



# BOOKS AND BEYOND...

## NEWS OF THE LEDYARD LIBRARIES

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The Ledyard Libraries serve as a center of information for the community. We 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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### Subbase Centennial Celebration

Southeastern Connecticut is celebrating 100 years as the "Submarine Capital" of the world and Ledyard Libraries along with other area libraries and businesses are joining in.



As Daniel Malloy stated in his letter to the Secretary of the Navy requesting support for a yearlong celebration – the submarine base first began as a Navy Yard in 1868. That changed on October 18, 1915 when the first submarines began to arrive. On June 21, 1916 the Navy Yard became the Submarine Base with a newly established Submarine School and the New London Submarine Flotilla under the command of Yeates Stirling.

A committee of volunteers from area towns has been established and programs, events and activities have been planned throughout the year. Two programs have been scheduled at Bill Library with the Commander of the Submarine Base, Captain Paul Whitescarver and the Education Specialist at the Submarine Force Museum. See inside for details. Additional programs including a History of the Dive Tower with Jim Streeter, a panel discussion on Surviving BRAC, They also Served: Submarine Spouses Then and Now, with Kathleen O'Beirne, and the Future of Submarine Service with Captain Whitescarver have been planned. For more information about these programs and more, including times and locations go to the Submarine Century website at <http://ctsubmarinecentury.com/events/>.

Ledyard Libraries are #SubmarineProud with ten staff members whose family served in the Navy for a total of over 100 years or were employed by Electric Boat for a total of over 150 years.

## Children's Programs

We have an exciting April vacation week coming to the Ledyard Libraries. Please note these programs on your calendar and join us for some great fun. An adult must accompany preschoolers. All programs are free and open to the public. If you have any questions, please call 464-9912.



### Crazy Science Program

Tuesday, April 19

10:00 – 10:45

11:15 – 12:00

Do you like Science? Marvel at the experiments our scientists will show you and then try an experiment of your own! From reactions to polymers, scientific principles such as states of matter, substance density or surface tension, don't miss this fun and educational program. Space is limited so register early for the time slot needed.



Bill Library  
Ages 3 and up

### Mr. Magic Show

Wednesday, April 20

11:00 am



Join us for a fun magic show the whole family will enjoy! Mr. Magic brings tricks, prizes and lots of entertainment! If you missed him last year, make sure to mark your calendars for April!

Bill Library  
All Ages



### LEGO® Maker Programs

Thursday, April 21

10:00 – 11:30

1:00 - 2:30

Bring your imagination and have some fun creating objects with our Legos. Boats and cars, castles houses, cities or towns - what can you make?



Ages 4 – 9  
Bill Library  
Gales Ferry Library

### Summer Program Alert!

The theme of our summer reading program is "On your Mark, Get Set...Read!" The program will begin after school gets out in June and will end on August 13. There will be a Read-to-Me program for children born in 2012 through entering first grade. Check the next newsletter for more information and details about special programs.



## 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:

**March 23:** *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin

**April 27:** *Elizabeth and Hazel: Two Women of Little Rock* by David Margolick

**May 25:** *100 Year Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson

**June 22:** *In the Unlikely Event* by Judy Blume

### Online Book Discussions

The monthly Bill Library Book discussion is held online. Copies of the books will be available at both libraries and participants are encouraged to read the book and post their comments on the library website at



[www.ledyard.lioninc.org](http://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](mailto:mhubbard@ledyard.lioninc.org)

### April: *Circling the Sun* by Paula McLain.



It's been 30 years since the wonderful Oscar-winning film *Out of Africa* roared onto movie screens, starring a luminous Meryl Streep as memoirist Karen Blixen (pen name Isak Dinesen) and a rugged Robert Redford as her romantic prey, big-game hunter Denys Finch Hatton. It turns out there was a third party to their 1920s love affair -- aviator Beryl Markham, who was just as mad about the elusive Finch Hatton as was her unhappily married friend Blixen. Who knew? Now Markham gets her moment in the sun, starring in Paula McLain's latest work of historical fiction.



