



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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Learnapalooza

Ledyard Public Libraries and Ledyard Parks and Recreation are planning a day of activities that will include a smorgasbord of programs and demonstrations. Join us at the Gales Ferry Library and Community Center on Saturday, March 21, 2015 from 9 am – 2 pm. Each hour will offer a variety of programs to choose from. Thinking about a new computer and want to know more about Windows 8? Andrea Buka will demonstrate the capabilities of this new operating system. Adam Strickland and Nate Bradbury will demonstrate two kinds of 3-D printers. Arlene Waugh will provide information on resume writing and interviewing skills. Bob



Walsh will demonstrate the art of fly tying. There will be instruction on ballroom dancing. Learn about the benefits of massage and acupuncture. Have you thought about raising chickens and want to know more? You won't want to miss Allyson Angelini from Full Heart Farm talk about her experiences. Kathryn Russell with Love at First Stamp will demonstrate rubber stamping and paper crafts. Other programs include online genealogy, parenting, composting, flower arranging and more. The day will conclude with yoga for all.

Refreshments will be provided.

Children's Programs



Registration for Story Times at the Ledyard Public Libraries will begin Monday, January 12, 2015. Please sign up online under "Children"- "Story Time" or call in to either library any time after 9:30 am.

Infant/Toddler (ages 4 – 24 months)

Bill Wednesdays 9:30 am Feb. 4 – Apr. 29

Terrific Twos

Bill Mondays 9:30 am Feb. 2 – May 4

Three - Fives

Bill Thursdays 1:00 pm Feb 5 – May 7

GF Tuesdays 9:30 am Feb. 3 – May 5

Drop-In Preschool Story Times

Bill Saturdays 9:30 am

Jan.31, Feb. 28, April 25, May 23



Make a Story with LEGO®

Tuesday, December 30

Bill Library

10:00 am

Ages 4 – 6

Come to a Junior Maker Session and create a story for the library with our LEGO® bricks! Build your story for us to record and photograph! Your creation will be on display at the library until January 9th.

Space is limited so please sign up early! Thank you to the LEGO® Limited, Inc. for donating the bricks!



Take Your Child to the Library Day!

Saturday February 7, 2015

We have scheduled special events at both libraries in conjunction with Take Your Child to the Library Day! We hope you will join us.



A Silly Song Sing Along!

Bill Library

10:00 am

All Ages Family Program

Sing, dance and jump along to popular children's classics with Edward Leonard, his guitars, drums and bag full of musical surprises. Bring your camera for some great pictures! Preschoolers must be accompanied by adult.



LEGO® Junior Maker Session

Gales Ferry Library

1:00 pm

Ages 4 – 6

We will provide the LEGO® bricks and you can provide your imagination for a fun filled program of building and creating! We will be taking pictures of your creations and displaying those in the library. **Space is limited so please sign up early!**



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, audio, and regular versions. Please contact Mary Ellen if you would like a copy of the book.



Upcoming dates:

January 28: *The Lowland* by Jhumpa Lahiri

February 25: *Love is a Canoe* by Ben Schrank

March 25: *Wild: from lost to found on the Pacific Crest Trail* by Cheryl Strayed

Online Book Discussions

Copies of the books for the online book discussion will be available at both libraries. 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. Bookmarks listing the titles for the next year are available in both libraries. Contact Marty Hubbard with any questions: mhubbard@ledyard.lioninc.org



January

***Gutenberg's Apprentice: a novel* by Alix Christie**

Youthful, ambitious Peter Schoeffer is on the verge of professional success as a scribe in Paris when his foster father, the wealthy merchant and bookseller Johann Fust, summons him home to corruption-riddled, feud-plagued Mainz to meet "a most amazing man." Johann Gutenberg, a driven and caustic inventor, has devised a revolutionary—and, to some, blasphemous—method of bookmaking: a machine he calls a printing press. Fust is financing Gutenberg's workshop, and he orders Peter to become Gutenberg's apprentice. (Publisher.)

February

***The Wallcreeper* by Nell Zink –**

This short, quirky, first novel tells the story of Tiffany. Tiffany's voice and take on life (or attempt to find a take on life) are the core attraction of the

story. A humanities major who cannot find an appropriate job, her marriage to an engineer and their move to Switzerland where the language barrier keeps her from finding a job are features of her story.

March

***Hild: a novel* by Nicola Griffith**

Griffith explores the young life of Hild, the future St. Hilda of Whitby. Set in seventh-century Anglo-Saxon England, during the early years of Christianity, this novel begins with the sudden death of Hild's father, Lord Hereric. To secure the futures of her daughters, Hild's ruthless and cunning mother embarks on a plan to hook their fate to the coattails of Edwin Snakebeard, Lord Hereric's ambitious brother and king-to-be. A beautifully written, and meticulously researched novel. (Booklist starred review.)

