



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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A Card to Value

September is library card month and has long been the rallying cry of librarians everywhere. Start the school year right and get your library card! But that is only the first step to acquiring the many advantages your library card provides all year long.

If you got your library card many Septembers ago, there is a chance it is being taken for granted without exploring its value. So let's take a look at what that 3" x 2" piece of plastic (with detachable key tag) has to offer.



You know that your card can be used to check out books at your library, but that is just the beginning. It can also be used to check out audio books on cd, music cds, movies, magazines and museum passes just by visiting the library. Use your card on your computer, tablet or phone and a whole new world opens up. From the library website, you can access your account to renew checked out items, order from over 30 libraries in the LION system or even freeze ordered items when you are going to be away. The website also has a plethora of resources you can utilize by simply putting in your library card number. Get car repair information from Chiltons, legal forms to print, sample tests from the Testing & Education site, such as the SAT, CLEP, MCAT, Praxis and more, job assistance from JobNow and antique pricing from PriceIt, to name a few of the many resources. You also have access to Overdrive for downloading e-books and audio books for free! Magazines can be downloaded from Zinio and you never have to give them back.

And if going to the library and using your computer aren't enough for you, you can use your Ledyard library card at any other public library in Connecticut. You can even return items checked out at another library to any other Connecticut public library.

All this and more for free!

Children's Programs



Registration for Story times at the Ledyard Public Libraries will begin Monday, September 14. Please sign up on our website at www.ledyard.lioninc.org/children/storytimes or call either Bill Library (860-464-9912) or Gales Ferry Library (860-464-6943) any time after 9:30 am.



Children should be the correct age within 2 weeks of the first day of story time.

Infant/Toddler (6 – 24 mos.)

Bill Mondays 9:30 am Sept. 28 – Dec. 7

Terrific Twos

Bill Wednesdays 9:30 am Sept. 30 – Dec. 9

Three - Fives

Bill Thursdays 1:00 – 1:45 pm Oct. 1 – Dec. 10
GF Tuesdays 9:30 – 10:00 am Sept. 29 – Dec. 8

Summer Wrap up

We had a great time pretending to be super heroes in “Every Hero Has a Story” this summer. There were 166 in the older program (grades 2-6) and 83 in the Read to Me program (ages 4 – grade 1) for a total of 249 children who participated at both Bill and Gales Ferry Libraries. The older children read 154,258 minutes and the younger children read 1,029 books! In addition to the reading programs, we had a Sidewalk Chalk Contest, Preschool Story time, Lunch and a Movie, Super Hero Crafts, Kids Cook: Super Foods, Touch a Truck, Dancing with Hoops, Mr. Magic and LEGO® bricks fun. Congratulations to Adriana at Bill and Benjamin at GF for winning the Kindles this year!!



LEGO® Bricks Maker Fun
Saturdays, Sept 26, Oct 24, Dec 19

Junior Makers (Ages 4 – 9) 10-11 am



Bring a friend and spend some time in the library building a story with our bricks!

Teen Summer Reading Program 2015

What a great summer we had! There were 60 teens who signed up for Summer Reading this year. 41 of them read 212 books during the 7-week program, and 49 volunteered 613.5 hours. Our Maker Sessions included a ‘Teens Cook: Baking’ class, re-creating galaxies on our t-shirts & shoes, and making lovely henna ‘tattoos’, in addition to a fun maker sampler session where we made LED ‘throwies’ and shoe box projectors for our smart phones. We also created fun things with duct tape, watched a superhero movie marathon, and had a great time at the annual ice cream social. If you haven’t yet picked up your volunteer certificate, it is waiting for you at the library where you volunteered.



There were 24 winners of the weekly prize drawings, earned by reading and volunteering, with prizes ranging from hammocks to a big candy bag to iTunes gift cards. Awarded at the ice cream social were the prizes for the highest numbers of books read and volunteer hours worked this summer, with the winners receiving Amazon gift cards of various denominations.

Most Books Read:

- 1st place: Robert Hudson (30 books)
- 2nd place: Ava Starasinic (22 books)
- 3rd place: Palyyn Sormrude (15 books).

Most Volunteer Hours:

- 1st place: Rebecca Patterson (51 hours)
- 2nd place: Rachel Fields (48 hours)
- 3rd place: Hailey Yagarich (35 hours)

I would also like to thank Jan Fields for her continuing generous donation of many wonderful new YA books. At each teen activity held this summer, the teens were excited to receive new books to add to their home libraries.

Keep up with the Teen Program on Facebook at ‘Ledyard Public Libraries’ and on the Teen Program page on the libraries’ website.

