



# **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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### **LION Announces Supplemental Delivery Services For Member Libraries**

Ledyard Library patrons will now have better access to materials from other LION libraries thanks to our membership in the LION consortium. The Board of Trustees of Libraries Online, Inc., (LION) has contracted with Riverbend Express of Portland, CT, to provide supplemental delivery services among member libraries. Its purpose is to enhance the consortium's resource sharing capabilities. The service begins on Monday, September 18, 2017.

Patrons of LION member libraries have made extensive use of deliverIT CT, the statewide library courier service, since its inception in 1974. Recent cuts to the service, the result of reductions in the state library budget, have forced libraries to place restrictions on the number of items that can be requested from libraries elsewhere, and this decline in access has concerned borrowers and librarians alike.

LION responded by seeking out a courier who would handle LION-only traffic. This means that, effective September 18, 2017, Ledyard patrons will no longer be restricted in the number of items they wish to borrow from other libraries. Items from non-LION libraries will continue to be distributed by deliverIT CT.

Libraries Online, Inc. (LION) is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization formed by its members in 1982. Our 28 libraries share an Integrated Library System and other services from the Middletown office. Public and academic member libraries in south-central Connecticut use the system to service their 234,000 patrons with 830,000 shared unique titles linked to over two and one half million items in their local collections. LION is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of a designated representative from each member library.

## Children's Programs



Registration for Story times at the Ledyard Public Libraries began Monday, September 5, 2017. Please go to the Ledyard Public Libraries website (under Children/Storytimes) to register for the program you would like. Children must be the correct age within 2 weeks of the Storytime's start date.

### Infant/Toddler (6-23 mos.)

Bill Mondays 9:30 am Sept. 25– Dec. 11

### Terrific Twos

Bill Wednesdays 9:30 am Sept. 27 – Dec. 13

### Three - Fives

Bill Thursdays 1:00 pm Sept. 28 – Dec. 14

GF Tuesdays 9:30 am Sept. 26 – Dec. 12

### Summer Wrap up



We had a great program with "Build a Better World" this summer. There were 117 players in the older program (grades 2-6) and 60 players in the Read to Me program (ages 4 – grade 1) for a total of 177 children who

participated at both Bill and Gales Ferry Libraries. The older children read 141,139 minutes and the younger children read 2,490 books! In addition to the reading programs, we had a Sidewalk Chalk Contest, Preschool Storytime, Lunch and a Movie, Engineering crafts, Lego makers, Touch-a-Truck, Kids Cook, Chris Merwin Music, and a fantastic magical performance with Christine LaVaughn .

### Teen Summer Reading Program 2017

We had a busy summer this year with lots of programs for teens. We had 38 teens signed up for our program this year. There were 134 read books recorded, and 167 volunteer shifts worked. We provided programs in Ductigami, 2 Movie nights, Teens Cook, and an Ice Cream Party to finish up the summer.

Prizes were awarded each week of the program to 28 winners. The prizes included Duct tape, Paddleballs & noodles, Movie basket, candy,



Boogie Boards, Cooler and cup, Subway gift cards and various gift certificates.

Congratulations to all of our readers and volunteers with extra kudos to Emily Dunsmore for the most books read (17) and Megan Uhlig and Benjamin Fieldsend who tied for the most volunteer shifts (17 each).

Check our Teen Program page on the libraries' website to keep up with activities at the libraries this fall.!

Nancy Brewer, Youth Services Librarian



### Family Cookbook Club (FCC)

Bill Library

6:00 pm

Wednesday, October 4, November 1, December 6

We are starting a new Cookbook Club geared for families this fall. This program is designed to accommodate working families and includes children in grades 2 through high school with an adult family member. Join us in



October to learn more about the program and pick up your copy of the cookbook for November. Space is limited to ten families and registration is required. Cookbooks will be available at both libraries and during the monthly session for the following month. Participants should bring a finished dish from the selected cookbook and children should help with the cooking process. The group will sample each selection and discuss the cookbook at the meeting. The following cookbooks have been chosen for the fall:

- **October** Informational meeting
- **November** *The Apple Cookbook* by Olwen Woodier
- **December** *Dorie's Cookies* by Dorie Greenspan

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 27:** *The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper* by Phaedra Patrick
- October 25:** *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel Brown
- \*November 29:** *We are Not Ourselves* by Matthew Thomas
- \*December 20:** *A Quilt for Christmas* by Sandra Dallas

\*Date changed for holiday

**Online Book Discussions**



The online book discussions resumes in October. 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](http://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.

