



BOOKS AND BEYOND...

NEWS OF THE LEDYARD LIBRARY

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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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Bill Library Programs Survey results

The Library recently asked for your input about Library programs and this is what we heard. The questions were posed in an online survey and patrons were asked through our email newsletter and on Facebook to answer five questions. There were 125 responses.

Question 1: Are you interested in participating in conversations about new and older book titles with the Ledyard Libraries?

41.41% Maybe; 32.32% yes; 26.26% no

Question 2: If you were to converse about book titles, would you be interested in fiction or nonfiction titles or both?

64% both; 29% fiction; 7% non-fiction

Question 3: Where would you most want to have these conversations?

50% Bill Library; 29% Gales Ferry Library; 8% coffee shop; 2% bakery/café; Pizza house 1%.

Question 4: What time of day is most appealing?

47.92% evening; 35.42% mid mornings; 12.5% lunch time; 4.17% early mornings.

Question 5: What other programs would you be most interested in attending at the Ledyard Libraries?

Crafts and art programs came in first at 25.26% with walking/hiking second at 13% and art exhibits at 11%. Other activities included gaming, music and dance, science, nature and technology.

Thank you to all who responded. We always welcome your input so feel free to let us know anytime if there is something you would like to see in the way of programming. We have many options available for the winter months from observing the winter sky to classes in oil painting or journaling. Look inside and see what you may wish to attend.

Children's Programs



Registration for Story times at the Ledyard Public Libraries will begin Monday, January 14, 2019. Please sign up online at www.ledyard.lioninc/children/storytime.



Your child should be the correct age within 2 weeks of the beginning date.

Toddler (ages 6 – 24 months)

Bill Mondays 9:30 am Feb. 4 – May 6

Terrific Twos

Bill Wednesdays 9:30 am Feb. 6 – May 8

Three - Fives

Bill Wednesdays 1:00 pm Feb. 6 – May 8
GF Tuesdays 9:30 am Feb. 5 – May 7

Other Programs

Saturday, February 2, 2019

Take Your Child To The Library Day

Ledyard Library will participate in the eighth annual Take Your Child to the Library Day (TYCLD), an international initiative that encourages families everywhere to take their children to their local library. Launched in 2011 in Connecticut by librarians Nadine Lipman (Waterford Public Library, retired) and Caitlin Augusta (Stratford Library) with artist Nancy Elizabeth Wallace, TYCLD raises community awareness about the importance of the library in the life of a child, and promotes library services and programs for children and families. Programs have been planned at both libraries that day and we hope you will join us.



Amazing Magnets!

10:00 am

Bill Library

Ages 5 – 10

The Children's Museum of Southeastern Connecticut will help us explore the properties of magnets! What is a magnet and what "sticks" to them? Students will be introduced to concepts such as attraction, repelling and magnetic poles.

Activities include using magnetic wands to discover what is attracted to magnets, making magnets repel each other, building with a variety of magnetic materials and making a craft using magnets. Space is limited so sign up early!



Lego Makers Junior Gales Ferry Library

1:00 pm
Ages 4 – 8

Building with Legos provides children with opportunities to develop skills of the 21st century: collaboration, communication, creativity, critical thinking and problem solving. Come with a friend and see what you can build.



Adult Programs

Book Discussions



The Ledyard Library is starting a new book discussion group that will focus on the White House years of former American Presidents.

Assistant Librarian, Lisa Murno, and President of the Friends, Harry Pearson, will facilitate a discussion of the triumphs and tribulations American presidents faced, and how lessons learned could be applied to our modern era.

Books for the first book discussion will be available mid-January at both libraries. Thereafter, books for the next month will be distributed at the end of the previous month's session. Contact Lisa Murno for further details and your copy of the book. This program is a collaborative effort of the Ledyard Library and the Friends of the Ledyard Libraries. Please join us!

The American Presidents Book Discussion

The Presidency of Richard Nixon by Melvin Small

Tuesday, February 12

7:00 pm

Gales Ferry Library

Eisenhower: The White House Years by Jim Newton

Tuesday, March 12

7:00 pm

Gales Ferry Library

This discussion is also open to those who are simply curious about the monthly topic. Reading the monthly book in its entirety is not a prerequisite for attending.

