



BOOKS AND BEYOND...

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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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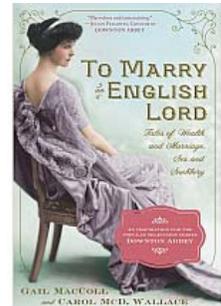


Downton Abbey Tea

Sunday, January 26 2:00 P.M.
Ledyard Senior Center, Van Tassell Drive



Calling all fans of Downton Abbey! We have a special treat in store for you. Join New York City author, Carol Wallace, whose book *To Marry an English Lord* helped inspire the Downton Abbey series, as she tells us of the many American heiresses who swapped money for a title by marrying into British aristocracy. The character of Cora in the television series was patterned after one of the ladies in the book. Ms. Wallace will present gossipy anecdotes of the vivid personalities, their costumes and jewels, and their grand houses and servants. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Following the talk, an authentic English tea, prepared by Andrea Buka and Jennifer Finlayson, will be served. Those who have attended their meals in the past know how wonderful they are!



Seating is limited so registration is required for this special event, which is sponsored by the Friends of Ledyard Libraries. Call Bill Library to reserve your spot.

Children's Programs



Registration for Story times at the Ledyard Public Libraries will begin **Monday, January 6, 2014**. You may call in to the library where the program is being offered anytime after 9:30 am.

Toddler (ages 9 to 24 months)

Bill Mondays 9:30 am Jan. 13 – Feb. 24

Terrific Twos

Bill Mondays 9:30 am Mar. 3 – May 5

Three - Fives

Bill Wednesdays 9:30 am Feb. 5 – May 7
GF Tuesdays 9:30 am Feb. 4 – May 6

Four - Sixes

Bill Thursdays 1:00 pm Feb. 6 – May 8

Take Your Child to the Library Day
Saturday, Feb. 7 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Bring your children or grandchildren to the library and they will receive a small gift and have some fun! Watch for signs in the library for our special programs.

Teen Program

3D Printer Demo
Saturday, March 8 1:00 pm
Bill Library



Do you remember the replicator on Star Trek? Come see what you can create using space age technology in your own home. Toys, spare parts, and art are all possible. Adam

Strickland, a local maker, will demonstrate two popular printers, and answer questions about their care and feeding. This is a continuation of our maker programs, which began with last summer's 'Circuits and Pizza.' Adam led a group of teens through the successful assembly of a small circuit board that lit an LED and sounded a beeper. All ages are welcome to attend! Please contact Andrea Buka with any questions at teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org or 860-464-9912.

Adult Programs

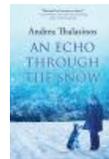
Book Discussions



We have changed the monthly Bill Library Book discussions to an online format. 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 and a series of questions. 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

December Book Title:

An echo through the snow by Andrea Thalasinios



This debut novel is an inspiring story of how a single act of kindness can transform your life. Rosalie MacKenzie is headed nowhere until she sees Smokey, a Siberian husky suffering from neglect. Rosalie finds the courage to rescue the dog, and—united by the bond of love that forms between them—they save each other. Soon Rosalie and Smokey are immersed in the world of competitive dogsled racing. Days are filled with training runs, the stark beauty of rural Wisconsin, and the whoosh of runners on snow. Alternating between past and present, telling of a struggling Chukchi family and a young woman discovering herself, *An Echo Through the Snow* takes readers on a gripping, profound, and uplifting dogsled ride to the Iditarod and beyond, on a journey of survival and healing.

January Book Title:

Submergence by J.M. Ledgard

A story featuring glamorous James More, an English spy and descendant of Sir Thomas More, and Danielle "Danny" Flinders, of Martinique and Australia, a sexy oceanographer and biomathematician. They meet and fall in love at a small, charming European hotel just before Christmas. As the tale begins, More is a prisoner of jihadists in Somalia, while Flinders is on a scientific mission on the Greenland Sea, exploring deep-sea vents. At times silly, and at others brutal, beautiful, and extraordinary! (*Booklist*.)



February Book Title:

***Someone* by Alice McDermott**

In this deceptively simple tour de force, McDermott lays bare the keenly observed life of Marie Commeford, an ordinary woman whose compromised eyesight makes her both figuratively and literally unable to see the world for what it is. We follow Marie through the milestones of her life, shadowed by her elder brother, Gabe, who mysteriously leaves the priesthood for which everyone thought he was destined. The story of Marie's life unfolds in a nonlinear fashion: McDermott describes the loss of Marie's father, her first experience with intimacy, her first job (in a funeral parlor of all places), her marriage, the birth of a child. (*Publisher's Weekly*.)