Other Programs



We have planned a full line-up of programs and activities this winter including author visits, quilts, internet safety, a historical performance featuring the seamstress of Mary Todd Lincoln, alewife conservation and more. A Learnapalooza day in March will offer a variety of programs. For those who enjoy the outdoors we offer a series of hikes and our monthly knitting and genealogy groups continue.



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

Computer Genealogy Group @ the Library

January 21, February 18, March 18

Bill Library

7:00 pm



This group meets the third Wednesday of the month. Register your email with Marty Hubbard at mhubbard@ledyard.lioninc.org and she will let you know when or if a "field trip" to another location occurs. All meetings are open to the public.



Kindle and iPad Assistance

December 29-31 and January 21-23

Individual help sessions may be scheduled for assistance with new devices. Please contact Marty Hubbard at 860 464-9912 to schedule a time to get your e-reader or tablet up and running. Instruction will be provided on the basics of operation, and how to use free Overdrive e-books and audio books, or free Zinio magazines. Additional help sessions will be scheduled as needed for beginners or those who need a refresher.

Connecticut Lore -- Strange, Off-Kilter and Full of Surprises with author Zachary Lamothe

Sunday, January 11, 2015

Bill Library

2:00 pm

Have you ever walked through Glacial Park and marveled at the size of the boulders? Is Schaefer's



Spouter Tavern at Mystic Seaport haunted? What do the stone chambers of Gungywamp represent? Do you know the story of Uncas Leap in Norwich? Learn about these local

curiosities, and many other unusual places and happenings throughout Connecticut from author and Norwich native Zachary Lamothe. Zack will take us on a virtual journey of the unique and quirky side of Connecticut that you may not know. His book will be available for purchase and signing. It's fun reading and would make a great gift. Please join us for this lively presentation sponsored by the Friends of the Ledyard Libraries.



Colonel Ledyard Park Hike

Sunday, January 18 (Snow date Jan 25) 1-3 pm
21 Blonders Boulevard, Ledyard, CT.

Start the New Year right and combat cabin fever! Come stretch your legs on this local woodlands trail. Learn about the history of the land and discover/observe the natural habitat and surprises this trail holds. Anne Roberts-Pierson of Avalonia Land Conservancy, www.avalonialandconservancy.org will be our trusted and learned guide today. This is considered to be an easy hike. Ample parking is available within the park. Join us for refreshments after the hike, compliments of Friends of Ledyard Libraries.

Let's Talk About Quilts

Tuesday, January 27

7:00 pm

Bill Library



What do you think of when someone begins to speak of a quilt? Can pieces of fabric evoke an emotional response? Susan Jerome will explore the ways in which quilts have become part of

American culture. Using images of antique quilts and quilted objects, Ms. Jerome will discuss some of the definitions and ideas surrounding the word "quilt." How has the term evolved through time? Learn about textile history and how technological changes in producing fabric influenced the production of quilts- and the use of time-during the 19th century. The audience is encouraged to bring one quilt or quilted object with them. These objects will be used to

illustrate and enhance the discussion of all-things-quilts, including care of your family heirlooms.

Susan J. Jerome is the Collections Manager at the University of Rhode Island Historic Textile and Costume Collection. She earned her MS degree from the URI Department of Textiles, Fashion Merchandising and Design. Prior to continuing her education, she worked for a number of years at Mystic Seaport Museum and continues to do so as a part-time employee. Ms. Jerome also works as a textile and quilt conservator and a consultant to museums and historical societies. An avid textilian, she is happiest when writing, talking and doing all things textile.

Viruses and Breaches and Scams, Oh My! - Practical Internet Safety for an Insecure Internet

February 10 7:00 pm
Bill Library



With a multitude of high profile breaches in the news, what can an individual do to protect their personal and financial information? Join us for this engaging and informative

presentation. Andrew Harvey, the Information Security Officer at Dime Bank will discuss how to identify common scams, what to do to protect yourself and what to do if you think you're a victim of identity theft.

Actress Presents Life of Elizabeth Keckly
Sunday, February 22 2:00 pm
Ledyard Senior Center, 12 Van Tassell Dr.
(off Route 12), Gales Ferry.



Actress Stephanie Jackson will perform her dramatic presentation "They Called Me Lizzy...from Slavery to the White House." Jackson's one-woman show portrays Elizabeth Keckly, best known as dressmaker and

confidante to Mary Todd Lincoln, wife of President Abraham Lincoln. Her program covers Keckly's rise from slavery to entrepreneurial freedom. Born into slavery in 1818, she eventually purchased her freedom and made her way to Washington D.C. where her dressmaking and business skills brought her to the attention of many political families including the Lincoln's. Mrs. Keckly authored a book "Thirty Years a Slave and Four Years in the White House" which precipitated the severing of her relationship with Mrs. Lincoln. Although not formally educated she went on to become the head of Wilberforce University's Department of Domestic

Arts and Sciences at Xenia, Ohio. The program, sponsored by the Friends of the Ledyard Libraries, the Ledyard Historical Society and the Ledyard Senior Commission, is free and open to the public.