Have a great school year, Andrea Buka
Teen Program Coordinator – Ledyard Libraries
teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org

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:

September 23: *The Professor and the Madman* by Simon Winchester

October 28: *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes

***November 18:** *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein

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

*Book Discussion will be held on the third Wednesday

The One Book One Region 2015: The title of this year's book will be announced on October 1 with a kick-off event scheduled for mid- October at the Mystic Arts Center. Special events will be planned at Ledyard Libraries between January and March of 2016. Watch for announcements in local newspapers for these and other official OBOR events.

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. Please feel free to enter your comments online for others to read once you've finished a month's title. The comments will be monitored before they are posted. Contact Marty Hubbard with any questions: mhubbard@ledyard.lioninc.org

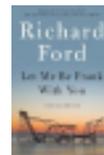
September: *My Sunshine Away* by M.O. Walsh



"Try and restrain yourself from flying through the pages of this wonderful novel. Instead savor this lush Louisiana mystery that takes you back to what life tasted like when you were still somewhat naïve to the ways of the world. Not just Southern, but American in its vivid Baton Rouge colors and scents, treetops and grasses, *My Sunshine Away* is the story of how the events of our youth profoundly affect us as adults. The last page is as satisfying as the first. A mystery you cannot wait to solve." — Kathryn Stockett, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Help*

October: *Let Me Be Frank With You: A Frank Boscombe Novel* by Richard Ford

"It's been eight years since we last saw Frank Bascombe, successfully selling real estate in New Jersey, easing into his mid-50s at the conclusion of Richard Ford's celebrated trilogy. In these four connected novellas we see Frank confronting his aging self and, at the same time, a New Jersey coastline recently ravaged by Hurricane Sandy. In some ways, he's the same old Frank: an admitted "malcontent," cranky and kvetching, but funny and, mostly, a good guy. I was doubtful that I'd care about the first-world problems of rich and retired Frank Bascombe, now on the verge of 70. But there's a creeping sadness that infuses these stories, and a little bit of rage, as in raging against the dying light." --Neal Thompson for Amazon



November: *Sweetland* by Michael Crummey.



"The scarcely populated town of Sweetland rests on the shore of a remote Canadian island. Its slow decline finally reaches a head when the mainland government offers each islander a generous resettlement package—the sole stipulation being that everyone must leave. Fierce and enigmatic Moses Sweetland, whose ancestors founded the village, is the only one to refuse. As he watches his neighbors abandon the island, he recalls the town's rugged history and its eccentric cast of characters." --Publisher's description.

December: *Buried Giant* by Kazuo Ishiguro



“The Buried Giant does what important books do: It remains in the mind long after it has been read, refusing to leave, forcing one to turn it over and over . . . Ishiguro is not afraid to tackle huge, personal themes, nor to use myths, history and the fantastic as the tools to do it. *The Buried Giant* is an exceptional novel.”--Neil Gaiman, *The New York Times Book Review*.

Other Programs

Fall is in the air and along with it a variety of programs to suit your taste. Restoring a family homestead, photography, author visit and hikes are among the offerings this fall. In addition several maker meet-up sessions have been scheduled for adults & teens in gr. 9-12 - (Gr. 5-8 welcome with personal adult assistant). Join in the hands-on DIY/maker classes in technology, art, crafts, engineering, electronics, handyman skills, and more! Hope to see you there.



Please register online at www.ledyard.lioninc.org “Events” for programs with this symbol or by calling either Library.



**Maker Meet-up: Herbal Workshop
Sunday, Sept. 20 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Bill Library**

Paula Goldman will show us how to make an herbal face cream, with samples for everyone.

**If Walls Could Talk: The History and Restoration of a 300-year Old Ledyard Homestead
Tuesday, September 22 7:00 pm
Bill Library**



Ed and Marlaine Lamb of Lambtown Road will discuss the history of the Lamb Homestead, built in 1714, the changes that have taken place through the years, and the recent 2-year restoration project just completed. The home has been in Ed's family for the entire 300 years, and they are the 9th generation to live there. The original house has had several additions and modifications, including major repairs following the 1938 hurricane. Ed's photos will

document all of this. You may even help identify some implements found in the barn! Sponsored by the Friends of the Ledyard Libraries the program is free and open to the public.



Maker Meet-up: Hack Your Holiday Lighting

Sunday, Oct. 11 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Bill Library

Join us as Michael ‘Q’ Qin shows us how to use projected graphics and other special effects to make your light displays for Halloween, Christmas, or any special occasion even better.

