



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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Winter Activities

The first day of winter, December 22 will soon be upon us and although daylight begins to last longer it will be a while before we notice a difference. The month of December is taken up with holiday preparations and little time to think about leisure activities. The post-holiday season leaves us with more time while the winter weather makes us want to stay inside. Winter is the perfect time to catch up on your reading, think about those craft projects that were set aside or plan your spring or summer vacation. The library continues to add to its electronic holdings of downloadable Audio or E-books and with over 90 downloadable magazine titles there is sure to be something that will be of interest whether it is cooking, travel, hobbies or news. All of these are available from the comfort of your home through the library webpage.



When cabin fever starts to set in we hope you will join us for one of the many programs being offered in the coming months. There are book discussions, maker activities, hikes and the artist and writers reception. The Friends programming includes The Life of Venture Smith, Backyard Romance, an adventure with Brooks Kuhn as she talks about being on Race Rock, and choosing your candidate with the League of Women Voters. Bring your child to the Library on February 6 for a special Animal Program.

Both libraries have a comfortable space and free wi-fi if you want to work on your laptop. Join us on Monday or Wednesday at Bill Library or Tuesday at Gales Ferry Library for one of Jackie's delicious muffins and your favorite hot beverage. Come early as the muffins go fast!

Children's Programs



Registration for Story times at the Ledyard Public Libraries will begin Monday, January 11, 2016. Please sign up online at www.ledyard.lioninc.org under "Children's"- "Storytime" or call in to either library any time after 9:30 am.

Infant/Toddler (ages 9 – 24 months)

Bill Mondays 9:30 am Feb. 1 – May 2

Terrific Twos

Bill Wednesdays 9:30 am Feb. 3 – May 4

Three - Fives

Bill Thursdays 1:00 pm Feb. 4 – May 5
GF Tuesdays 9:30 am Feb. 2 – May 3



LEGO® Junior Maker Session!

Wednesday December 30 10:00 – 11:30 am
Bill Library Ages 4 – 9
Tuesday February 16 1:00 – 2:30 pm
Gales Ferry Library Ages 4 – 9

After all those Christmas toys are played with, come into the library and use our LEGO® bricks to make a cool imagination creation! **Space is limited so please sign up early!** Thank you to the LEGO® Limited, Inc., and the Norcia family for donating the bricks!



Take Your Child to the Library Day! Creature Teachers presents "Animal Fun"

Saturday February 6 11:00 am
Bill Library All Ages Family Program



Take your child to the library and join us for this fun and lively program for all ages! Lots of interesting animals to look at, listen to and touch.

Bring your camera for some great pictures! Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult.

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:

***December 16:** *The Christmas Train* by David Baldacci

January 27: *The Martian* by Andy Weir

February 24: *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion

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

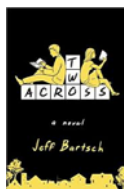
*Meeting on the third Wednesday due to the holiday

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 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



January: *Two Across* by Jeff Bartsch.



Two Across is an excellent title for a book that revolves around crosswords, cross-purposes and a couple stumped by love. Bartsch doggedly works his themes: secrets, deceptions and fraud versus honesty and true love. His tightly constructed book is crammed with jabs at politicians, entitled rich people, workaholics, businessmen who profit by purveying junk, and college students too lazy or dumb to do their own work... *Two Across* spells out a charming love story in crosswords."—Heller McAlpin, *NPR.org*

February: *Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf.

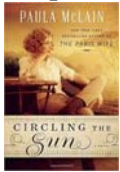
Set in the same fictional Colorado town as his National Book Award-nominated *Plainsong*, a town with its fair share of gossips, Addie and Louis embark on an unlikely friendship, an antidote to the loneliness they most exquisitely felt at night. As this friendship deepens, it is tested by said busybodies and meddling family members, plot



points that almost distract from what makes this novel such a fitting and sweet swan song. *Our Souls at Night* was inspired, in part, by Haruf's own marriage and the intimate, late-night conversations he and his wife relished, just like Addie and Louis. And just like Addie and Louis, Haruf has proven that you're never too old to reinvent yourself, take risks, find love, and write a great novel. --Erin Kodicek, Amazon

March: This month will feature a "live" book discussion of *Just Mercy* at Bill Library on March 30.

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.

Other Programs

Join in the hands-on DIY/maker classes in technology, arts, crafts, engineering, 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 spring maker activities now, so please let me know if you have a project or 'how-to' that you would like to share.



The library will participate in One Book, One Region again and we invite you to join in by reading the book, attending a related movie showing, coming to the book discussion and/or meeting the author. The 2016 selection is *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson.

There are also winter hikes scheduled as well as programs on history, nature and voting. Hope to see you @ your Ledyard Library.