March Book Title:

***Book of Ages: The Life and Opinions of Jane Franklin* by Jill Lepore**

Benjamin Franklin and his youngest sister, Jane, were so close they were called Benny and Jenny. Renowned, world-traveling brother and obscure, homebound sister exchanged loving, newsy, bantering letters for more than 60 years. Most of his were preserved, while three decades' worth of hers disappeared. This near-erasure, along with the gender bias that determined the vast differences in the siblings' education, opportunities, and experiences, become as much a focus in this zestfully rigorous portrait as Jane herself. (*Booklist*.)

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:

***December 18:** *All Through the Night* by Mary Higgins Clark

January 22: *Astronaut Wives Club* by Lilly Koppel

February 26: *Cold Sassy Tree* by Olive Ann Burns

March 26: *Beautiful Ruins* by Jess Walter

*Discussion will be held on the third Wednesday due to the holiday

Other Programs

We have a full line-up of programs scheduled this winter including author visits; a tea; musical programs; using social media; e-readers and tablets; hikes; probate and estate planning; and more. A four-part series on probate and estate planning is designed to familiarize participants with the major issues associated with estate planning and the probate court. We look forward to seeing you at the library



Please call the library to register for programs with this symbol.



Avalonia's Barrett Preserve Hike Long Cove Rd., Gales Ferry

Saturday, January 11 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Join leaders from UCONN extension service forestry dept. and Avalonia Land Conservancy, to learn about healthy forest ecosystems, and separate fact from fiction regarding forest regeneration treatments. Parking at the site is limited and so we recommend Mt. Vernon Dr. across from the preserve as a safe parking area off Long Cove Rd. Friends of Ledyard Libraries will provide tailgate refreshments after this moderate hike.

The Author Next Door – Douglas Thompson *The Quest for the Golden Trout*

Wednesday, January 22

7:00 pm

Bill Library

Join us to hear Ledyard author, Douglas Thompson, discuss his book which looks at our nation's rivers with a more critical eye—and asks more questions about both historic and current practices in fisheries management. He looks at the damaging effects of stocking rivers with hatchery-raised trout, eliminating natural predators, and employing engineered devices designed to improve on nature. These practices not only hurt the ecosystem, they also create a false environment that's antithetical to a pristine, pastoral pastime. Mr. Thompson is a professor of geology at Connecticut College and the Karla Heurich Harrison '28 Director of the Goodwin-Niering Center for the Environment. Copies of the book will be available to purchase. Sponsored by the Friends of Ledyard Libraries



Using your iPad, iPad Mini or iPad air (First - fifth Generation)

Tuesday, February 4

7:00 pm

Bill Library

Learn how to download books, music, or sync your calendar with your computer. Learn how to choose from all the apps out there (and when paying a few dollars for an app might be a good idea!) Also learn how to download free books from Overdrive and free current magazines from Zinio.



**Morgan Dam and Reservoir hike
Sandy Hollow Rd., Ledyard**

February 8 1-3 pm
Karl Acimovic, Consulting Engineer for Groton Utilities will once again be our guide at this privately owned water reservoir. Winter wildlife, tracking, and especially shoreline birds will be our areas of interest. As always dress appropriate to conditions on this moderate 3 mile hike. Park at overlook area and off road, about 1.4 miles NW of Rte. 117. Tailgate goodies post hike courtesy of Friends of Ledyard Libraries.



**Social Networking 101
Bill Library**

2:00 pm
Sunday, February 9 Facebook
Sunday, February 23 Twitter
Sunday, March 9 Pinterest
Sunday, March 23 Snow date, if necessary



Are you curious about all the ways people are communicating now? Do you know the difference between a tweet, a post or a pin? If you would like to answer yes to these questions, sign up for our social networking workshops. We will go over the basics of Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest and help you create and manage an account. Please bring a laptop or tablet, if possible. You may sign up for one, two or all the sessions at either library.

**Understanding Probate
Tuesday, February 11
Bill Library**

7:00 pm
A panel of experts will describe the Probate Court structure in Connecticut. Judge of Probate Nicholas Kepple will moderate this and all sessions. The purpose and responsibilities of the Court will be covered, which range from determining an individual's ability to manage their finances and personal health, dealing with issues of parenting and dealing with the consequences of death. The panel will also examine the process of estate administration including such key roles as Executor/ Administrator, Trustee and Guardian.



