



# 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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### Outdoor Space at Bill Library



The outdoor space at Bill Library will soon be available for your enjoyment. The creation of this space was the result of many groups coming together. The Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut provided the funds in 2013 for the materials needed. We could not have proceeded with the project without the help of the Ledyard Public Works Department. Employees from the highway department excavated an area on the south side of the building so the crew from Buildings and Grounds could install the concrete steps and lay the pavers for the patio. We are grateful to all of them but especially Dan, Gary and Matt who did an excellent job. Over the winter I asked the Garden Club for help in designing a landscape plan. Their plan called for terracing the hill along the parking lot side with a stone wall and building a raised planter along the front edge of the patio. The stone was generously donated by a Ledyard Businessman, Bill Geer and the wood for the planter came from the initial grant. Once again Dan and Matt were called upon to build the wall and the planter. The Garden Club secured a Master Gardener grant to install a rain garden on the opposite side of the patio. The highway crew will provide the labor to excavate for the garden. Furniture for the patio came from the initial grant supplemented by the Friends of the Ledyard Libraries. A Ribbon cutting is scheduled for mid June when the furniture is due to arrive.

Wi-fi access is available from the patio. We invite you to have a cup of coffee and enjoy the outdoors while you work.

## Children's Reading Programs



It's Fizz, Boom Read at the library this summer! We have a great summer reading program for ages 4 and up. Registration begins Monday, June 23 at Bill or Gales Ferry Library. Please register at the library where each individual program is being offered. All programs are free and open to the public.



**Read To Me** June 25 – August 9  
Children age 4 (in 2014) through entering grade 1

Participants will receive a coloring sheet with 10 pictures. For each book read independently (or read to them), the child colors in one picture and writes the title on the back of the sheet. After all ten pictures are colored and every title recorded, return the sheet to the library where the child is registered for a prize. Continue reading and after completing five sheets win a paperback book. The last day to return sheets is August 9.



**Fizz Boom Read!** June 25 – August 9  
Children entering grades 2 through 6

Keeping track of the time spent reading will be done online and each participant will have their own account set up through the library website. Recording your minutes may be done from your home computer or on a library computer. Earn a "Book Buck" for every hour spent reading and use your bucks in the library "store." The store will be open June 25 through August 9. Continue to record your minutes with us until August 23.

## Children's Programs



**Sidewalk Art Contest**  
Thursday, June 26 (Rain date Jun.27) 10:00 am  
Bill Library Ages 6 – 10

Come and show us your skill and decorate one of the sections of sidewalk outside the Bill Library. Space is limited, so don't delay in registering! There will be prizes for all. Bring your own sidewalk chalk if you have it.

**Summer Drop-In Story times**  
Tuesdays July 1 – Aug. 5 9:30 – 10:00 am  
Gales Ferry Library Ages 3 – 6



Join us for summer stories, songs and fun activities.



**Soda...POP!**  
Thursday, July 3 10:00 am

Bill Library Ages 6-10  
Experiment with different kinds of soda. Baking soda fun, Coke/Pepsi challenge, and how many different types of experiments can we do?



**Lunch and a Movie!**  
Wednesdays July 2 – Aug. 6 12:00 – 1:30 pm

Bill Library All ages  
Bring your lunch and we will provide a special snack and lemonade for you! All movies are rated G or PG and will be projected onto our large screen!



- July 2 Two princesses try to cope with a magic power that freezes things (PG)
- July 9 Large metal robot comes to earth and boy tries to save him (PG)
- July 16 Boy inventor goes on time-travel adventure to find family (G)
- July 23 A group of aircraft race across the world (PG)
- July 30 Intergalactic adventure with favorite family of the future (G)
- Aug. 6 Clean-up robot meets robot of his dreams (G)



**Kids Cook...Cool Foods**  
Thursday, July 10 10:00 am

Bill Library Grades 4-6  
How can you make foods fun? We will have all kinds of cool summertime food to create with fun ways to serve and enjoy!



**Touch-a-Truck!**  
Friday, July 18 9:30 am– 12:00 pm  
Ledyard Fair Grounds All ages



We will have some interesting trucks, ambulances, cars, etc. for you to sit in and touch. The police department may even bring in some SWAT team trucks for you to investigate. Lots of fun for everyone!