**May: *The Soul of an Octopus* by Sy Montgomery**

Renowned author Sy Montgomery's latest gem is a must read for those who want to dissolve the human-constructed borders between "them" (other animals) and us. Surely, there are large differences among nonhuman animals and between nonhuman and human animals, but there also are many basic similarities. Connecting with other animals is part of the essential and personal process of rewilding and reconnecting with other animals, and *The Soul of an Octopus* is just what is needed to close the gap. (Marc Bekoff, author of *The Emotional lives of Animals*)

**June: *Outline* by Rachel Cusk** In the most seemingly effortless way imaginable, [this novel] winds up being completely captivating: the conversations are autobiographies in miniature, with all the holes, lies and self-deceptions lurking in that wily form . . . Cusk's own writing is a pleasure to read -- unfailingly precise and surprising . . . it nudges you into being a more attentive reader and listener, more alert to the cracks in sentences and the messier realities that words can only try to contain. (Maureen Corrigan, NPR's Fresh Air)



**One Book One Region 2016**

**Book Title *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson**

**Social Justice – what is it?** A concept that has been around since St. Augustine's time, Social justice is the view that everyone deserves equal economic, political and social rights and opportunities. We've seen numerous examples of groups working for social justice recently with the creation of the Black Lives Matter movement, The Innocence Project, The Equal Justice Initiative, as well as Emily's List, Convicted Women Against Abuse, The Fair Trade International Organization, and many more. There are so many organizations that work for Social Justice one can become overwhelmed and discouraged!

In addition to the book discussion, we are pleased to offer several programs that tie into this theme.

**Wednesday, March 23 6:00 pm**

**Sin by Silence** (90 min.)

**Bill Library** This movie is produced by CWAA (Convicted Women Against Abuse.) CWAA is attempting to change the laws for battered women. *Sin by Silence* offers a unique gateway into the lives of women who are domestic violence's worst-case scenarios: women who have killed their abusive husbands.



**To Kill a Mockingbird Dramatic Presentation**

**Wednesday March 30 8:30 am**

**Ledyard High School**

Living Literature presents their 50 minute version of Harper's Lee's *To Kill A Mockingbird*. This program is free and open to the public.

**One Book One Region Book Discussion**

***Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson**

**Wednesday, March 30**

**7:00 pm**

**Bill Library**

Join us for a live book discussion this month. *Just Mercy* is a strong example of one man's life goal to provide legal justice and social justice for Death Row inmates across the south. Bryan Stevenson works to exonerate men awaiting execution for crimes they did not commit and has created The Equal Justice Initiative. This is a chilling read and is an extremely important subject in these current times.



**Monday, April 4**

**7:00 pm**

**Palmer Auditorium, Connecticut College**

*Just Mercy* author Bryan Stevenson will be speaking.

**Other Programs**

Join in the hands-on DIY/maker classes in technology, arts, crafts, electronics, handyman skills, and more! The activities are geared toward adults and teens entering grade 9-12. (Gr. 5-8 welcome with personal adult assistant) We are scheduling 2016 maker activities now, so please let Andrea Buka know if you have a project or 'how-to' that you would like to share.

The annual Artist and Writers event is coming up, some hikes are scheduled, as well as programs on voting, the Submarine Base, energy conservation and the Automobile Industry in SE CT.



**Please register online at [www.ledyard.lioninc.org](http://www.ledyard.lioninc.org) "Events" for programs with this symbol or by calling the Library.**

**Platforms, Planks, Positions, and Politics: how to Know Where Your Candidate Stands**

**Tuesday, March 15**

**7:00 pm**

**Bill Library**

Presented by The League of Women Voters, this free program is open to the public. The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization of men and women. Voter registration forms and help filling them out will also be available.





**Barn Island Hike – Home of Venture Smith  
Sunday, March 20 1 pm**

Directions: Rte. 1 North to Pawcatuck, Turn right onto Greenhaven Rd., right onto Palmer Neck Rd, drive to boat ramp parking lot. This seaside location managed by the CTDEEP will be our hike site. Beth Sullivan, local naturalist, will be our learned guide. An eclectic focus of salt marshes, sea level threats, wildlife and some historic ties will be discussed. Please bring binoculars for birding. Tailgate goodies offered after hike compliments of Friends of Ledyard Libraries. (FOLL)

**The U.S. Submarine Force and Naval Submarine Base New London, a 101 Presentation  
Tuesday, March 22 7:00 pm  
Bill Library**



Captain Paul Whitescarver, the 51st Commanding Officer of Naval Submarine Base New London, will highlight the mission and role of today's Submarine Force and Naval Submarine Base New

London through a slide presentation and a question and answer period.

