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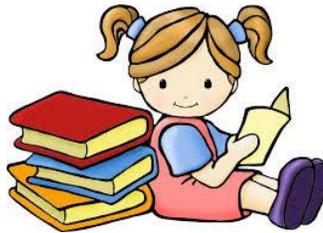
The Ledyard Libraries serve as a center of information for the community. We support and encourage the freedom to read, learn and discover in a welcoming environment. We provide friendly, knowledgeable service and free access to a diversity of ideas, resources and experiences. We strive to enhance the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

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Children and Teen Rooms at Gales Ferry Library



We are pleased to announce the Grand Opening of the new Children and Teen Rooms at the Gales Ferry Library. The Gales Ferry District recently amended their lease with the town to include space in the adjoining building next to the library. The library was given a classroom and office which has been renovated into new space for the community. The library gained approximately 876 square feet of space.

The new space includes a room for teens with computer workstations, a table and chairs plus comfortable seating, in addition to shelving for the teen books. This room opens into a children's room that is accessed via a small ramp. The children's room includes child sized tables, a computer work station, two cozy window seats and shelving for the children's collection. The Children's Librarian will have a desk in the room and a public access catalog (PAC) will be available to search for books.

Funding for the renovations was made possible with grants and donations. No town funds were used.

The grand opening for the new space will be Saturday, March 24 at 10:00 am. Please join us!



Children's Programs

April vacation week programs are coming to the Ledyard Libraries. Please note them on your calendar and join us for some great fun. All programs are free and open to the public. If you have any questions, please call 464-9912.



Speed Cup Stacking Demonstration & Workshop

Tuesday, April 17
Bill Library

10:00 am
Ages 6-12

Glenn Costello, sport stacking instructor will mesmerize you as he beats the clock with his cup stacking ability. Learn how you can become a champion in the sport of stacking in the workshop that follows. Space is limited so sign up early. Stacking cup sets with timer and mat will be available to purchase.



LEGO® Junior Maker Fun

Wednesday, April 18
Ages 4-8 **10:00 am** **Gales Ferry Library**
Ages 9-12 **1:00 pm** **Bill Library**

All programs are free and open to the public

Summer Program Alert!



The theme for the 2018 summer program will be "Libraries Rock!" The program begins after school gets out in June and will end August 11. There will be a Read-to-Me program for children born in 2014 through entering first grade. Please check the next newsletter for more complete information and 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 4th 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 28: *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman

April 25: *My Brilliant Friend* by Elena Ferrante

May 23: *The Nest* by Cynthia D'Apris Sweeney

June 27: *The Japanese Lover* by Isabel Allende

Online Book Discussions



The online book discussions continue through the spring. 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 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.

March: *The Dry* by Jane Harper. An electrifying thriller set in rural Australia. Previous murders wind up being investigated by the police detective who was accused of one of the murders when he was a teenager.

April: *Mercies in Disguise: A True Story of Hope, a Family's Genetic Destiny and the Science That Rescued Them* by Gina Kolata. This book reads like a medical thriller even though it's a true story written by a New York Times reporter.

May: *The Maze at Windermere: a novel* by Gregory Blake Smith. A thriller with a literary bent that has humor, is provocative, cunning, and wise, and takes place in Newport, RI!

June: *Daphne: a novel* by Will Boast. Daphne is a young woman who starts experiencing unusual symptoms that lead to a diagnosis of a rare but real condition where any extreme emotion that she experiences causes a partial paralysis of her body.

Cookbook Club



The group meets monthly on the first Tuesday, at 12:30, at the Gales Ferry Library. Cookbooks are available at Gales Ferry Library. Group members peruse the cookbook for the month, trying as many recipes as they please. They provide a sample of one recipe at the next discussion for all to share. We taste test and discuss the cookbook for about an hour. Space is limited. The cookbooks we will be sampling in the upcoming months are:

April 3 – *Rachael Ray's Big Orange Book*

May 1– 3 Cookbooks by Ellie Krieger

June 5 – *Pizza – Grill It, Bake It, Love It!* By Bruce Weinstein and Mark Scarbrough

There will be no Cookbook Club in July.



Passport to Connecticut Libraries April 2-30



April is National Library Month and to celebrate, libraries (including Ledyard) across the state are participating in the “Passport to Connecticut Libraries” contest. Library users are welcome and encouraged to explore area libraries and get their “Passport” stamped. Participants that visit five or more libraries will be entered into a drawing (\$150 gift card for adults, or \$100 gift card for children). Prizes will also be given out for the adult and child who visit the most libraries!

Passports will be available in April at Bill and Gales Ferry Library. Bring your passport and your Ledyard Library card to each library you visit. A list of participating libraries will be posted in each library and on the library website at www.ledyard.lioninc.org.

Passports must be returned to your home library by May 7 to be eligible for the drawings.