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



Over in the Meadow...Winter Hike
Sunday, January 10 1-3 pm
(Weather date January 24)

Clark Farm at 1025 Colonel Ledyard Highway, Ledyard

Stretch your legs as the New Year unfolds! Come visit another town-owned parcel, the former Clark farm, and learn about its vibrant agricultural past and the local family who called it home. Anne Roberts-Pierson will once again be our learned guide. Based on conditions we would consider this walk "Easy". If we have an adventurous group, we may make it to "Moderate" level and venture into the woods. Please park at red storage barn area on the road. Overflow parking is available on Bolduc Drive. Tailgate refreshments will be offered after the hike courtesy of Friends of Ledyard Libraries. (FLL)



Maker Meet-up - Cut the Cord
Sunday, January 17 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. This will be followed by the first of several 3D printer training sessions. Adam Strickland has donated a printer to the libraries, and you can learn to use it!

Backyard Romance with Maggie Jones
Thursday, January 28 7:00 pm
Bill Library



Discover the antics and funny business of the wildlife activities in your own backyard. Maggie Jones, Director of the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center, will present this program. The program will cover insects, birds and animals which will provide a deeper appreciation and understanding of nature and make your backyard more enjoyable.

One Book One Region (OBOR) movie tie in
12 Angry Men (96 Min) Bill Library
Wednesday, February 3 6 pm



Saturday, February 6 1-3 pm
(Weather date February 20)
Morgan Reservoir/Rosemond Lake Hike

Gate 37 on Sandy Hill Road, Ledyard

We will have special access to this private property again, courtesy of Karl Acimovic of Groton Utilities. This 3 mile loop and moderately difficult hike will encompass historical, woodland, wildlife and water quality topics. Please Park at GU Gate #37 on Sandy Hollow Rd. Some walking on the road, so we ask all to walk single file on part of this hike. Post hike refreshments will be available compliments of Friends of Ledyard Libraries. (FLL)



Maker Meet Up -Get Your Sweet on: Maple Sugaring followed by

Project Show and Tell
Sunday, February 7 1 pm

Bill Library

Bill Saums and Scott Engel will share how to start tapping your own maple trees and turn the sap into the delectable syrup. Bring your project for brief 'show and tell'.



One Book One Region (OBOR) movie tie in To Kill a Mockingbird (129 min) Bill Library
Wednesday, February 10 6 pm

A Fascinating Journey: The Life of Venture Smith
Sunday, February 21 2:00 PM
Bill Library

Dr. Nancy Steenburg, professor of history at UConn Avery Point and president of the New London County Historical Society will speak about the life of Venture Smith. Born to a tribal king in Africa, Venture Smith was sold into slavery and sailed to Rhode Island. He then moved to Stonington, where he lived from 1754 to 1774. During this time he became a landowner, and purchased freedom for himself, his wife and three children. He died a respected member of the community of Haddam Neck, and his narrative remains a unique record of early slavery in Connecticut.



This program is jointly sponsored by the Friends of the Ledyard Libraries and the Ledyard Historical Society.

One Book One Region (OBOR) movie tie in Hey Boo (82 Min) Bill Library
February 24 6 pm

One Book One Region (OBOR) movie tie in Young Mr. Lincoln (100 Mins) Bill Library
Wednesday, March 2 6 pm

One Book One Region (OBOR) movie tie in Incident at Ogala (90 Mins) Bill Library
Wednesday, March 9 6 pm



Maker Meet-up Backyard Waterscapes
Sunday, March 13 1 pm
Bill Library

Nathan Barnett will present step-by-step videos and pictures of the planning, creating, and building of a water feature in your yard.

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 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. (FLL)

One Book One Region (OBOR) movie tie in Sin by Silence (49 mins) Bill Library
Wednesday, March 23 6 pm

One Book One Region Book Discussion
Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson
Wednesday, March 30 7 pm
Bill Library



Just Mercy is the One Book One Region title for 2015-2016. Please join us for a live book discussion this month. A true story, this book is part memoir of Bryan Stevenson's early legal life in dealing with Death Row inmates and trying to provide good legal services for the poor and people of color in the South, and part heroic tale of a lawyer doing his best to prove the innocence of several men

awaiting execution for crimes they did not commit. This is a chilling read and an immensely important topic in this age of racism in our country.

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 – Call for Entries
 April 2 – May 2 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 30 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, April 2 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!

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.

Computer Genealogy Group @ the Library

January 20, February 17, March 16
 Bill Library 7:00 pm



A genealogy group meets on the third Wednesday of each month. Topics for the first three meetings in 2016 will be set at the December meeting.

Stitch and Dish/Mad Hatters

The library knitting group, Stitch and Dish, meets at Gales Ferry Library on the second Wednesday at 7:00 pm and the fourth Wednesday at 3:00 pm. We have everything from beginners to experts willing to share their expertise. If you are looking for a fun group of knitters and crocheters who share your love of the needle arts, join in any time.