Senior Center Book Discussion

Elaine Steele, the new Assistant Librarian at the Gales Ferry Library, will continue to hold 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 print versions. Please contact Elaine for a copy of the book.



Upcoming dates:

January 23: *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout

February 27: *Commonwealth* by Ann Patchett

March 27: *Hillbilly Elegy* by J. D. Vance



Cookbook Club

The group meets on the first Tuesday, 12:30 PM, at the Gales Ferry Library. Each month, a cookbook is distributed at the meeting. Cookbooks are also available at Gales Ferry Library, if you are unable to attend the monthly club meeting or by contacting Elaine Steele at 860-464-6943. 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 each month. Space is limited.

The cookbooks we will be sampling in the upcoming months are:

January 8: *Bobby Flay Fit*

February 5: *The Hungry Fan's Game Day Cookbook* by Daina Falk

March 5: *One-Pan Wonders* by America's Test Kitchen

April 2: *Farm to Fork* by Emeril Lagasse



Technology Tuesday Lessons January, February, & March

1:30, 2:15, and 3:00 p.m.

Bring your own phone, IPAD, tablet, or laptop for instruction or tech support.

Please call the Bill Library to make an appointment at 860.464.9912 with Lisa Murno. Laptops, Kindles, and IPAD2s are also available at the Bill Library for use in the library.



Other Programs



Join us for some unique and interesting programs this winter in addition to the regular monthly programs.

Test your building skills with Keva Planks or attend a Monday movie matinee. Attend a tutorial on some of our new online services. There will be a program on Civil Discourse and Mystic Seaport will bring a telescope to observe the winter night sky. For the crafters there will be instruction in art journaling, oil painting and crocheting. The Friends will bring back Patty Carver in March.



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



Adult Coloring

Wednesdays, Jan. 9, Feb. 13, and March 13
6:15 pm

Bill Library

Join us for a relaxing and creative evening of coloring for adults. Colored pencils and patterns are provided. You may bring your own pencils as desired. Refreshments provided.



Let's Mango: An Introduction to Mango International Languages

Wednesday, January 23

Bill Library

4:30 – 5:00 p.m. and 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. (2 sessions)



This workshop is an introduction to the Mango Languages database. With over 70 languages, Mango offers

multiple chapters and lessons in pronunciation and grammar, and is self-paced. Library patrons can learn as many languages as desired, or stick with one and advance. A great program for would-be travelers, students, and English as a second-language learners.



Civil Discourse: Conversing in a World Where So Many Are Shouting

Sunday, January 27

2:00 pm

Bill Library

Harry Pearson, a 37-year resident of Gales Ferry, and current patron of Ledyard Library will present a program addressing the state of civil discourse in our society today. The presentation will review the current divisive environment and provide some recommendations on how we as citizens can begin to repair the damage. The program will be followed by open discussion.

Stop by and begin to advance this much needed dialog. If you have any questions, please contact Gale Bradbury at the Bill Library.

Matinee Mondays

Mondays, Jan. 28, Feb. 25, and March 25,

Bill Library

1:50 pm



Join us for an afternoon movie and view the 2019 Academy Award nominees and contenders. Refreshments available.

January: Beautiful Boy

February: The Favourite

March: If Beale Street Could Talk

Get Creative with Creativebug!: An Introduction
Wednesday, January 30, Bill Library
4:30 – 5:00 p.m. and 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. (2 sessions)

creativebug This workshop is an introduction to the features and lessons of the Creativebug database. With a stream of video lessons, library patrons can learn many crafts, dabble in the arts, develop and advance in skills, and share creations as desired.



Illustrated Art Journals
Saturdays, February 2, 9, 16 & 23

Bill Library 12:30 pm



Create personalized art journals with postcards, stamps, clippings, colored paper, and more. Please bring a spiral journal that will lie flat. Artist and crafter, Janis Lynik, will provide all other materials except any personal items you would like to include. Participants must attend the first session and will be introduced to the functions and styles of the journals. Space is limited.