Other Programs

The libraries will offer some interesting programs this spring including the Exquisite Project, a unique school reunion and caring for the elderly. In addition there will be some informational forums on gypsy moths, Narcan training as well as our regular monthly programs. Hope to see you at the library.

Gypsy Moth Update

Tuesday, March 20 & Monday, March 26 6:30 pm
Bill Library



Ledyard Residents please be advised that there will be two Public Informational Forums to discuss ground spraying and home remedies for the Gypsy Moth Caterpillars. Presenters will be Bartlett Tree Experts and Holdridge Home & Garden Showplace.

Bartlett Tree Experts will provide residents with information on pricing and available discounts for their service. There will be no aerial spraying for 2018. Please view Ledyard Town website at www.town.ledyard.ct.net and under town logo, click on departments. At the bottom far right, click on Gypsy Moth Resource Page. This resource page will inform you of ways to handle the gypsy moth caterpillars either with home remedies and/or ground spraying.

If you have additional questions, please email Ledyardgypsymoth@comcast.net

The Exquisite Project Saturday, April 7 Bill Library

1:00 pm



Join us for the opening of the special exhibit “The Exquisite Project” featuring the talents of 26 local artists in a unique display. Refreshments will be served and you will have the opportunity to meet the artists and writers who created the works in the exhibit.



Narcan Training Tuesday, April 17 Bill Library

6:00 pm

The Ledyard Prevention Coalition will provide free Narcan training for the community. The training will include:



- Overdose prevention strategies
- Signs and Symptoms of Overdose
- How to administer Naloxone
- Good Samaritan Law
- Support information and resources

Contact Kerensa Mansfield at 860-910-0397 or email: kmansfield@llhd.org to register.

Ledyard’s One-Room Schools Remembered School Reunion

Sunday, April 22

2:00 pm

Ledyard Senior Center



In 2012 the Ledyard Historical Society hosted a forum for former students of the one-room schools and many fond memories were shared. Those stories have been archived in a video recording of the evening, but interest has remained strong. School classes have a tradition of reunions, so in response to popular demand a reunion of one-room school graduates, their families, friends and all interested people has been planned. The event is co-sponsored by the Ledyard Senior Center, the Ledyard Historical Society and the Friends of Ledyard Libraries.

Until 1949, elementary education in Ledyard comprised 14 schools in 15 districts. Students walked to a neighborhood school overseen by elected School Societies, which hired the teachers and saw to the upkeep of the schools. Parents were required to pay for textbooks and supply wood to heat the schools. School visitors oversaw the instruction and reported annually, their findings published in the town reports. In 1910, a School Committee was formed, the first town-wide organization of education, and eventually evolved into today’s Board of Education.

Photos and brief descriptions of many of the schoolhouses will also be featured in the library's Storywalk along with a display of memorabilia in Bill Library's display case during the month of April. The Storywalk begins at the Bill Library and follows 15 signposts along the sidewalk and into the fairgrounds.

Need a ride? Call Kimlyn Marshall, Program Director at the Senior Center, 860-464-0471, weekdays between 8:30 AM and 2:30 PM.

Compass For The Golden Years

**Presenter: Susan Miller, BA, LPN, Certified Coach
Tuesday, May 22 6:30 pm**

Bill Library



With over 76 million aging baby boomers in the USA, it is likely that you or a loved one are experiencing some challenges navigating the system of how to care for elders in the community. Perhaps you are looking for some guidance for yourself... "I'm 50 and still raising my children and work full-time, but also caring for my parents" is a common concern that will be addressed. Some general issues affecting assisted living and long-term care will also be explored.

Susan has over 25 years of experience in nursing, social work and health education. She is currently the clinical services director for a local home care agency. She also cared for an infirmed family member for many years and brings insights that may encourage you in your journey to find "true north" as the season of aging unfolds in your family.

Join us for this energetic, interactive, informative and sometimes humorous workshop! It will leave you ready to plot a course for a quality of life that is healthy and promising for the seniors in your sphere. Refreshments will be served.

Computer Genealogy Group @ the Library

**January, February, March 21, April 3, May 16
Bill Library 7:00 pm**

We are back to the regular third Wednesday of the month as of March! Monthly topics will cover:

- March: Finding newspaper articles across the country
- April: Where to look for documents and photos of your family
- May 16: Regularly discussed topics including newly discovered websites, DNA testing, libraries and collections to visit during the summer months.

Stock Investment Discussion Group

Tuesday, April 3, May 1, June 5

Gales Ferry Library

7:00 pm

Please note the new day and location of our Stock Investment Discussion Group!



We continue to meet monthly to discuss topics related to stock investing. Discussion this quarter will include assessment of the current market conditions and individual stock selection. Stop by and join in the discussion!

