursday, October 2 7:00 pm
Town Hall Annex

Land use Departments and Commissions



Thursday, October 9 7:00 pm
Town Hall

Town Clerk, Tax Assessor, Tax Collector, and Registrar of Voters



Sunday, October 19 2:00 pm
Ledyard Senior Center

Commission on Seniors and Ledyard VNA



Thursday, October 23 7:00 pm
Board of Ed Building

Board of Ed members, Superintendent of Schools, and Parks & Recreation

Learnapalooza – Presenters wanted

Ledyard Public Libraries and Ledyard Parks and Recreation are planning a learning day next March and are looking for presenters who have a skill or talent they would be willing to present. Skills could include things like bee-keeping, soap making, scrap-booking, car maintenance, composting, cake decorating, Zumba, yoga or some other activity.



Presenters will have 30-45 minutes in which to present their skill with time afterwards for questions. Participants will be able to choose from a list of activities during an allotted time period throughout the day. If you have a talent or skill you wish to present please fill out the application form that is posted on the library website and return it to either library or the Parks and Recreation office or by email to bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org.

Donations

We recently received donations for the purchase of books to remember and honor a friend or family member. We are grateful for your support.

In memory of

- Thomas Lees
- Janet Coe
- Bett Schissler
- Carmen Manter
- Raymond, Millis, Sterry, Wesley, Florence, Morris and Stanley Watrous

In honor of

- Marion Cutler – Treasurer of the Friends
- Al Manter – Ledyard Library Commission

Book/Movie Tie-ins



Several of the movies being released in the next few months are based on books. Below is a list of the books and the date the movie will be released. Come in to Ledyard Libraries for a copy of the book

to read before or after you watch the movie!

This Is Where I Leave You by Jonathan Tropper
September 12, 2014

The Maze Runner by James Dashner
September 19, 2014

Here Be Monsters! By Alan Snow
September 26, 2014

Hector and the Search for Happiness
by Francois Lelord
September 26, 2014

Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn
October 3, 2014

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst
October 10, 2014

The Best of Me by Nicholas Sparks
October 17, 2014

Where Rainbows End by Cecelia Ahern
October 24, 2014

Mockingjay by Suzanne Collins
November 21, 2014

Wild by Cheryl Strayed
December 5, 2014

Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand
December 25, 2014

Vampire Academy by Richelle Mead
February 7, 2015

A Word from the Friends of Ledyard Libraries

Tri-Town Trail/ Friends Meeting

Monday, October 27 7:00 pm
Bill Library

Join us at the Friends fall meeting as we approve expenditures for the coming year and get an update on the Tri-Town Trail.

Bill Library Book Sale

The library book sale is currently underway and will run through September 12 with great bargains to be found. We are looking for members to help us on Saturday the 13 starting at 9 am as we box up books and take down the shelves. Special thanks to Andrea McKenzie and Sarah Desormier for chairing the sale and Linda Hardie for scheduling book sellers. We are thankful to the US Navy for providing us with 6 young sailors who brought up the books and shelving for our book sale this year.

Hope you will all come to buy some books to support us and bring a friend.



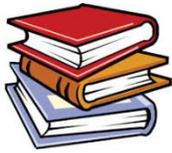
We are planning the Books and More Sale on Saturday, November 22. We are looking for donations of baked goods, silent auction items and craft items for the sale. Let me know if you would like to help or can donate an item for the sale.

The funds raised at all of our events are used to support programs and equipment that benefit library patrons.

Linda DeRose 860-464-6730
ctantiquer2000@yahoo.com

Holiday Hours

October 13	Columbus Day	Closed
November 11	Veteran's Day	Closed
November 26	Thanksgiving Eve	Close at 5
November 27	Thanksgiving	Closed
November 28		Closed



Books and More Sale

Saturday, November 22, 2014

Bill Library



LIBRARY HOURS

BILL

860-464-9912

Monday – Thursday 9-9

Friday - Saturday 9-5

Sunday 1-5

email: bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org

GALES FERRY

860-464-6943

Monday – Thursday 9-8

Friday - Saturday 9-5

Sunday Closed

email: gf-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org



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