Mystic Seaport Presents: Winter Lights: Tips and Tricks for Cold Night Sky Observing

Tuesday, February 6
(Inclement weather date Friday, February 8)

Bill Library 6:15 pm

Mystic Seaport will introduce the audience to the celestial constellations of the Winter Night Sky in a 45-minute presentation. Enjoy a hot drink and break, before heading outside for telescope observing.



Keva Plank Building for Families
Tuesday, February 19

Bill Library 1:00 pm



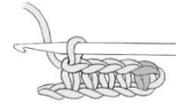
Join us during the winter vacation for this S.T.E.M. activity and challenge yourself to create something unique. Keva Planks appeal to every age. Come for a 1-hour session of building to a pattern or creating your own design or contraption. This activity is designed to foster planning and building skills with elements of physics for future architects, engineers, and hobbyists.



Crocheting for Adults: Make a Pocket Pillow Cover with Buttons

Saturdays, March 2, 16, 30, and April 13 and 27
Bill Library 1:00 pm

Learn how to single crochet, assemble, and weave in tails in this first easy project. Assistant Librarian Lisa Murno will help you with hand position and grasping YOUR first stitch. Please bring an N or P size needle and 2 skeins of bulky or super bulky yarn in 1 color to this class. Other supplies provided.



Famous Women in History with Patty Carver
Sunday, March 24 2:00 pm

Ledyard Senior Center

Patty Carver returns with the next installment of her Famous Women in History series. Watch for details!



Oil Painting for Beginners
Sunday, March 31 12:00 to 4:00 pm

Bill Library



In a comfortable and relaxed style, decorative painter, Carol Kernezek, will give step-by-step instruction in the techniques of oil painting to create a spring scene. Participants must bring an 8 x 10 canvas to class. Oil paints and brushes are supplied.

Stock Investment Discussion Group
Tuesday, January 8, February 5, March 5
Gales Ferry Library 7:00 pm

Our Stock Investment Discussion Group continues to meet monthly to discuss topics related to stock investing. We are having a great time experimenting with our fantasy portfolio. This late in the business cycle, we are finding stock selection to be challenging, sometimes humbling, but always a very worthwhile experience. Stop by and join in! If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Steele at the Gales Ferry Library.



Computer Genealogy Group @ the Library
January 16, February 20, March 20

Bill Library 7:00 pm

Marty Hubbard will continue to facilitate the genealogy group and help you find answers to your questions. All meetings are open to the public, new or returning members.

Ledyard Library Video

Have you ever wondered what goes on at Ledyard Library or what services the library provides for the community? Take a look at our 7 minute video – you may be surprised at what you see. Go to <https://youtu.be/O515OTNh36M> to view the video and let us know what you think. The video will also be available to view in either library.



Elaine Steele, Assistant Librarian at Gales Ferry Library



We are pleased to introduce Elaine Steele, the new Assistant Librarian at Gales Ferry Library. Elaine worked for the University of Connecticut Music and Dramatic Arts Library, the Homer Babbidge Library, and Wilton Library Association before going to Drexel for her Masters in Library Science. She also managed a music store in Waterford for five years while working on her degree. She is looking forward to working in the

community! Be sure to stop and say hello to Elaine the next time you are in the library.

BOGO Book and Media Sale

The Book Cellar, located at the Gales Ferry Library at 18 Hurlbutt Road, will hold a "Buy One Get One Free" sale during the week which spans Monday, February 25 through Saturday, March 2. The sale will be held during regular library hours, so be mindful of the Gales Ferry Library schedule.



Sale applies to our large selection of used books, CD's, DVD's and puzzles. Purchase one item and get a second item of equal or lower price free. Prices will range from 10 cents to \$2. This sale is the perfect opportunity to stock up on items to entertain on cold, snowy days.

The sale is sponsored by the Friends of the Ledyard Libraries. All proceeds go directly to support the Ledyard Library.

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 received for their children!