Half Price Summer Book Sale

Monday, June 4 – Saturday, June 9

Gales Ferry Library

The Friends of the Ledyard Libraries will be holding a half-price sale in the Book Cellar at Gales Ferry Library. The sale applies to all paperback and hardcover books, CD's, and puzzles. The sale will be open during library hours. Stop in for some great bargains for your summer reading!

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, as well as how to use free Overdrive E-books or audio books, and free Zinio magazines if desired



Ledyard Historical Society – Open Archive

Mondays through May 14

Saturdays, March 3, April 14, May 5

9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Bill Library

Janice W. Bell Historical Research Room

We have changed the name of our Saturday "Catch & Release" to "Open Archive" which better reflects the variety of activities that happen at these events. Activities include the loan of items by community members for digitization (and future return), help with genealogical or historical inquiries concerning Ledyard and Gales Ferry, or donations of items to the archive's collection.

Donations

The following donations were received for the library. We are grateful for these gifts that will be used to purchase books and other materials for the libraries.

In Memory of:

- Susan Warren
- Eric

Thank you also to all the patrons who so generously contribute to our book fund at both libraries

Newbery/Caldecott 2018

Newbery Award:

Hello, Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly

Newbery Honor Books:

Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut by Derrick Barnes

Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds

Piecing Me Together by Renée Watson

Caldecott Award:

Wolf in the Snow by Matthew Cordell

Caldecott Honor Books:

A Different Pond by Bao Phi

Big Cat, Little Cat by Elisha Cooper

Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut by Derrick Barnes

Grand Canyon by Jason Chin

Copies of the books are available at our libraries.

If you wish to read any, please put holds on them!

Holiday Hours

April 1	Easter Sunday	Closed
May 27	Memorial Day Sunday	Closed
May 28	Memorial Day	Closed

A Word from the Friends of the Ledyard Libraries

Friends Meeting

Tuesday, April 24

7:15 pm

Gales Ferry Library

Spring has come and it is time to emerge from the dark and the cold! Join us for our spring meeting. Come hear what new items our program and development committees are working on to enrich our community and raise funds for the Libraries. Join in on the discussion. We always enjoy hearing new voices and new ideas.

The Gales Ferry Library Book Cellar completed a successful buy one get one free (BOGO) sale in February. Thanks to the Friends, volunteers and library staff who worked hard to make this sale a success. Thanks also to all of the patrons who supported this important event. All proceeds go directly to support the Ledyard Libraries.

Stop by either Library for spring reading material! We have a great selection in the ongoing book sales at both locations.

See you at the library!

Sincerely

Harry Pearson, President,

Friends of the Ledyard Libraries

pearsonhl@tvconnect.net or 860-287-2670

The Ledyard Senior Center Social Center



The Ledyard Senior Center Social Center is a community based establishment meant to bring a wealth of activities and social events for people 55 years +. The Ledyard

Senior Center is a place of warm hearted, caring individuals and staff who strive to help, laugh, create memories and engage in activities to stimulate health and well-being. If you haven't been to the center in a couple years, stop by and meet the new Director, Pamela Cadro, an awesome staff, and like-minded people who choose to be active here as their second home! There is something to do for everyone of any age including low cost breakfast and luncheons to exercise classes; and so much more. The Ledyard Senior Center provides transportation to the Senior Center and back to your home, shopping, doctor appointments and bank runs. We have evening and weekend events too! We are available Mondays-Fridays, 8:30-2:30pm and after hours by telephone message. Receive our newsletter by mail or online @ www.ledyardct.org. Don't stay home alone! Come and make new friends and give the gift of yourself. "To the world you may be one person; but to one person you may be the world."

-Pamela Cadro- Director

Naloxone has a serious side effect:
IT SAVES LIVES.

If you're not on a first name basis with Naloxone, you should be.

- Naloxone (or Narcan) quickly reverses the deadly effects of a narcotic overdose.
- It can easily be administered by anyone with a simple autoinjector or nasal spray.
- In Connecticut, you don't even need approval from a doctor to administer Naloxone, and you're protected from prosecution under the state's Good Samaritan laws.
- If you know someone in danger of an opioid overdose, talk to your physician or pharmacist about gaining access to Naloxone.

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For resources, go to drugfreect.org

Bill Library Display Case

Calling local collectors, clubs & nonprofit organizations! The Bill Library is looking for community members who have collections/displays they would like to share, by displaying them in our secure case. Collections/displays may be of a unique interest, educational, historical, whimsical, seasonal, holiday-themed etc. and appropriate for library display. If you would like to share a personal collection or bring attention to your non-profit, open to the public, club/organization, please contact Laura at the Bill Library to reserve the month of May or another display month (lnorcia@ledyard.lioninc.org). Case dimensions: 46.5" W X 24" D X 12" H (back) & 7" H (front), A Second round case is also available for larger items.



LIBRARY HOURS

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860-464-9912

Monday- Wednesday 9-8
Thursday Closed
Friday- Saturday 9-5
Sunday 1-5

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