**Engineering Marvels!**  
Thursday, July 24 3:00 pm

Gales Ferry Library Grades 3-5  
Make catapults to launch red birds (pompoms) into the air. Then try your hand at making a geodesic shape with toothpicks and marshmallows! What else can you build?



### Bubblemania

Thursday, July 31 10:00 am  
Ledyard Center School gym All ages



“Who can make those bubbles bounce and do amazing stuff? Who teaches them to dance and spin with every huff and puff?” Casey Carle, that’s who! Casey is a bubble master and you will not want to miss this show. It will tickle your funny

bone and cause you to gasp at the science of Bubbleology. From young to old, this program will delight everyone! Preschoolers need to be accompanied by an adult. If there are thunderstorms, the program will be at Bill Library.



### Kids “Scratch” Computer coding

Thursday, August 7 3:00 – 5:00 pm  
Bill Library Grade 3 – 6

Scratch is a programming language that makes it easy to create your own interactive stories, animations, games, music, and art — and share your creations on the web. Learn to animate cartoons online and make your characters move around on the screen. Our teen volunteers will be on hand to help!

### Teen Summer Reading Program

#### Spark a Reaction @ your library



The program is open to students entering grades 7-12 in fall 2014. There will be 4 weekly prize winners (two at each library), and entries may be earned by reading a book, attending a teens-only program, or volunteering. You can

volunteer in 2-hour shifts at either library helping the younger children with their summer reading program, or by helping with cooking, Scratch coding, and craft events for younger children. All volunteers will receive a certificate documenting the number of hours worked. Prizes will be awarded for the most books read and the most volunteer hours accumulated during the summer.

#### Teen Volunteers Needed for Summer Reading!

The library is looking for teens to help the younger children this summer with the reading program and other activities. Plan to attend one of the orientation sessions at Bill Library and sign up for times when you can help. Bring a laptop or internet-ready tablet if you have one. Also bring your family calendar so you can sign up for your first few volunteer shifts at that time. If you are unable to attend any of the scheduled sessions, you must make arrangements before June 27 with Mrs. Brewer or Mrs. Buka.



### Orientation Dates

- Tuesday, June 17
- Thursday, June 19
- Monday, June 23
- Tuesday, June 24
- Thursday, June 26

### Bill Library

6:30 p.m.  
4:00 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.

### Book Domino

Monday, June 23 9:15 am  
Bill and Gales Ferry Libraries



We will be holding a book domino at both libraries to kick-off to Summer Reading, and would love to have you participate! Join us in setting up the books on Saturday

June 21 or Sunday June 22. We also need helpers to film the fall on Monday, and will need you to be at the library with your video camera, tablet, or smart phone by 8:45 a.m. Those who are interested can sign up to help Mrs. Buka edit the resulting footage into a video for library website.

### Maker Activities - Bring a friend or two!

#### Ductigami

Wednesday, July 2 6:00 pm  
Gales Ferry Library

This classic DIY workshop is back! Use your creativity to make cool things out of duct tape.

#### Wrap your earbuds & headphones

Tuesday, July 8 6:30 pm  
Bill Library

Encase your cords with embroidery floss, hemp, charms, etc. to personalize them.

#### Washi Tape Bangles

Tuesday, July 15 6:00 pm  
Gales Ferry Library

Create bracelets inspired by Alex & Ani, using washi tape to customize your charms.



#### Stop-motion Animation

Tuesdays, July 22 & 29 6:30 pm  
Bill Library

Two-session workshop using play dough, Legos, or clothes pin figures to make a video using this fun technique.

#### Sci-Fi movie marathon

Friday, July 25 3:00 to 11:00 pm (approx)



Bill Library

Enjoy new & classic flicks while noshing on popcorn & pizza. The movie list is available in the libraries. Trivia questions & prizes!



### Teens Cook: Cool Foods

Thursday, July 31 3:30 pm  
Bill Library  
Hands-on workshop making cool summertime foods such as watermelon “baskets”, bell pepper dip “cups”, etc.