Holiday Decorations



Thank you to Ledyard Garden Club for donating the beautiful Christmas wreaths on each building. They were also busy at Bill Library planting over a hundred bulbs around the patio area this fall and they installed a bluebird house.

We look forward to a splash of color and hopefully a family of bluebirds in the spring.

We also want to thank our thoughtful patron, Doug Moffet who has maintained the planter at the front door of Bill Library filling it each season with a wonderful and interesting array of seasonal cuttings.

Holiday Hours

December 24	Christmas Eve	Close at 1
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December 31	New Year's Eve	Close at 1
January 1	New Year's Day	Closed
January 18	Martin Luther King	Closed
February 15	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!

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| Jessica Adams | Jacob Hirschfeld |
| Jami Allyn | Diane Houdeshell |
| Jeanne Allyn | Marty Hubbard |
| | Jillian, Hailey and Sherry Lambing |
| Stacy Amburgey | Sheila Jordan |
| Lynda Anderson | Cindy Juskiewicz |
| Beth Ayer | |
| Remy & Sherry Baseler | Pam Kalinoski |
| Claire Bolduc | James Kelly |
| Nancy Brewer | Tina Kilby |
| Kathy, Rebecca and Christopher Bruckner | Eunice King |
| Andrea Buka | Elizabeth Larose |
| Miles Bulkley | Jody Lees |
| | Tracy & Hannah Majewski |
| Sharon Butler | Gail Milroy |
| Debbie Caldwell | Mary Anne Murphy |
| Jenna Christie | Laura Norcia |
| Donna Coen | Mary Ellen Osborne |
| Susan P. Davis | Kaden Pieniozek |
| Ellie Davis | Valerie Rehberg |
| Lara Dolphin | Patricia Salmon |
| Judy Dolphin | Mary Schwab |
| Mary Jane DuBack | Sandy & Jim Seaton |
| Gervacio Eigo | Mike Sienkowski |
| Jan Erhart | Susan Sexton |
| Jan Fields | Nancy Strawderman |
| Carol Ganz | Barbara Sweezy |
| Ellin Grenger | Pat Tessier |
| Claire Hamel | Charlene Walmsley |
| Linda Hardie | Pat Webb |
| Mackie Harding | Alice Wester |
| Wendy Heydon | Gayle Wilson |

A Word from the Friends of Ledyard Libraries

"Tis the season" to be thankful and we at the Ledyard Libraries have a lot to be thankful for. Our recent Books and More Sale raised over \$2,750. As you may already know, all of the funds raised go directly into both the Gales Ferry and Bill Library to help support programs and materials used in the library. I would like to take the time to thank the Books and More Sale committee for their hard work and dedication in gathering and organizing over 70 donations for our silent auction. Hats off to you Linda DeRose, Deb and Ron Miller, Jennifer Eastman, and Rosemary Gibson! I would also like to thank all of the library members and local business's that donated gift certificates baked goods and handcrafted items. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The event was a great success and I hope all that attended enjoyed kicking off the holidays with us!

If you would like to become a friend of the Ledyard Libraries you can find our membership form on the library webpage or at the circulation desk in your local library. We are currently seeking members for various committees and would love to have your support in our future endeavors.

Best wishes for a peaceful holiday season. Wishing you all the best in the coming New Year!

Fondly,
Carrie Sitz (860)572-0035
Carrie.Sitz@yahoo.com

Coming Events

For your convenience we have created a calendar of coming events on the next page for the next three months. Details for each program are contained in the newsletter.



Coming Events

JANUARY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day Library Closed	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Winter Hike Clark Farm	11 Storytime registration	12	13	14	15	16
17 Maker Meet up Cut the cord	18 ML King Day Library Closed	19	20	21	22	23
24 31	25	26	27 Senior Center Book Discussion	28 Backyard Romance	29	30

FEBRUARY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Infant/toddler ST begins	2 Threes ST begins - GF	3 Twos ST begin OBOR Movie 12 Angry Men	4 Three's ST begins - BL	5	6 Winter hike & Take your child to the Library Day
7 Maker Meet up Maple Sugaring	8	9	10 OBOR Movie To Kill a Mockingbird	11	12	13
14	15 President's Day Library closed	16 Lego Maker session GF	17	18	19	20
21 Life of Venture Smith	22	23	24 SC Book Discussion OBOR Movie Hey Boo	25	26	27
28	29					

MARCH 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 OBOR Movie Young Mr Lincoln	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 OBOR Movie Incident at Ogala	10	11	12
13 Maker Meet up Waterscapes	14	15 LWV – Know the candidates	16	17	18	19
20 Winter Hike Barn Island	21	22	23 SC BK Disc OBOR Movie Sin by Silence	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 OBOR Book Discussion	31 Housewife Goes to Sea		

*Happy Holidays
From Ledyard Library
Staff!*

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

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