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| Jami Allyn | Gary Hudson |
| Lynda Anderson | Sheila & Butch Jordan |
| Beth Ayer | Eunice King |
| Jackie Bacon | Althea Koschmieder |
| Jessie Baker | JoAnn Laskoski |
| Mary Baudro | Gale Marceau |
| Caitlyn Brehart | David & Abby Miller |
| Nancy Brewer | Laura Norcia |
| Nancy Brewer | Mary Ellen Osborne |
| Andrea & Scott Buka | Kim Pendleton |
| Sharon Butler | Diane Phillips |
| Christina Clark | Maureen Reubelt |
| CG Spouses | |
| Association of SECT | Brian Reubelt |
| Jessica Cobb | Marie Ricketts |
| Donna Coen | Barbara Savage |
| Sue Davis | Mary Schwab |
| Jan Dawson | Betsy Shafer |
| Colton Durbin | Michael Sienkowski |
| Lucrezia Ehegan | Norma Sokolski |
| Jan Erhart | Lisa Stacey |
| Kim Feraco | Nancy Strawderman |
| Robin Franklin | Kathleen Walvatne |
| Carol Ganz | Hazel Watson |
| Karen Goetchius | Alice Wester |
| Esther, Paige & Whittaker Gold | |
| Ellin Grenger | Amy Wildhagen |
| Carolyn Hanover | Astrid Williams |
| Linda Hardie | Gayle Wilson |
| Meghan Harris | Ellen Young |

**Ledyard Historical Society – Janice W. Bell
Historical Research Room Bill Library**

The Research room schedule is as follows:
Mondays: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. (except holidays)
Saturdays: February 2, March 2, April 6
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

NOTE: The Room will be closed for the holidays from Saturday, Dec. 8, through January 6 re-opening on Monday, January 7, 2019.

On the first Saturday of the month we welcome curious visitors, historical or genealogical inquiries, or the loan of items for digitization.

- 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 of your choosing.)
- Donations of materials related to the people, buildings, and events of Ledyard and Gales Ferry are gratefully accepted for preservation and inclusion in the collection for future researchers, either as digital copies or the items themselves.
- Your Gales Ferry and Ledyard memories will be added to the archive in the Janice W. Bell Historical Research Room at the Bill Library. We will scan them and return to you with a digital copy placed on your flash drive. Digital copies are easy to share with far-flung family members, or use as a back-up if the original is lost or damaged.
- We are always adding newly scanned items to our Online Collections, which are available at <http://ledyardhistory.org/virtualexhibit/>

Contact Andrea Buka at research@ledyardhistory.org or 860-464-9912 (Bill Library) for more information.

Display Case Availability

As we begin 2019, we are accepting monthly reservations for our secure display cases at Bill Library. If you have a club or organization you'd like to highlight, or a personal collection you would like to share with the community, we'd love to have you! Wooden case dimensions: 44"W X 24"D X 11"H (back)/5" (front). We also have a taller glass case available as well. Please contact Laura to reserve your month at lnorcia@ledyard.lioninc.org.

Holiday Hours

December 24	Christmas Eve	Closed
December 25	Christmas Day	Closed
December 31	New Year's Eve	Closed
January 1	New Year's Day	Closed
January 21	Martin Luther King	Closed
February 18	President's Day	Closed

Donations

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

In Memory of

- William Jennings

Other donations

- Barbara Shea

Spice Collection Update

Our spice collection continues to grow at Gales Ferry Library. Thanks to donations, we now have the following spices available for your cooking needs.



Caraway Seed	Cayenne Pepper	Coriander
Chili Powder	Cumin	Dill Weed
Ginger	Poppy	Sumac Tarragon
	Turmeric	

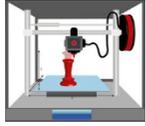
We also have small plastic bags and measuring spoons for storage and measuring. If you would like to donate a spice or herb that we don't have currently, we will be happy to take anything that is recently purchased and unopened.

Seed Library



Coming soon! We are in the process of creating a Seed Library Project at Bill Library! We are currently collecting seeds (any type, can be cleaned, prepackaged or not), that can be added to our collection. If you have any seeds from your garden/farm/store that you would like to donate, we would love to have them! We are currently looking for speakers and educational information to coordinate with the project. Volunteers, ideas and suggestions are welcome! Please contact Laura at lnorcia@ledyard.lioninc.org.

