



BOOKS AND BEYOND...

NEWS OF THE LEDYARD LIBRARIES

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The Ledyard Libraries support and encourage the freedom to read, learn and discover in a welcoming environment. We provide friendly, knowledgeable service and free access to a diversity of ideas, resources and experiences. We strive to enhance the quality of life in our community, encourage lifelong learning and the love of reading.

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The Changing Face of Your Library

Ledyard Libraries strive to meet the changing needs of our patrons as demands have required. Books and other media, while still an important part of our service are not the only things we offer. From technology to a community meeting place your library has evolved to be more than just a warehouse for books.

Technology has made it possible to provide information 24/7 remotely even when the library is closed. From the library's website it is possible to download an e-book, an audio book or the current issue of your favorite magazine. Online resources available through ICONN, answer your questions about science, health, history and more. Find information on car repair, take a practice SAT test or check the price of that vase your grandmother owned. Take advantage of public computers in the library or use the Wifi for your own device. Attend one of our sessions on using your e-reader or tablet or how to set up a social media account. Staff will also provide one on one training if you can't make a class.

Programs provide information and/or entertainment whether it is a 3-D printer demonstration, understanding probate or musical entertainment. Collaboration with other groups helps stretch limited dollars and brings in high quality programs. The Senior Center, the Historical Society, the Garden Club and the Southeastern CT Regional Probate Court are some of the groups we have collaborated with.

Your library provides a community meeting space where you can meet your friends and neighbors. Enjoy a cup of coffee and a muffin while you catch up on the news. With the nice weather coming we will soon have an outdoor space for you to enjoy. Many of you spend 3-4 hours a day working in the library and we want your stay to be comfortable.

Children's Programs

We have an exciting April vacation week coming to the Ledyard Libraries. Please note these programs on your calendar and join us for some great fun. An adult must accompany preschoolers. All programs are free and open to the public. If you have any questions, please call 464-9912.

Animals Around the World Tuesday, April 15 Bill Library

11:00 am
All Ages

Creature Teachers are bringing some unique and fun creatures to the library this vacation! Mr. Roth has some of the most interesting animals to show us from all over the world. If you missed him last year, make sure to mark your calendars for April!



Kid's Poetry Reading & display Wednesday, April 16

7:00 pm

Bill Library

Bring your favorite poem, one that you wrote, or found in a book and read/perform it for your friends! We will have refreshments and prizes and would like to display your work in our Poetry Notebook. Please register by April 9. We will have guest readers also!

Summer Program Alert!



is the theme of our summer reading program this year and we hope you will join us. The program will begin after school gets out in June (date to be determined) and will end on August 9.

There will be a Read-to-Me program for children born in 2010 through entering 1st grade. Check the next newsletter for more information and details about special programs.

Teen Summer Reading Program

Spark a Reaction @ Ledyard Public Libraries in the summer reading program. The program is open to students entering grades 7-12 in the fall of 2014. Volunteer to help younger children register and record their summer reading and work at crafts programs or a cooking workshop. Four lucky teens will win prizes each week, with entries earned by reading a book, attending a program, or volunteering. Prizes are also awarded for the most books read & the most volunteer hours worked. All volunteers are given a certificate documenting the number of hours accumulated. Enjoy teens-only activities, including a cooking class, ductigami, maker, and DIY



workshops. Volunteer orientation dates, scheduled for June, will be announced on the website's teen page, the summer newsletter, e-newsletter, and posted in both libraries.

Stay tuned for all the details,
Andrea Buka, Teen Program Coordinator
teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org

Adult Programs

Book Discussions

We have changed the monthly Bill Library Book discussions to an online format. Copies of the books will be available at either library 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

April Book Title:

The Rosie Project by Graeme C. Simsion

Full of heart and humor, Simsion's debut novel about a fussy, socially-challenged man's search for the perfect wife is smart, breezy, quirky, and fun. Sure, it's the precise equivalent of a well-crafted romantic comedy. But you'd have to be a pretty cynical reader not to fall for Don Tillman, a handsome genetics professor who has crafted a pathologically micromanaged life for himself but can't seem to score a second date. After launching his Wife Project, which includes a hilarious questionnaire intended to weed out imperfect candidates Don meets Rosie, a stunning, maddeningly disorganized bartender/student who's looking for her biological father. (Amazon)