Shred it Day

Saturday, October 17 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Bill Library

Dime Bank and Ledyard Libraries are pleased to sponsor a shred-it day at Bill Library. Consumer fraud and identity theft are becoming an epidemic in our communities. To raise awareness and to promote prevention, we have organized a free Community Shred-it™ day to offer paper shredding services for residents. Fall is a good time to clean out your files of all those personal papers and confidential documents no longer needed. A Shred it truck, equipped with cutting-edge proprietary paper shredding technology, will destroy those documents while you watch.



Hike the Colonel Walktober Event

Sunday, October 18 1-3 pm

4 Colonel Ledyard Park, Ledyard, CT

The fauna and flora on this trail will be very different in the Fall compared to this event last winter. Anne Roberts-Pierson of Avalonia Land Conservancy, www.avalonialandconservancy.org, has done extensive historical research of this local woodlands trail. With Anne, our learned guide, we will discover/observe the natural habitats and surprises this trail holds. Ample parking is available at the entrance to the park at the Ledyard Board of Education Building. Join us for tailgate refreshments after the hike compliments of Friends of Ledyard Libraries.



Tales of the Macabre with Jennifer Emerson
Tuesday, October 27 7:00 pm
Bill Library

Get in the Halloween spirit as Jennifer Emerson, in appropriate attire, performs accounts taken from Celtic and New England legend, as well as eerie musings from the works of Edgar Allan Poe, Washington Irving and Charles Dickens. Ms. Emerson is a Groton native and is a living history and character portrayal actress. She is also the collections specialist at the Denison Homestead Museum. Although this program does not contain any "gore", it is not recommended for children under 10.



Maker Meet-up: Book Mending for Beginners
Sunday, Nov. 8 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Bill Library



Have a favorite paperback that is losing pages, or a cookbook whose cover is coming loose? Andrea Buka will show us how to make basic mends to everyday books. Bring along a book you would like to mend in this hands-on workshop. We may also have a guest to teach us to deal with more fragile items, like the old family bible or that 18th c. first edition novel.

In the Moment: Are you prepared to capture it?
Thursday, November 12 7 pm
Bill Library

Local resident and photographer Barry Watrous will present a program on photography and how to capture those special moments including:



- The mindset
- The camera
- The Moment to press the button. (If it looks like it might be a great moment, "NOW!" would be the time).

Great Moments can be planned, ie: the child's first birthday, or not planned as in the passing by of a Great White Egret stalking prey in a lush green and golden marsh after a springtime rain; the moment can pass in an instant and be gone. Either way, if those moments are not recorded, they are..... lost forever.

In the Shadow of the Light with Todd Gipstein
Thursday, November 19 7:00 pm
Bill Library

Please join us for the presentation of Todd's new novel, a psychological thriller set at Ledge Light. It is loaded with interesting local legends, people and places, seen through the eyes of a writer and a paranormal investigator.



Todd, a Groton native, is a photographer and producer for National Geographic, as well as the president of Ledge Light Foundation. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

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.

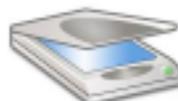
Computer Genealogy Group @ the Library
Bill Library 7:00 pm

We have planned some special activities for the Genealogy group this fall.



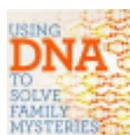
Wednesday September 23 Enhancing records with photos and documents
(Note: this is the fourth Wednesday)

Andrea Buka (Head of Technical Services and Ledyard Historical Society Archivist) will speak to us about scanning and attaching photographs and documents to your genealogy records. She will also discuss the scanning project going on in the Janice W. Bell Research Room. Please bring any questions or problems you've been having regarding your photos or documents.



Wednesday October 21 Genetic Genealogy

We will discuss some of the basics of Genetic Genealogy and how it can help in your research. Please bring a print-out if you have recently received a copy of your genetic genealogy information so we can look at specific examples and become comfortable with how the data is presented and what you can currently receive from the major companies. A new small collection of Genetic Genealogy books will also be available at the meeting.



Wednesday November 18 Interviewing Relatives



Getting ready to meet with relatives in the next two months? We will discuss what questions the experts suggest you ask at family gatherings. We will also offer gift-giving suggestions for you or your genealogist friends and relatives.

Wednesday December 16 Overcoming Obstacles

Please share your latest “road blocks” or “brick walls” or come and ask how you can get started working on your family tree.

Mad Hatters/Stitch and Dish



The Mad Hatters are gearing up for winter. They are looking for donations of “warm fuzzies.” If you like to knit or crochet, please consider making hats, scarves, mittens or socks for us. We donate items to Ledyard Social Services, as well as other organizations in the area. We will be accepting items through January.

Join our knitting group, Stitch and Dish, on the second Wednesday at 7:00 pm or the fourth Wednesday at 3:00 pm at the Gales Ferry Library. We love to see new people, experienced knitters or those just wanting to give it a try.