3D printer available at Bill Library



Bill Library owns an Afinia 3D printer. The Afinia 3D printer is accurate and reliable, allowing the public to create high-quality products, for just .05 cents per gram with a .50 cent minimum. 3D printing is grounded in opportunities for STEM learning, hobbyists and future engineers. Patrons may bring their own STL file for printing or download a design from Open Source software. Call the Bill Library to make an appointment to learn how to use the printer and submit a file. Length of printing projects must be under six hours.

Planters and Wreaths

The planters in front of Bill and Gales Ferry Library have been nicely decorated thanks to the artistic talent of our patrons. Doug Moffat creatively used a wooden box trimmed with birch branches, and seasonal cuttings. At Gales Ferry Library Liz Mrouse, a member of the Ledyard Garden Club artistically arranged seasonal cuttings in the planters. In addition the Garden Club provided a holiday wreath at each Ledyard Library.



Thank you all for your work on our behalf.

A Word from the Friends of the Ledyard Libraries

Friends Meeting

Tuesday, January 15

7:15 pm

Bill Library

Join us for our winter meeting where we will discuss our plans for 2019. Come hear what new items our program and development committees are working on.

Congratulations to Linda DeRose for another successful Annual Bill Books and More Sale! Thank you, Linda, the library staff, and all of the volunteers that assisted, for all of your hard work. Thanks to all of the businesses and individuals that donated items for the sale and for the silent auction. And finally, thanks to all of the patrons who supported this important event. All proceeds go directly to support

the Ledyard Library. Many worthwhile enhancements to enrich the patron experience such as Hoopla are made possible by Friends fundraising activities.

Make sure you stop by either Bill or Gales Ferry Library for winter reading material! We have a great selection from our ongoing book sales at both locations.

Mark your calendars for the Gales Ferry Book Cellar BOGO sale during the week spanning February 25 through March 2. The sale will be held during normal library hours, so be mindful of the Gales Ferry Library schedule.

I wish everyone a great holiday season. I look forward to seeing you at the library!

Sincerely,

Harry Pearson, President,

Friends of the Ledyard Libraries

pearsonhl@tvconnect.net or 860-287-2670

New Books

Several favorite authors have new books coming out this fall. We are happy to reserve a copy for you.

Barry, Jessica	Freefall	Jan
Burke, James Lee	The New Iberia Blues	Jan
Carr, Robyn	The Best of us	Jan
Dodd, Christina	What Doesn't Kill Her	Jan
Dorsey, Tim	No Sunscreen for the Dead	Jan
Hurwitz, Gregg	Out of the Dark	Jan
Patterson, James	Liar, Liar	Jan
Quirk, Matthew	The Night Agent	Jan
Rollins, James	The Crucible	Jan
Foley, Lucy	The Hunting Party	Feb
Harper, Karen	American Duchess	Feb
Jenoff, Pam	The Lost Girls of Paris	Feb
Leckie, Ann	The Raven Tower	Feb
Riley, Lucinda	The Moon Sister	Feb
Rosenstiel, Tom	The Good Lie	Feb
Rouda, Kaira	The Favorite Daughter	Feb
Berry, Steve	The Malta Exchange	Mar
Box, C.J.	Wolf Pack	Mar
Childs, Laura	Broken Bone China	Mar
Coulter, Catherine		
& J.T. Ellison	The Last Second	Mar
Evanovich Janet & Peter	The Big Kahuna	Mar
Goodman, Carol	The Night Visitors	Mar
Johansen, Iris	Dark Tribute	Mar
Margolin, Phillip	The Perfect Alibi	Mar
Robards, Karen	The Fifth Doctrine	Mar
Schutt, Bill	The Darwin Strain	Mar

*Happy Holidays
From
Ledyard Library Staff*

LIBRARY HOURS

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Thursday Closed

Friday- Saturday 9-5

Sunday 1-5

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