May Book Title:

Queen's Gambit by Elizabeth Fremantle

Intrigue, romance, and treachery abound in Fremantle's debut novel as Katherine Parr, the sixth wife of Henry VIII, walks a fine line between passion and loyalty. Married to an aging king with a penchant for discarding wives, she must learn to navigate the often perilous intricacies, suspicions, and ambitions of a divided Tudor court. Though passionately in love with dashing courtier Thomas Seymour, Katherine shrewdly adapts to her new role, becoming a positive influence on Henry while arousing the ire of many of his advisors. (Booklist)

June Book Title:

The Bookman's Tale: a novel of obsession

By Charlie Lovett

Antiquarian bookseller Peter Byerly immerses himself in his trade to overcome grief from the loss of his beloved wife a few months earlier. Now plying his trade in England's Cotswolds instead of the North Carolina site of his tragedy, Byerly happens across a small watercolor portrait of a woman who looks startlingly like his late wife. And so begins an obsessive hunt to find out the origins of this painting. (Booklist.)

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 4th 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:

March 26: *Beautiful Ruins* by Jess Walter

April 23: *Come Home* by Lisa Scottoline

May 28: *The Burgess Boys* by Elizabeth Strout

June 25: *Brain on Fire* by Susannah Cahalan

Other Programs

We have a full line-up of programs scheduled this spring including the annual artist and writers showcase, the final programs in the probate series, author visits, genealogy, e-readers and tablets, and the Craft of Blacksmithing. We look forward to seeing you at the library



Please call the library to register for programs with this symbol.

Estate Taxation and the Use of Trusts

Tuesday, March 25

7:00 pm

Bill Library



A panel of professionals will identify the various taxes applicable to estates. They will explore and clarify alternative estate planning strategies. Several forms of trusts will be described as will the role of independent trustees versus banks, including working as co-trustees.

Local Family Histories (Special Genealogy Meeting)

Wednesday, April 2

6:00 pm

Bill Library

Vivian Zoe from the Slater Museum at Norwich Free Academy will speak about Local Family Histories and their connections with items cataloged in the Museum. She will also discuss other ways to research items and families online, without using Ancestry.

Searching Historical Newspapers

(Special Genealogy Meeting)

Wednesday, April 23

7:00 pm

Bill Library

Kathy Wieland, a Reference Librarian at Otis Library in Norwich will speak to us about the use of Historical Newspapers to fill in Vital Records gaps and details. She'll provide a list of websites for newspaper archives and other sites she has found invaluable in her own research. As an employee at Otis and an individual curious about her own genealogy, Kathy has worked with History and Genealogy reference questions for many years!

Artists & Writers Showcase Opening Reception with special exhibit "The Exquisite Project"

Saturday, April 5

1-4:30 pm

Bill Library



Enjoy the works of local artists and writers at our annual showcase of talent! Talk with your talented neighbors about their art, while viewing or reading their pieces, and sampling refreshments which will include the Edible Books entries. Experience our experiment "The Exquisite Project", featuring the talents of 24 local artists and writers in a unique display.

We also invite you to display your work through May 5. Entries are limited to three per visual artist, and must be submitted to Bill Library by Wednesday, April 2. 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. Writers & artists are welcome to sell their creations on the day of the reception. Please indicate if you need table space on the form. Entry forms are available on our website and at either library.

Edible Books Contest

Saturday, April 5

Bill Library

Submit entries from 12:30-2:00 pm



In conjunction with our Showcase, we will again be participating in the International Edible Book Festival. This is a contest that invites you to use your creativity to fashion an edible entry that refers to a book in some way. It can be a pun on a title, about a

character, or be an actual book made to eat! Go to the official website:

www.colophon.com/ediblebooks/photos.html to get more information about the international festival, and some inspirational ideas. Entries will be viewed by the public until 3:00 and then served to all attendees. Beverages will be provided by the Libraries Friends. Entries may be submitted by anyone: families, individuals, businesses, civic organizations, etc. 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!