### Scratch Coding Workshop

Tuesday, August 5 6:30 pm  
Bill Library  
No experience necessary! Learn an easy way to code and make sprites move on the screen. Then sign up to help teach it to 3 - 6 graders on August 7. More info on Scratch at <http://scratch.mit.edu>

### Ice Cream Social

Friday, August 15 5:30 pm  
Bill Library  
Prizes awarded to those who read & volunteered the most this summer. Pick up your volunteer certificate while enjoying a yummy sundae with all the toppings. We will also brainstorm ideas for next summer and make a ‘Thank You’ poster for the Friends of the Library, our sponsors.  
Looking forward to a great summer with you,  
Andrea Buka, Teen Program Coordinator  
[teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto: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:

**June 25:** *Brain on Fire* by Susannah Cahalan

**July 23:** *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth George Speare

**August 27:** *Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin

**September 24:** *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett

### Online Book Discussions

The monthly Bill Library Book discussion is now held online. **Note:** The discussion for August will include a live discussion in the library (details below). 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](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. The comments will be monitored before they are posted. Contact Marty Hubbard with any questions: [mhubbard@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto:mhubbard@ledyard.lioninc.org)

### 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.

### July Book Title:

*Burial Rites: A Novel by Hannah Kent*

Set in 1828 against Iceland's stark landscape, This debut novel puts forth the story of Agnes, who, charged with the brutal murder of her former master, is sent to an isolated farm to await execution. As Agnes's death looms, the farmer's wife and their daughters learn there is another side to the sensational story they've heard.

### Wednesday August 13

7-9 pm

*The Dirty Life: A Memoir of Farming, Food and Love* by Kristin Kimball

This month will feature the One Book One Region choice as both an online and Live Book Discussion with Susan Topping, Professor of English at Three Rivers Community College. Journalist Kristen Kimball accepts an assignment to interview a lanky, determined Pennsylvania farmer who runs a community farm supplying subscribers with beef, chicken, pork, vegetables, and grains. He may look a bit rustic, but he has a college degree and a burning passion for natural living and a barter economy. The interview very quickly turns into something of a date. (*Booklist.*)



### September Book Title:

*After I’m Gone: A Novel by Laura Lipman*

Felix Brewer runs a lucrative, possibly illegal, business. Still it keeps him, his beloved wife Bambi, his three daughters, and his mistress Julie living well. Fast forward to 1976 and Felix is facing jail time for racketeering, so with the assistance of Julie, he disappears. Ten years later when Julie disappears, everyone assumes she’s gone to join Felix. That is, until 26 years after Felix’s vanishing act, Julie’s body is discovered in a wooded area. Enter Sandy Sanch, retired detective, failed Cuban

restaurateur, and widower with a lot of ghosts of his own. When Sandy takes on the cold case, a slightly different picture emerges.

### Other Programs



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

#### Computer Genealogy Group @ the Library

June 25 7:00 pm  
Bill Library



This session will demonstrate how to search the libraries newest database “Ancestry for Libraries” recently purchased by the Friends of the Ledyard Libraries. *Ancestry Library Edition* is a genealogy research tool that provides instant access to a wide range of unique resources for genealogical and historical research. With more than 1.5 billion names in over 4,000 databases, this resource includes records from the United States Census; military records; court, land and probate records; vital and church records; directories; passenger lists and more! We will also share the newest web pages and link discoveries that you’ve made in the last six months. Our next meeting will be in September.

#### One Book One Region 2014

The library is once again participating in One Book One Region and we invite you to join in by reading the book, attending a related movie showing, joining in on the book discussion, and/or meeting the author. The 2014 selection is *The Dirty Life: A Memoir of Farming, Food and Love* by Kristin Kimball. The author will return in September to speak to those who have read the book and wish to hear further discussion and have a chance to ask questions. The libraries have copies of the book along with a display of related books and movies.

#### Movies about Farms and Farming

Wednesdays at Bill Library 7-9 pm

- **July 9** In 1930’s Southern US, a widow and her family try to run their cotton farm with the help of a disparate group of friends.
- **July 16** This movie lifts the veil on our nation’s food industry, exposing how our nation’s food supply is now controlled by a handful of corporations that often put profit ahead of consumer health, the livelihood of the American farmer, the safety of workers and our own environment.



- **July 30** A movie that tells the story of small, family of farmers providing safe, healthy foods to their communities who were forced to stop, often through violent action, by agents of misguided government bureaucracies.



- **August 6** The award-winning true story of third-generation American farmer John Peterson’s journey of success, tribulation, failure and rebirth.

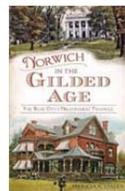
#### Kristin Kimball, author of *the Dirty Life*

Saturday, September 13  
Ledyard High School Time TBA

The final event features Kristin Kimball speaking about her book and includes tours of the Agri – Science Department at Ledyard High school with displays and demonstrations.