**October:** *Days Without End* by Sebastian Barry  
Read about America’s war of extinction against Native Americans, as well as the chaos and terrible toll taken by young soldiers in the Civil War. This is the third book nominated for a Mann Booker Award from this author.

**November:** *Autumn* by Ali Smith  
A long platonic friendship between an elderly man and a much younger woman is explored in this novel. His name is Daniel. He’s 101. . . . Her name is Elisabeth. She’s a 32-year-old fitfully employed art lecturer at an unnamed university in London. She comes to read to, and be with, him. As Elisabeth and Daniel talk, and as Elisabeth processes the events of her life, a world opens.

**December:** *Before Everything* by Victoria Redel  
This novel is a celebration of friendship and love between a group of women who have known each another since they were girls. They’ve faced everything together, from youthful sprees and scrapes to mid-life turning points. Now, as Anna, the group’s trailblazer and brightest spark, enters hospice, they gather to do what they’ve always done—talk and laugh and help each other make choices and plans, this time in Anna’s rural Massachusetts home.

**Cookbook Club**



The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month, at noon, at the Gales Ferry Library. Each month, a cookbook is distributed. Cookbooks are available at Bill and Gales Ferry Libraries during the month or by contacting Mary Ellen Osborne 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, so if you check out a cookbook, please let Mary Ellen know if you will be attending. The cookbooks we will be sampling in the upcoming months are:

- October 3:** *Lidia’s Italy*
- November 7:** *The Art of the Pie*
- December 5:** *Martha Stewart’s Appetizers*
- January 2:** *Fix-it and Forget-it Cookbook*

**Other Programs**

Join in the hands-on DIY/Maker classes in technology, arts, crafts, engineering, electronics, and more! We are scheduling 2018 maker activities now. Let me know if you have a project or ‘how-to’ that you would like to share. Andrea Buka: [abuka@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto:abuka@ledyard.lioninc.org), 860.464.9912, or message me on Facebook. Other events include the One Book One Region Finale, the confederate submarine, H.L. Hunley, Owls of Connecticut and Historic trails in Norwich



Please register online at [www.ledyard.lioninc.org](http://www.ledyard.lioninc.org) “Events” for programs with this symbol or by calling the Library

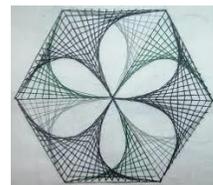


**Maker Meet-up: String Art**  
**Sunday, September 24**

**Bill Library**

**1:00 pm**  
**All ages**

This 70s craft is making a comeback. Learn to use colored string and nails to create a work of art. Several patterns will be available, or you may draw your own. We will use hammers to tap in the nails, so children under 10 will need an adult helper.



**The Search for Ezra Chamberlin and the Confederate Submarine H.L. Hunley**

**Monday, September 25**

**7:00 PM**

**Bill Library**



The Friends of Ledyard Libraries are pleased to welcome Mr. Nicholas Bellantoni, Emeritus Connecticut State Archaeologist talking about the confederate

submarine H.L. Hunley. In 2000 it was raised from the depths of Charleston Harbor and seen for the first time in 136 years. An archaeological investigation of the Hunley's interior yielded a surprising item: the ID tag of Ezra Chamberlin, a Union soldier from Killingly, Connecticut. Did this Connecticut Yankee die on a Confederate submarine? While telling the story of the Hunley, state archaeologist Nicholas Bellantoni searches for the fate of Ezra Chamberlin.