**Using your Kindle Fire or Samsung Galaxie
Wednesday, April 9 7:00 pm
Bill Library**

All the functions of an e-reader, plus apps galore. Please join us to view the basics in how to purchase and download books, download free books through Overdrive, free magazines through Zinio, and how to use some of the other apps available! (Please sign up again if you had registered for the previously cancelled class.)

**Catch and Release: Saving your history 1900- 2014
Saturday, April 12, May 10, June 14**

**Bill Library 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
(other dates by appointment)**



In an ongoing effort to capture our current and recently past history, the Ledyard Historical Society's Archive committee invites you to bring your photos, old letters, documents, and other items in to be scanned and returned to you. In return, we will provide you with a free digital copy on your flash drive or disc. Images will be added to the Janice W. Bell Historical Research Room at Bill Library to document life in Gales Ferry and Ledyard for future generations. We are looking for depictions of everyday life and special events: parades, fairs, farms, buildings, storms, ceremonies, civic groups, sports, class photos, etc. With your permission, we can add your items to our searchable web gallery, viewable at www.ledyardhistory.org/virtualexhibit/. Items already digitized are also welcome. For further information, please contact research@ledyardhistory.org or see Andrea Buka, Rusty Godino, or Louisa Watrous. Research inquiries are welcome at the same email address or in person at these events.

**The Author Next Door – Renate Schneider
*Hardships and Magic: Memories of Growing Up in Germany 1939-1955***

**Tuesday, April 15 7:00 pm
Bill Library**

Join us for the final session in our Author Next Door Series as Renate Schneider discusses her life in Germany through World War II and its aftermath. It offers vivid descriptions of the feelings and experiences of a child's life in tumultuous times.



**Conservatorships and Title 19 Planning
Tuesday, April 22 7:00 pm
Bill Library**

Involuntary and voluntary conservatorships will be described along with the duties of a conservator and the rights of the conserved person. Title 19 (Medicaid) will be described by experts familiar with becoming eligible for this program.

**The Craft of Blacksmithing
Monday, April 28 7:00 pm
Bill Library**



Bill Scheer, lead blacksmith and instructor in the Mystic Seaport Shipsmith Shop, will speak at the quarterly meeting of the Friends of Ledyard Libraries. Bill teaches blacksmithing for the Williams-Mystic Maritime Studies Program, Introduction to Blacksmith Metallurgy Lab for the Coast Guard Academy at Mystic Seaport, adult classes, private lessons, and in-school hands-on programs.

Specializing in whaling tools, slave hardware, ships hardware and trade tools, he lends his expertise not only to the seaport but to other museums and movie and documentary productions, as well as teaching and demonstrating in a variety of venues. As busy as that keeps him he finds time to serve as president of the Connecticut Blacksmith Guild, as a director of the Lock Museum of America, and as a Boy Scout Metals Merit Badge Counselor. A retired Navy Master Chief, Bill has been at Mystic Seaport for 24 years.

All are welcome to this presentation.



Nook Workshop - Nook Color, Tablet, HD & HD+

**Wednesday, April 30 7:00 pm
Bill Library**

Learn how to download e-books from Overdrive, the library digital catalog. Bring your charged Nook to discover everything the library has to offer. Registration is required



Using your iPad, iPad Mini or iPad air (First - fifth Generation)

Wednesday, May 7

7:00 pm

Bill Library

Learn how to download books, music, or sync your calendar with your computer. Learn how to choose from all the apps out there (and when paying a few dollars for an app might be a good idea!) Also learn how to download free books from Overdrive and free current magazines from Zinio.

Computer Genealogy Group @ the Library

Bill Library

7:00 pm



The Computer Genealogy Group will meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Special programs have been planned on two dates in April and these have been listed above. Feel free to attend any or all of our ongoing group meetings. New members are always welcome!