**Using your Kindle Fire or Samsung Galaxie
Tuesday, February 18 7:00 pm**

Bill Library
All the functions of an e-reader, plus apps galore. Please join us to view the basics in how to purchase and download books, download free books through Overdrive, free magazines through Zinio, and how to use some of the other apps available!

**The Author Next Door – Dr. John LaMattina
*Devalued and Distrusted - Can the Pharmaceutical Industry Restore its Broken Image***

Wednesday, February 19 7:00 pm
Bill Library

Former Ledyard resident, John LaMattina will discuss his book, which begins with the 4 secrets drug companies don't want you to know. Dr. LaMattina is also the former president of Pfizer's research and development division, and will offer us knowledge of the inner workings of the pharmaceutical industry and the role it plays in our health care.



**Using your Kindle (Paperwhite,
Keyboard 3G, or Kindle DX**

Tuesday, February 25 7:00 pm
Bill Library

A class to help get you started with your Kindle in hand! Download Kindle books, download free books from Overdrive, or discover other free sites for ebooks and more! (Zinio magazines cannot be downloaded to kindle e-Readers.)

**This Old Hat: Part 3 -- American Heroines
Sunday, March 2 2:00 pm**

Ledyard Senior Center, Van Tassel Drive
Back by popular demand! Patty Carver will once again entertain us with her original musical skits of famous American women. This new program will feature Catherine Coffin, considered the First Lady of the Underground Railroad, Molly Pitcher, who joined soldiers at the Battle of Monmouth, Connecticut's own heroine Prudence Crandall, and Mother Jones, who was known for organizing unions and fighting for child labor laws. As she did in parts 1 and 2, Patty will delight us with her stories and songs in an energetic performance. Co-sponsored by Friends of Ledyard Libraries, Ledyard Historical Society and Ledyard Seniors.



**Manatuck Preserve, Stonington
March 8 1-3 pm**



Maggie Jones of Dennison Pequotsepos Nature Center, www.dpnc.org will lead a moderate hike that explores diverse habitats on a private preserve. This 200+ acre area features open woodlands, and evergreen groves. Meet and park behind the gym at Pine Point School, off Barnes Rd. in Stonington. Tailgate refreshments provided courtesy of the Friends of Ledyard Libraries after the hike.

Jewelry Night @ the Library

Did you know that we have a jewelry group that meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Gales Ferry Library? If you are interested in making your own jewelry, fixing older items, learning about new techniques or area trade shows, this is the group for you. Experienced artisans are always available to help with a problem or get a newbie started. This is a group for adults, but older children accompanied by a parent are welcome.



Giving Tree

Thank you to all who generously participated in our "Give a Child a Book" program this Christmas season. Thank you also to all who gave anonymously. The parents were thrilled with the beautiful books they were able to choose for their children!

Jeanne Allyn	Stacy Amburgey
Marge Anderson	Lisa Bailey
Jesse Baker	Baseler Family
Nancy Brewer	Kathy Bruckner
Andrea Buka	Candace Bulkley
Connie Burianek	Sharon Butler
Debbie Caldwell	Diana Chapayne
Coffing Family	Julie Craig
CT Agricultural Education Foundation	
Joyce Davis	Susan Davis
Sarah Desormier	Dinger Family
Hunter & Avery Dolphin	Marcia Engel
Jan Fields	Robin Franklin
Sarah Ganong	Katie Gardner
Ian Gonzalez	Ellen Grenger
Eleanor & Madison Gustavel	
Marcia Halligan	Tom & Janice Hertel
Marty Hubbard	Sheila Jordan
Melissa Kearney	Tracy Kuhl
Gillian Lasiosomphone	Ledyard Police Union
Sherry Lambing, Hailey & Jillian Jones	
Maria Lavin	Laura Lee
Jody Lees	Joan Lynch
Roberta Levandoski	Izzy & Chandler Machost
Al & Carmen Manter	Megan McNabney
Gail Milroy	Claire Murphy
Laura Norcia	Mary Ellen Osborne
Devyn Patrick	Lia & Handi Perfect