**Yaa Gyasi Author Visit**

**Wednesday, September 27**

**7:00 pm**

**Palmer Auditorium, Connecticut College**

Yaa Gyasi, author of *Homegoing*, this year's One Book, One Region selection will discuss her book and answer your questions. This is a great opportunity to hear from others in the community!

**Owls of Connecticut: Who's hooting in your backyard?**

**Thursday, October 5**

**7:00 pm**

**Bill Library**

Kim Hargrave of the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center will introduce you to live owls and tell you about their amazing adaptations! Find out which of the 8 species of owls that live in Connecticut you are most likely to see and hear near you. Sponsored by the Friends of Ledyard Libraries.



**Maker Meet-up: Free-form Cross Stitch**

**Sunday, October 15**

**1:00 pm**

**Bill Library**

**All ages**

**(Ages 9 and under need a personal adult assistant)**

Susan Goneau will teach us how to cross stitch without a pattern, a variation on the counted version of the familiar embroidery. Susan will also speak to the meditative qualities of stitching. All materials provided, but bring an embroidery hoop if you have one.



**Meet-up: Bullet Journaling**

**Sunday, November 12**

**1:00 pm**

**Bill Library**

**All Ages**

Learn the basics of this analog organizational tool that can supplement or replace your digital tools, as Andrea Buka shares her experiences with this variation on journaling. You will find it useful for keeping track of personal appointments, home, work, school, creative projects, ideas, lists, collections, and more. All materials provided. Bring colored ink pens (such as Ink Joy, not markers) if you like, to enhance your journal.

**Walk Norwich: 400 years of history**

**with Bill Champagne and Regan Miner**

**Tuesday, November 14**

**7:00 pm**

**Bill Library**

Did you know there are wonderful new walking trails in Norwich where one can learn local history and get some exercise at the same time? Hear about two completed walks (The Benedict Arnold Trail and the Uncas Leap Trail), and two walks currently being worked on (The Millionaires Triangle Walk and the Freedom Trail) from Bill Champagne and Regan Miner. Bill is a realtor specializing in historic properties and has been president of the Norwich Historical Society for 9 years. Regan majored in history at UConn and is currently the consultant to the Norwich Historical Society.



They will also briefly discuss other heritage initiatives with which they are involved.

After hearing their presentation be sure to go out for a walk to see and learn for yourselves the rich history our area has to offer. This might also be a great way to entertain your holiday guests!

**Books and More Sale**

**Saturday, November 18**

**9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Bill Library**



Get a jump on your holiday shopping at the Friends of the Ledyard Libraries Books and More Sale. We will be offering quality books for sale, suitable for winter reading or gift giving, as well as crafts and baked goods. In addition, we will be holding a silent auction featuring many items donated by area merchants. Bid sheets will be in Bill Library beginning November 1. Complimentary hot and cold apple cider and candy canes will be provided at the sale!

**Meet-up: Vision Boards**

**Sunday, January 20**

**Bill Library**

**1:00 pm**

**All Ages**

Doug Moffat will be guiding us in making vision boards, useful in any creative process and for self-improvement. All materials will be provided. Please register.

**Computer Genealogy Group @ the Library**

**October 18, November 15, December no meeting**

**Bill Library**

**7:00 pm**

All meetings are open to the public, new or returning members.

**Stock Investment Discussion Group**

**Wednesday, October 4, November 1, December 6**

**Gales Ferry Library**

**7:00 pm**

Our Stock Investment Discussion Group continues to meet monthly to discuss topics related to stock investing. Discussion this quarter includes the use of the library's Value Line Investment Survey to evaluate stock selections, and the review of major economic indicators to track development of the business cycle. Stop by and join in the discussion! If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ellen at the Gales Ferry Library.