**Energy Saving Tips for your Home  
Tuesday, March 29 7:00 pm  
Bill Library**

Looking for ways to save money? Learn about energy saving tips for your home as well as energy efficiency programs available through EnergizeCT that can save energy and money. Topics will include energy assessments, rebates and discounts on energy efficient equipment, financing options and using solar or other clean energy sources.



**A Housewife Goes to Sea with Brooks Kuhn  
Thursday, March 31 7:00 pm  
Bill Library**



Brooks Kuhn will take you on her unbelievable adventures at sea. As a captain of sailing vessels and a captain of a charter boat that provided tours from

the Caribbean to New England, she developed her stories in *A Housewife Goes to Sea*. Approached by National Geographic TV, she also spent three weeks at the “haunted” lighthouse on Race Rock. There she cleaned, replaced windows and removed lead paint, while talking to “Wilber”, her camera. She graduated from the last class of L&M nursing in New London and now owns Ms. Maintenance, a home and boat repair business. As one of the first of the new generation of very accomplished women to engage in

what is usually considered a man's world, she has some wonderful tales to tell.

**Artists & Writers Showcase Opening Reception  
with special exhibit “The Exquisite Project”  
Saturday, April 2 1:00-4:30 pm**



**Bill Library**

Enjoy the works of local artists and writers at our 10th annual showcase of talent! Talk with your neighbors about their art, while viewing or reading their pieces, and sampling refreshments from the Edible Books entries. Experience “The Exquisite Project” featuring the talents of 30 local artists and writers in a unique display.

Due to space constraints, entries are limited to three per artist, (with no limit for writers,) and must be submitted to Bill Library by Wednesday, March 30. Please fill out an entry form and submit with your visual or written pieces. Writers & artists are welcome to sell their creations on the day of the reception. Please indicate if you need table space on the form. Forms are available on the library website, and at both libraries.

**Edible Books Exhibit  
Saturday, April 2 Bill Library  
Submit entries from 12:30 – 2:00 pm**

In conjunction with our Showcase, we will again be participating in the International Edible Book Festival. Use your creativity to fashion an edible entry that refers to a book in some way. It can be a pun on a title, about a character, a dish mentioned in the book, or be an actual book made to eat! Go to [www.colophon.com/ediblebooks/photos.html](http://www.colophon.com/ediblebooks/photos.html) for more information or some inspirational ideas. Entries will be viewed by the public until 3:00 and then served to all attendees. Beverages will be provided by the Friends of Ledyard Libraries. Contact Andrea Buka at [abuka@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto:abuka@ledyard.lioninc.org) or at (860) 464-9912 if you have any questions. We are looking forward to seeing all the wonderful creativity our area has to offer!



**Maker Meet-up - Cut the Cord  
Sunday, April 10 1 pm  
Bill Library**

Scott and Andrea Buka will share their experiences getting rid of cable TV and exploring the other options available: Roku, Chromecast, Sling TV, and others.

**History of the Submarine Base  
Tuesday, April 22  
Bill Library**

**7:00 pm**

Please join us as we celebrate Connecticut's Submarine Century with a look back at the history of the submarine base. Eury Cantillo, Museum Education Specialist at the Submarine Force Museum, has combed the Museum's collection to create a photographic journey through history. The tour will include aerial photos through the decades, pictures of President Franklin Roosevelt's visit in 1940, early historic views of the base including the evolution of the waterfront and memories from each era from WWI through the Cold War.



**The Automobile Industry of Southeastern Connecticut (and SW Rhode Island)  
Tuesday, April 26  
Bill Library**

**7:00 pm**

For much of the twentieth century the American motor industry was concentrated in southern Michigan, so much so that it became synonymous with the region's major city: "Detroit." In the early days of the motor car, however, the industry was more like the 1990's dot-coms: hundreds of small companies throughout the country - start-ups, instant successes and failures.

Connecticut, in fact, was a major hub prior to 1910, with Pope and Columbia in Hartford, Corbin in New Britain and Locomobile in Bridgeport. Our region had its share of car companies, too, and their stories are fascinating, even bizarre.

Historian Kit Foster will tell the tales of New London's Cameron car, the AMS Sterling of Amston and the enigmatic Cycleplane built in Westerly.

Kit Foster is a past president of the Society of Automotive Historians and is currently Ledyard's Town Historian. The event is free and open to the public.



**Seafarers, Ferrymen and Farmers  
Gales Ferry Village Walk  
Saturday, April 30 (May 1 rain date) 1 pm**

**Meet at Gales Ferry Library**

Once the major settlement in the Town of Ledyard, Gales Ferry developed in the eighteenth century because of its proximity to the Thames estuary, and later gained importance with the coming of the railroad at the turn of the twentieth century.