Donations

We recently received donations for the purchase of books to remember and honor a friend or family member and to support specific collections. We are grateful for your support.

In memory of

- Maria Luisa Tua 1918-2014

Donations

- Lee Cornet

Ledyard Historical Society – Catch & Release

First Saturday of the month: Sept. 5, Oct 3, Nov 7
Bill Library 9:30 am – 12:30 pm



You are part of Ledyard’s history! Bring in your Gales Ferry and Ledyard memories to be added

to the archive in the Janice W. Bell Historical Research Room at the Bill Library. We will scan your photos, letters, documents, memorabilia, etc., and return them to you with a digital copy when you bring a flash drive along. Class and sports team photos, pictures of your family and your home, mementos from prom, etc. are all welcome, whether from 1825, 1955, or 2005. We also take donations of materials related to the people, buildings, and events of Ledyard and Gales Ferry. Recent donations include newspaper clipping scrapbooks from the 1980s and pictures of the Lamb Homestead restoration. Remember, you make history every minute.

Contact Andrea Buka or Rusty Godino at research@ledyardhistory.org for more information.

Holiday Hours

October 12	Columbus Day	Closed
November 11	Veteran’s Day	Closed
November 25	Thanksgiving Eve	Close at 5
November 26	Thanksgiving	Closed
November 27		Closed

Cardboard Boat Regatta



It was a beautiful summer day in August when we sponsored the first cardboard boat regatta at Highland Lake. Six boats were entered:

- **Superior** built by Lauren Gaczewski & Emmy Franklin, crewed by Clara Franklin & Lauren Gaczewski. (College team)
- **Sound Sailing** built by William Long, Julie Tan, Morgan Soreno, crewed by William Long & Maura Donnolly. (High school team)
- **Ichor** built by Jeffrey Bolkhovsky, Matt Barina, Ethan Hada, Lia Gonacci, crewed by Jeffrey Bolkhovsky. (Graduate school team)
- **Hornet/Bumblebee** built by Maria, Zach, and Robert Hanna, crewed by Zach & Robert Hanna.
- **Science 001** built by the Qin family, crewed by Ada & Andrew Qin.
- **Science 002** built by the Qin family, crewed by Laura Qin.

Results:

- Speed Run (**fastest** time on straight course) – Winner: “Superior” 3:00. “Science 001” 3:27*, “Sound Sailing” 3:39
- Agility (fastest time on figure 8 course) – Winner: “Sound Sailing” 2:43. “Superior” 2:53
- Tonnage (weight added until boat declared sunk) “Superior” held approximately 665 lbs. without sinking. “Sound Sailing” - 625 lbs. sank her.

Our thanks to Mr. Tan for acting as safety patrol and for *providing propulsion to Science 001 during her race, and our thanks also to Ledyard Parks & Recreation for providing the venue. We made the front page of “The Day”, our local newspaper!

<http://www.theday.com/article/20150802/NWS01/150809849> -Andrea Buka.

DMV Provides Online Service



Access to the new Connecticut DMV computer system is available from your public library. Renew your registration, cancel your plates, order a vanity plate and more can now be done online either from your home computer or a computer at the library. Go to <http://www.ct.gov/dmv/site/default.asp> to transact your business and avoid the lines at the DMV.

A Word from the Friends of Ledyard Libraries

Friends Meeting

Tuesday, October 20

7:00 pm

Bill Library

Please join us at our next meeting to plan our budget for the coming year. This is your chance to have a say in how the funds earned over the year are disbursed to benefit you as well as other library patrons. We always enjoy seeing new faces, so come on over and bring a friend!!

We have just wrapped up our annual book sale fundraiser. Thank you to all who helped make this sale a great success. A BIG thank you to our Friends Andrea McKenzie and Sarah Desormier for their dedication and hard work in orchestrating this big event.



We are currently planning for the Books and More Sale which will be held on Saturday November 21 from 9-3 pm. We are seeking donations of craft items, baked goods and silent auction items for the sale. Please let us know if you have something to help support the sale. All of the money raised at our sales is used to support programs and materials for both Libraries. We hope to see you this fall!

Carrie Sitz 860-572-0035

Carrie.Sitz@yahoo.com





Books and More Sale

November 21, 2015

9 am – 3 pm



Crafts, baked goods and Silent Auction

Mark your calendar now

LIBRARY HOURS

BILL

860-464-9912

Monday – Thursday 9-9

Friday - Saturday 9-5

Sunday 1-5

email: bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org

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Friday - Saturday 9-5

Sunday Closed

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