**Stitch and Dish and Mad Hatters**

**NEW MEETING TIME! NEW MEETING TIME!**



Starting in September, Stitch & Dish will be changing their meeting times to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. at Gales Ferry Library. If you like to knit or crochet, bring a project you are working on or struggling with, and spend a couple hours. We are always happy to help or loan out needles and yarn.

The Mad Hatters are the outreach branch of Stitch & Dish. In the past, they have collected newborn hats, chemo caps, blankets, and many other items to donate to social service groups. This year they are looking for donations of hand knit or crocheted scarves, lots and lots of scarves. We will be handing them out to various local agencies throughout the winter months. Please leave your scarves off at either Bill or Gales Ferry Libraries.

**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, as well as how to use free Overdrive E-books or audio books, and free Zinio magazines if desired. Refreshers or troubleshooting can also be scheduled.

**Ledyard Historical Society – Catch & Release**

**Saturdays: October 7, November 4**

**9:30 am – 12:00 pm**

**Bill Library**

Lend us 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. Contact Andrea Buka or Rusty Godino at [research@ledyardhistory.org](mailto:research@ledyardhistory.org), or 860-464-9912 for more information

**Holiday Hours**

<b>October 9</b>	<b>Columbus Day</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>November 10</b>	<b>Veterans Day</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>November 22</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Eve</b>	<b>Close at 5</b>
<b>November 23</b>	<b>Thanksgiving</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>November 24</b>	<b>Thanksgiving</b>	<b>Closed</b>

**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

- Robert Hiltabrand
- Mary Peebles Devaney

Donation for Books

- Louisa Knowles

## Library Staff member Laverne Stokes Retiring

After 33 years of working for the Town of Ledyard at Bill Library Laverne Stokes is retiring. Laverne first started out in the early 80's as a library volunteer. In 1984 she was hired as a Library Assistant, moving up to Senior Library Assistant in 1985. Over the years she took on additional duties as an Assistant Cataloger and a Sunday Supervisor. She has worked tirelessly on the desk and behind the scenes and helped many of you with your information needs. Her last day will be September 30. We invite you to stop in to say good bye and wish her well between 9-5 on Thursday, September 28 and Saturday, September 30.

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## Maker Day



We held our first Maker Day at the Bill Library Sat., July 22' on the lawn and in the meeting room. Approximately 100 people observed makers at work and participated in maker activities.

Outside, participants watched blacksmiths Brian Dimmock and Scott Weeks, scrimshaw and fine artist Shawn Coffing, upcycling artist and tinkerer Wanda DeCoteau, woodcarver Ben Anderson, and the Sheep to Shawl exhibit hosted by the Finlayson family. Demonstrating medieval technology, such as making chain mail, embroidery, drop spinning, and other arts, were representatives of the local chapter of the Society for Creative Anachronism, a medieval and renaissance re-creation group, led by their Chatelaine, Lisa Stevens.

Library sponsored activities included tables where one could find out about the Friends of Ledyard Libraries' projects and color bookmarks, learn about yarnbombing and our twice-monthly knitting group, create sidewalk art, learn to weave, fold origami or make a paper windsock, make custom buttons, learn engineering principals with marshmallows and toothpicks, and build with Legos. Also on exhibit was the digital sundial printed on our very own 3D printer by Dwight Snowberger.

Inside the library, people visited the Formlabs 3D Printing table hosted by Nate Bradbury, David Anderson's robotics and Arduino display, and the Snowberger family's table where they showed a sumo robot, chain mail projects from a recent maker

meet-up, and demonstrated the library's 3D printer. A sewing demonstration was held by Spark Makerspace, based in New London.

My heartfelt thanks go to all the makers who shared their talents and time with us, and the library staff and Friends volunteers who helped me with the planning, set up, and break down. These include Harry & Michelle Pearson, Catherine Hiller, Jennifer Eastborne, Doug Moffat, Rebecca Graebner, Dwight Snowberger, Nancy Brewer, Jackie Bacon, and teen volunteer Katie Rezendes. There was also a lovely couple who helped us set up, and two other teens whose names I sadly did not get to write down. A big thank you also goes to the Ledyard Lions, who very kindly loaned us a dozen of their tables for the day, and were very helpful in the loading and unloading process.