Join Town Historian Kit Foster on a walk through Gales Ferry Village, learning about the settlement of the area, its residents, the homes in which they lived and the commerce and agriculture that comprised their livelihoods. This easy walk is approximately 1.5 miles. Tailgate refreshments to follow after the walk courtesy of Friends of Ledyard Libraries.



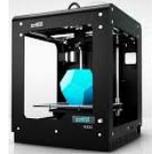
**Maker Meet-up: 3D Printer Training  
Sunday, May 22  
Bill Library**

**1:00 pm**

Thanks to the generosity of Adam Stickland, we have a 3D printer. You are invited to the first of several sessions to be trained in its use.

Curious onlookers are also welcome!

After training, you are welcome to be a 'printer volunteer' who would run the machine for others, as well as printing your own projects.



**Maker Meet-up: Drawing Simplified & Color Usage  
Sunday, June 5**

**1:00 pm**

**Bill Library**

Marlaine Bernier will help us learn to create our own coloring pages and to use acrylics like watercolors. No art ability required! Please wear clothing you won't mind getting paint on.

**Computer Genealogy Group @ the Library  
How to put it all together!**

**Wednesday, March 16**

**7:00 pm**

**Bill Library**



How are published Genealogies put together? Bring examples you or other individuals in your family have compiled to share with other family members.

We'd like to be able to discuss and view specific ideas for including and inserting documents, respecting privacy issues of living family members, how to insert and identify individuals in photographs, along with the many standardized formats for family genealogies.

**April** – Date to be set at the March meeting for a Saturday visit to the State Library Historical and Genealogy Section.

**May** – Date to be set at the March meeting for a Saturday visit to the Godfrey Memorial Library in Middletown.

Dates for both meetings will be posted on our webpage.

**June 15 The Genealogy Do-Over Workbook** by Thomas MacEntee. Copies of this book will be available in May to check out and read. Come discuss what ideas you liked and which you plan to incorporate in your genealogy research

**Stitch and Dish Knitting Group**



Our Stitch and Dish Knitting Group meets at Gales Ferry Library on the second Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. and the fourth Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. Everyone who likes to knit or crochet or wants to learn is welcome. We have a large selection of donated yarn and needles just waiting to be used.

We have agreed to assist the Lion’s Club with their collection of knit goods for the homeless. At the present time, they are looking for scarves and mittens. If you would like to help, please leave your handmade items at either library.

**Device Help - Kindle and iPad**



Individual help sessions of 15-30 minutes may be scheduled for assistance with your devices. Contact Marty Hubbard at (860) 464-9912 to schedule an appointment.

Instruction will be provided on the basics of operation, how to use free Overdrive E-books or audio books, and free Zinio magazines. Refreshers or troubleshooting can also be scheduled.

**Display your Collection**

The library is looking for fun and interesting collections for the display case at Bill Library. The case is 27” wide by 48” long. The glass top slopes down so the case has a depth of 12” in back and 6” in front. Items are on display for 1 month. We are particularly interested in displaying any Sub Base or Submarine memorabilia during this yearlong Sub Century celebration. If you have a collection you would like to share with the community please email Gale Bradbury at bradbury@ledyard.lioninc.org.



**Holiday Hours**

March 27	Easter Sunday	Closed
May 29	Memorial Day	Closed
May 30	Memorial Day	Closed

**State Library Services Rebranded**



The State Library has recently rebranded its services with a new name and a new logo.

- **deliverIT CT** replaces Connecticar (Ccar) the statewide delivery service that transports books from one library to another.
- **borrowIT CT** replaces Connecticard (CCard) the service that allows patrons to use their hometown library card in any public library in the state.
- **researchIT CT** replaces iCONN the online databases provided to all Connecticut residents.
- **findIT CT** replaces reQuest Connecticut’s statewide library catalog.
- **requestIT CT** replaces reQuest ILL the service that offers to locate and borrow books not available from our library or LION for you.



**April Is National Poetry Month**

We invite you to:

- Read a Poem
- Tell Us Your Favorite Poem
- Write your own Limerick. Try it!
- Take a Poem



A Limerick consists of five lines. The first line of a limerick poem usually begins with 'There was a....' and ends with a name, person or place. The last line of a limerick is normally a little farfetched or unusual. A limerick should have a rhyme scheme of aabba. This means lines 1, 2 and 5 rhyme and lines 3 and 4 rhyme. Also, lines 1, 2 and 5 should have 7 –10 syllables and lines 3 and 4 should have 5 – 7 syllables. *We would love to add your original works to our collection.*

We have provided a selection of poems throughout the library for you. Please take as many as you wish! Keep a poem in your pocket!