Tara Pealer	Valerie Pieniozek
Mary Phillips	Naomi Rodriguez
Chrissy Post	Marcia Reece
Terri Shea	Nancy Strawderman
Sandy Seaton	Norma Sokolski
Mary Swab	Charlene Terilli
Barbara & Frank Sweezey	
Pat Tessier	Diana Wall
Alice Wester	Gayle Wilson

Consumer Reports Online



Access to *Consumer Reports* has changed this year with the full text version available

through the iConn suite of databases. Clicking the link on the libraries' web page brings you to the iConn page where you are asked to log in with your library card number. Once you are in a list of popular magazines will show. Clicking the link for *Consumer Reports* brings you to the record for the magazine. Click the link at the top left side of the page that says "Search within this Publication." This brings you to a search box that says JN "Consumer Reports." Add the topic you wish to search in the box (i.e. JN "Consumer Reports" and Digital cameras) and select search. This brings up a list of articles published in CR on that



topic. For each one there is an option to see the full text of the article. Click the "PDF Full Text" link to see the article.

For a specific issue of the magazine, such as the April issue that



reviews cars, click on the year to the right that would include the most recent issue for the month you are looking for. Clicking on that issue brings up each article within. You will also find a copy of the annual buying guide under each year. Call either library if you have any questions.

Zinio Downloadable Magazines



Ledyard Libraries and Libraries Online (LION) are now offering a large selection of downloadable magazines via Zinio, the world's

largest newsstand, offering full color, interactive digital magazines for your enjoyment. Browse from a collection of popular titles with no holds, no checkout periods, no fines, and no limit to the number of issues you can download. New issues are released simultaneously with the print edition and many are available for download before they arrive here.

Using the personal account you will create, you will have the opportunity to check out the magazines you choose and read them instantly on your computer (both PC and Mac) or access the content on a portable media device. (Note: Viewing options, including the ability to download or view the content while online, may differ based on the device and/or magazine publisher.)

Check out as many issues as you want and keep them in your account as long as you wish.

For information on setting up your account and downloading titles, click the Zinio link from the libraries' webpage www.ledyard.lioninc.org.

Donations

We recently received donations for the purchase of books to honor or remember a friend or family member.

In Memory of: Edward Kalinoski
Ernie Joyce
Janet Coe
Lance Rockefeller

Thank you to the Garden Club for the holiday wreaths and greens that decorate both libraries.

Holiday Hours

December 24	Christmas Eve	Close at 1
December 25	Christmas Day	Closed
December 31	New Year's Eve	Close at 1
January 1	New Year's Day	Closed
January 20	MLK Day	Closed
February 17	Presidents' Day	Closed

A Word from the Ledyard Library Friends

Friends Meeting

Monday, February 3

7:00 pm

Gales Ferry Library

Join us to learn more about the Friends and what we do. Everyone is welcome and invited to bring a friend. Thanks to everyone who helped with our Books and More fundraiser in November. Sarah Desormier did a great job as chairman and we raised over \$900 for the library. Special thanks to the following patrons and businesses for contributing to the event.

2Q Nails	Andrea Trout
Acupuncture Healing Art Center	
Aqua Sports Diving Center	Belle's Country Kitchen
Betsy Schafer	Catherine Hiller
CVS	Gale Bradbury
Gales Ferry Spirit Shop	Golden Chopstix
Grimm's Furry Tails	Howard Poris
Kindermusic	LeBlanc's Auto
Linda DeRose	Marion Cutler
Ming Moon	Mo's Burgers and Brew
Mirror Image Salon & Day Spa	
Northeast Wings	Sarah Desormier
Skincare and Wellness on the Thames	
Starrwood Village Market	Subway of Gales Ferry
Subway of Ledyard Center	Valentino's
Vector Marketing	

We are recruiting members to help with sorting books, help with the program or membership committees, and the book sales. Whether you can spare a little or a lot of time and would like to give back to the community we would love to have you join us. Visit the ongoing book sale at the Bill Library and our Book Cellar at the Gales Ferry Library. We are accepting donations of used books in good condition. No torn or musty books please. We were very happy to have hosted Lee Moore as Nathan Lester at our last meeting and had a great turnout. We have many great programs coming up and hope you will join us and bring a friend. Linda DeRose president 860-464-6730
Ctantiquer2000@yahoo.com



Happy Holidays From Ledyard Library Staff



LIBRARY HOURS

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Friday - Saturday 9-5

Sunday 1-5

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