This event was a demonstration of the creative and cooperative community in which we live, and one that I am proud to be a part of. I look forward to more exciting maker activities with you all.

– Andrea Buka, Maker Program Coordinator

## Bike Rack at Bill Library

Bill Library has a new bike rack on the premises thanks to the initiative of High School student Ben Vajdos. An assignment in Civics class for students to complete a Citizen Action Project got him to thinking about something that would benefit his community. As an avid bike rider he realized the center of town did not have a place to accommodate bicycles. He approached the Library Commission about the possibility of putting one at Bill Library and when they agreed with the idea he set about raising the funds to pay for it. With support from the Library Commission the Friends of the Ledyard Libraries agreed to fund it. The bike rack was ordered and installed during the summer and it sees almost daily use. Thank you to Ben and to the teacher who suggested such a practical assignment.



**A Word from the Friends of Ledyard Libraries**

**Friends Meeting  
Thursday, October 19  
Gales Ferry Library**

**7:00 pm**

Join us for our fall meeting at which we will approve a budget for next year which includes items the library has identified to benefit library patrons. Come also to hear what new items our Program and Development committees are working on.

Congratulations to Sarah Desormier for another successful Annual Bill Book Sale! Thank you, Sarah, the library staff, and all of the volunteers that assisted, for all of your hard work. Volunteer support is the key to the success of the Friends organization. The funds raised by this event go directly to the library which allows purchase of items to improve the library experience for our patrons.

We are currently preparing for our Books and More Sale, November 18. Along with quality books for sale, we will hold a silent auction and a craft and bake sale. The Friends are asking for donations of both craft items and baked goods. Please contact Linda DeRose at [ctantiquer2000@yahoo.com](mailto:ctantiquer2000@yahoo.com) or 860-464-6730 if you would like to donate an item. If you would like to donate your time, Linda also needs volunteers to help with setup/cleanup and cashiering. Please contact Linda if you would like to help.

Have 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](mailto: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.

Cussler, Clive	The Romanov Ransome	Sept
Follett, Ken	A Column of Fire	Sept
Grafton, Sue	Y is For ...	Sept
LeCarre, John	A Legacy of Spies	Sept
McDermott, Alice	The Ninth Hour	Sept
Merry, Robert	President McKinley: Architect Of the American Century	Sept
Robb, J. D.	Secrets in Death	Sept
Beaton, M.C.	The Witches Tree: An Agatha Raisin Mystery	Oct
Benn, James	The Devouring: A Billy Boyle World War II Mystery	Oct
Brown, Dan	Origin	Oct
Brown, Rita Mae	Crazy Like a Fox	Oct
Connelly, Michael	Two Kinds of Truth	Oct
DeMille, Nelson	The Cuban Affair	Oct
Hilderbrand, Elin	Winter Solstice	Oct
Macomber, Debbie	Merry and Bright	Oct
Sandford, John	Deep Freeze	Oct
Smith, Wilbur	The Tiger's Prey	Oct
Woods, Stuart	Quick and Dirty: A Stone Barrington Novel	Oct
Baldacci, David	End Game	Nov
Child, Lee	The Midnight Line	Nov
Clark, Mary Higgins	Snow White, Deadly Night	Nov
Davis, Stephen	Gold Dust Woman: a Biography Of Stevie Nicks	Nov
Erdich, Louise	Future Home of the Living God	Nov
Evanovich, Janet	Hardcore Twenty Four	Nov
Hoffman, Alice	The Rules of Magic	Nov
Keneally, Thomas	Crimes of the Father	Nov





**Friends Books and More Sale**  
 November 18, 2017  
 9:00 am – 3:00 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](mailto:bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org)

**GALES FERRY**

860-464-6943

Monday – Thursday 9-8

Friday – Saturday 9-5

Sunday Closed

email: [gf-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto:gf-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org)



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