## Donations

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

In memory of

- Kathryn Poulsen

In honor of

- Ed Lamb
- Barry Watrous



### Newbery/Caldecott 2016



#### Newbery Award:

*Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Peña

#### Newbery Honor Books:

*The War That Saved My Life* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

*Roller Girl* by Victoria Jamieson

*Echo* by Pam Muñoz Ryan

#### Caldecott Award:

*Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's*

*Most Famous Bear* by Lindsay Mattick

#### Caldecott Honor Books:

*Trombone Shorty* by Brian Collier

*Waiting* by Kevin Henkes

*Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer, Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement* by Carole Boston Weatherford

*Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Peña

All of these books have been ordered for our libraries. If you wish to read any, please put holds on them!

### Ledyard Historical Society – Catch & Release Saturday, April 9, May 7, June 4

9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Bill Library

You are part of Ledyard's history! Lend us your Gales Ferry and Ledyard memories to be added to the archive in the Janice W. Bell Historical Research Room at the Bill Library. We are currently looking for Submarine Base, Navy, and Electric Boat items and will be helping to assemble a display in the Bill Library for the month of May.

We will scan your photos, letters, documents, memorabilia, etc., and return them to you with a digital copy when you bring a flash drive along.



What sorts of things are we looking for?

- Pictures of your family and the outside of your home, or other buildings and places.
- Mementos and photos from prom, a dinner dance, a ground-breaking, ribbon-cutting, scout ceremony, church picnic, etc., are all welcome, whether from 1865, 1955, or 2015.
- Items from local businesses, civic group or town agency events, parades, the Ledyard Fair, maps, Women's Club, Rotary, Lions Club, fire companies and police, the Navy, etc.

Donations of materials related to the people, buildings, and events of Ledyard and Gales Ferry are gratefully accepted. Recent donations include newspaper clipping scrapbooks from the 1980s, pictures of the Lamb Homestead restoration, and a local church choir performance recording.

Need a safe home for family history items that may not interest younger generations? We can provide that home, and will give you a digital copy. (We can even arrange for items to be kept private until a future date.) Digital copies are easy to share with far-flung family members, or use as a back-up if the original is lost or damaged.

Contact Andrea Buka or Rusty Godino at [research@ledyardhistory.org](mailto:research@ledyardhistory.org), or 860-464-9912 (Bill Library) for more information.

### A Word from the Friends of Ledyard Libraries

#### Friends Meeting

Monday, April 11

7:00 pm

#### Gales Ferry Library

Greetings and Happy Spring! I hope this newsletter finds you all well. The next Friends of the Ledyard Libraries (FOLL) meeting is coming soon and we invite you to join us. For anyone not familiar, the FOLL is a group that raises money to supplement both libraries with the things that make the library a spectacular place. Programs, museum passes, equipment and materials are just a few examples of items supported by the FOLL. We are currently seeking members to chair a few committees and volunteers to help sort books. There are a lot of opportunities to help contribute to the libraries. You must meet this wonderful group! Come on over and see what it's all about!



If you are looking to get out and about on these longer days please come over to the library and enjoy our wonderful programs. The Program Committee works diligently year round to provide our patrons with fun and fascinating activities and presentations.

If you are looking for some gently used reading material both the Bill and Gales Ferry Libraries have some wonderful reading selections in their ongoing book sales. Stop by and stock up! You are welcome to shop during normal library business hours.

Fondly, Carrie Sitz (860)572-0035

[Carrie.Sitz@yahoo.com](mailto:Carrie.Sitz@yahoo.com)

### Bluebird Monitoring Project

The library is helping the Garden Club monitor the presence of bluebirds around Bill Library and using the nesting box by the rain garden. Please let us know if you see any bluebirds when you are at the library. We have placed monitoring sheets by the windows and at the desk for you to record any sightings.



## LIBRARY HOURS

### BILL

860-464-9912

Monday – Thursday 9-9

Friday - Saturday 9-5

Sunday 1-5

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### GALES FERRY

860-464-6943

Monday – Thursday 9-8

Friday - Saturday 9-5

Sunday Closed

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