Ledyard Dam and Reservoir Hike

Sunday, February 15 (Snow date Feb 22) 1-3 pm
Gales Ferry Rd., Gales Ferry, CT.

Karl Acimovic with Groton Utilities will guide our 4.4 mile moderately difficult hike today. Copies of site maps will be available. Located on the east side of the reservoir, this trail features old farms, a cemetery, and based on snow conditions, we may see signs of native wildlife. This privately managed site offers many treasures not accessible without our special access. Park at GU Gate #42 on Gales Ferry Rd., cones will mark entrance. Tailgate refreshments will cap off our hike, courtesy of the Friends of Ledyard Libraries.



Learnapalooza

Saturday, March 21 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Gales Ferry Library & Community Center



Avery Farm Preserve Hike

Sunday, March 22 (Snow date Mar 29) 1-3 pm
Groton/Ledyard, CT.

This 305 acre wildlife site is owned by GOSA, Groton Open Space Association, www.gosaonline.org. Marshes, grassy fields, hedgerows, Haley Brook wetlands, vernal pools, and many more natural highlights will be seen on this early spring hike. This is considered to be an easy to moderately difficult hike. Access the site from Rte. 184 to the end of Lambtown Rd., Groton. Picnic tables are available for our after hike refreshments provided by the Friends of Ledyard Libraries.



What in the world is a Fish Ladder!

Tuesday, March 24 7:00 pm
Bill Library



If you imagine a fish flapping its way up the rungs of a step ladder to reach its goal you are, strange as it may seem, on the right track. And Ledyard residents have one right next door in Preston. Historically, alewife journeyed from their native estuarine habitat in Long Island Sound, to the Thames River, and from there a system of waterways to spawn in Avery Pond. But dam construction hindered the journey, reducing alewife populations nationwide. Alewife are a critical species, serving as prey for larger fish, birds and mammals. After spawning, alewife return to the

sound and ultimately help support larger populations of other species, including game fish that are a large part of the \$8.5 billion Long Island Sound economy. Dan Mullins, Executive Director of the Eastern CT Conservation District will discuss the two year old Hallville Fishway and share details of the construction of inclines, a resting tank, and a viewing room with an underwater camera that was nine years in the making. Previously alewife was prevented from moving from Poquetanuck Brook to the pond because of the 15 foot high Hallville Dam. Now they, along with other species such as pickerel and eel, are able to make their way to higher waters. The Hallville Dam was the first and largest of three barriers to migratory fish in this watershed. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ledyard Libraries, this program is free and open to the public.

Artists & Writers Showcase – Call for Entries

March 28 - April 27 Bill Library

Bill Library will host the annual Artist and Writers showcase and we invite you to display your work.

Entries are limited to three per visual artist, and must be submitted by Wednesday, March 25 to the Bill Library. There is no limit for written pieces. Please fill out an entry form to include with your submission, and mark all pieces with your name & contact information. Entry forms are available on our website and at either library.



Edible Books Exhibit

Saturday, March 28 Bill Library



In conjunction with the opening reception for the Artist and Writers an Edible Books exhibit will feature edible treats based on a book title or theme. Please contact Andrea Buka at teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org or

leave a message at either library, if you have any questions. I am looking forward to seeing all the creativity you have to offer!

Cars of the Fabulous Fifties!

Wednesday, April 8 7:00 pm

Classic car enthusiast, Larry Erhart will take us back to the 1950's as we look at cars from that time period. Automotive styling and design was influenced by changes in culture, technology, affluence and urban growth. The post war years of the 1950s had some of the most progressive styling designs of that era. Designers such as John Reinhart, Virgil Exner, Richard Teague, Harley Earl and Raymond Loewy



influenced the evolution of automobiles. Cars were no longer just basic transportation, but were now extensions of self-expression. Bring your saddle shoes and poodle skirts as we look at that unforgettable decade.

Mr. Erhart is a self-employed Numismatist and retired from Pfizer Inc. He is a member of 2 local car clubs: Yesteryear Car Club and POCI Pontiac Charter Oak Car Club and he enjoys restoration, preservation and research of classic automobiles.

Stitch & Dish



Start 2015 with a new skill. Haven't you always wanted to knit a cozy sweater or crochet a timeless family heirloom? Or become the person your friends envy for your gorgeous

creations.

Join us at our next meeting on January 14. We meet regularly on the second Wednesday each month at 7:00 p.m. and the fourth Wednesday at 3:00 p.m., at the Gales Ferry Library. Our skilled members will help you attain your lofty goals and our less experienced with commiserate with you. Bring your needles and yarn or choose some from our collection.