Mad Hatters/ Stitch and Dish

The Mad Hatters have finished another successful season of collecting "warm fuzzies." Hats, scarves and mittens were donated to various area social service organizations. Thank you to all the community members who contributed. Our next collection is now underway. We are asking anyone who loves to knit or crochet to make "Snuggles" for Ledyard Animal Control. "Snuggles" are square mats made in 14"x14", 24"x24" or 36"x36" sizes. They are used in cat or dog cages to provide a little comfort. Patterns are available at either library or you can design your own. Leave your "Snuggles" in our collection baskets. We will be accepting them through July. Stitch and Dish, our knitting group, meets at Gales Ferry Library on the second Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. and the fourth Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. We are always happy to have new people drop in.

April is National Poetry Month.

Ledyard Libraries will celebrate this year with a focus on Haiku. Do You Haiku? A haiku is an unrhymed three-line poem. It is based on a traditional Japanese poetic form. Though there are different ways to write haiku, the traditional pattern in English is to write the first and last lines with five syllables each, and the middle line with seven syllables. The pattern of syllables looks like this:



Line 1: 5 syllables (1 2 3 4 5)
Line 2: 7 syllables (1 2 3 4 5 6 7)
Line 3: 5 syllables (1 2 3 4 5)

Most often, haiku poems are about seasons or nature, though you can write your own haiku about anything you like... The last line of a haiku usually makes an observation. That is, the third line points out something about the subject you are writing about.

<http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/haiku>

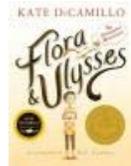
Here is an example: *Tired cat sleeps all night.
He needs lots of rest for a
long day of napping*

Help us celebrate National Poetry month by writing and sharing your own haiku with us. There will be forms at each circulation desk to assist you. Let's have fun and be creative! So... **Won't You Haiku?**

Newbery/Caldecott 2014

Newbery Award:

Flora and Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures by Kate DiCamillo



Newbery Honor Books:

Doll Bones by Holly Black
The Year of Billy Miller by Kevin Henkes
One Came Home by Amy Timberlake
Paperboy by Vince Vawter

Caldecott Medal Book

Locomotive by Brian Floca



Caldecott Honor Books:

Journey by Aaron Becker
Flora and the Flamingo by Molly Idle
Mr. Wuffles by David Wiesner

All of these books have been ordered for our libraries. If you wish to read any, please put holds on them!

Donations

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

In Memory of:

- Joan Quackenbush
- Linda Sue Hall

Other donations were received from:

- Lee Cornett
- Kathleen Foley
- Etta Jenks

Holiday Hours

April 20	Easter	Closed
May 25	Memorial Day	Closed
May 26	Memorial Day	Closed

A Word from the Ledyard Library Friends

Friends Meeting
Monday, April 28
Bill Library

7:00 pm

Our next meeting will feature Bill Scheer from the Mystic Seaport talking about "The Art of Blacksmithing." We would love to see you there and hope you will bring a friend. Perhaps you will consider joining us?

The past few months we have sponsored some wonderful programs including Patty Carver with "This Old Hat," Lee Moore as "Nathan Lester and authors John LaMattina, and Carol Wallace. Andrea Buka and Jennifer Finlayson hosted a fabulous Downton Abbey Tea with delicious goodies. Now

your friends need you. We have many small jobs that need to be done. We are looking for sorters to sort books at the Bill Library for our September book sale. We hold a "Books and More" sale in November and need a hand with the bake sale, silent auction and craft sale. We also are looking for someone to join the membership, and book sale committees. Can you spare a couple of hours to help us support the Library? Please contact me or ask a Librarian.

Remember to check out the cellar at the Gales Ferry Library or the ongoing book sale at Bill Library. We are constantly getting new books in. Linda DeRose president 860-464-6730

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LIBRARY HOURS

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Monday – Thursday 9-9

Friday - Saturday 9-5

Sunday 1-5

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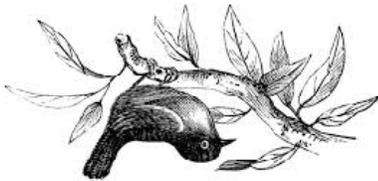
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