Holiday Greens and Wreaths

We wish to thank the Ledyard Garden Club for filling the library planters with greenery and for donating a holiday wreath to each library. In addition, members of the club recently planted several bulbs at Bill Library. We look forward to an early splash of color next spring.



Holiday Hours

December 24	Christmas Eve	Close at 1
December 25	Christmas Day	Closed
December 26	Christmas	Closed
December 31	New Year's Eve	Close at 1
January 1	New Year's Day	Closed
January 2	New Year's	Closed
January 19	Martin Luther King	Closed
February 16	President's Day	Closed

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! There were over 110 children that were given books for Christmas!

Jeanne Allyn	Linda Hardie
Sophie Allyn	Mackie Harding
Stacy Amburgey	Meghan Harris
Nancy Avery	Emely Hendl
Brady & Sherry Baseler	Catherine Hiller
Gale Bradbury	Sara Holliday
Nancy Brewer	Marty Hubbard
Kathy Bruckner	Heather Huebner
Andrea Buka	Sheila Jordan
Candace Bulkley	Deb Kaminske
Connie & Jon Burianek	Katelyn & Lauren Kearney
Sharon Butler	Rita Kelly
Diana Champagne	Althea Koschmieder
Izzy Chandler & Paisley Machost	Elizabeth LaRose
Melanie Cipher	Jody Lees
Donna Coen	Claire Murphy
Sandra & John Courbin	Laura Norcia
Julie Craig	Sharon, Daniel, Tara & Katie Pealer
Joyce Davis	Larry Perdue
Sue Davis	Mary Phillips
Jan Dawson	Naomi Rodriguez
Avery & Hunter Dolphin	Mary
Jan Fields	Jim & Sandy Seaton
Kate Foley	Betsy Swann
Sarah Ganong	Joyce Tamer
Carol Ganz	Pat Tessier
Kateie Gardiner	Barry Toth
Diane Geer	Kristin Tweed
Marie Gelston	Jenna Warren
Ian Gonzalez	Patricia Webb
Ellin Grenger	Alice Wester
Mary Jane Haddad	Gale Wilson
Claire Hamel	

Did you Know?

? Thanks to a suggestion from our new library assistant Sarah, we have started posting a weekly “Did You Know” question about the library on the library’s facebook page. Below are the questions we have posted to date.

- Did You Know there are over 30 libraries and branches in our Libraries Online (LION) consortium and you can easily request items from them and pick them up at your home library. Check out our catalog online or ask a staff person to assist you.
- Did You Know anything you check out at one Ledyard Library can be returned to the other library. In fact, you can return items you have checked out to any public library in Connecticut.
- Did You Know about Zinnio? Zinnio is a database of downloadable magazines, both popular and specialized. You can sign up for an account through our web site www.ledyard.lioninc.org. Magazines downloaded to your device are yours forever or until you delete them.
- Did You Know there are many ways to renew your library items? There is the old fashion way...bring your book to the library. There is the yesterday way...call the library. There is the easy way... ask a library assistant. Or there is the new way...go to your account online and check the renew box.

Like us on Facebook to see more of the Did you Know posts

Bad Weather Closing



The Libraries will follow Town Hall for bad weather closing. If a program must be cancelled due to bad weather or if the library is closed, it will be posted on the library website.

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

- Carmen Manter
- Robert J. Denton

Catch and Release sessions scheduled
Saturday, January 10, February 4, March 7

The Ledyard Historical Society's Archive Committee is continuing to collect old photos, letters and other documents for their digital collection. Any items brought in will be scanned and returned to you with a digital copy. We are looking for depictions of everyday life and special events. With your permission they will be added to the searchable gallery on the Historical Society's webpage. To see what is there go to www.ledyardhistory.org/virtualexhibit/.

A Word from the Friends of Ledyard Libraries

Our Books and More Sale was a great success! Special thanks to Deb and Ron Miller, Rosemary Gibson, Carrie, Tyson and Colin Sitz, Phil DeRose, Catherine Hiller, Andrea McKenzie, Sue Davis, Terry Reilly, and Marion Cutler for all their hard work. Also thanks to those who donated crafts, baked goods and silent auction items. We couldn't have done it without your support and generosity. We had many beautiful handcrafted items.

As we get ready to settle in this winter remember to stop by the bookshelves at Bill Library and the Book Cellar at the Gales Ferry Library to stock up on reading material at bargain prices. There is nothing like spending time reading with a hot cup of tea or cocoa, a blanket and a good book. Happy holidays!

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

Happy Holidays from Ledyard Libraries Staff



LIBRARY HOURS

BILL

860-464-9912

Monday – Thursday 9-9

Friday - Saturday 9-5

Sunday 1-5

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GALES FERRY

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Friday - Saturday 9-5

Sunday Closed

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