#### Norwich in the Gilded Age

Monday, September 22 7:00 pm  
Bill Library



Please join author Patricia Staley as she takes us on a virtual walk of Norwich’s “Millionaire Mile”. Hear stories about the wealthy merchants and industrialists who built these magnificent mansions. Prominently featured will be the estate of Henry Bill, our library benefactor, which still stands today. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

#### Mad Hatters/ Stitch and Dish

The Mad Hatters are continuing to collect “snuggles” for Ledyard Animal Control. These items may be knit, crochet or sewn. The standard sizes are 14”x14”, 24”x24” and 36”x36”. They are used to line cages and give comfort to the shelter animals. We will be collecting them at either library through the summer.



If you want to get an early start on the Mad Hatter’s fall project, we will once again be making our “warm fuzzies.” Hats, scarves, mittens and socks will be accepted through January to be donated to local social service agencies.

Stitch & Dish, our library knitting group, meets at Gales Ferry Library on the second Wednesday at 7:00 pm and the fourth Wednesday at 3:00 pm.

## Artists & Writers Showcase 2014

Our annual celebration of creativity was enjoyed throughout the month of April at the Bill Library. This was the third year that we challenged ourselves with the Exquisite Project, where 4 series of three artists and three writers work from each other's pieces to create a sort of visual and textual narrative.



The opening reception gave attendees the chance to chat with most of the 39 writers and artists who submitted 62 pieces to the show. Thank you to the Friends of the Libraries for providing the drinks and savories at the reception. They complimented the entries in our Edible Books Contest, submitted by Sharon, Anna, & Rachael Finlayson, Sharon Butler, Jackie Bacon, Sheila Jordan, and Mary Ellen Osborne. All were clever and delicious! Many thanks to Rusty Godino and my husband Scott Buka, who were indispensable during the hanging of the exhibit. Congratulations to this year's exhibitors! I heard many say it was our best show yet.

### Artists

Ben Anderson  
Carol Bacon  
Jessie S. Beal  
Connie Burianek  
Bob Campbell  
Shawn Coffing  
Richard Cook  
Sylvia Cooke  
Leslie Clark Decline  
Daniel Dessaint  
Robert Farce, Jr.  
Robin Franklin  
Matthew Goldman  
Edward Kardys  
John W. Malenda  
Mary Jane Peterson  
Christine Schlichting  
Peggy Spence  
Hannah Walsh  
Sarah Walsh  
Melanie Watrous  
Heather Yano  
Rachel Yano  
Zoe Yeoh

### Writers

M.J. Allaire  
Melissa Crandall  
Alice Cignatta Facente  
Matthew Goldman  
Dexter Herron  
Marty Hubbard  
Heather Hunt  
Austin 'Butch' Jordan  
Zachary Lamothe  
Jean-Yves Solinga  
Susan Topping  
Claudia Turner  
Ryan Twomey  
John Valeri  
Louisa Watrous



## Ledyard Libraries, 24/7

As you go about your summer, we want to remind you that there is a wealth of information that may be accessed remotely from our webpage [www.ledyard.lioninc.org](http://www.ledyard.lioninc.org).

Icons on the first page provide links to some of the most popular resources from downloadable books and magazines to help finding a job or information about repairing your car or preparing for the SATs. On the top or left side menu of the webpage the dropdown tab for resources contains a complete listing of all the databases available. A search box on the right takes you to the library catalog and the dropdown menu for Library Catalogs on the top includes the statewide catalog, reQuest.

Audiobooks and eBooks may be downloaded to your computer or portable device through Overdrive. New titles are added to the collection monthly and include popular fiction, non-fiction and children's books. The *Zinio* icon provides a link to 150 magazine titles that are available to download to your device. New issues are released simultaneously with the



print edition. Browse the collection of titles one at a time, search for your favorite magazines by title or use the convenient category (Genre) feature to find new magazines which meet your interests. Using the personal account you will create, you will have the opportunity to check out the magazines you choose and read them instantly on your computer (both PC and Mac) or access the content on a portable media device. Check out as many issues as you want and keep them in your account as long as you wish.

If you find yourself in the market for a job or perhaps you want to refresh your resume, click on the link for *Job Now*. Resources on this site include resume help, interview coaching and career assessments.



The *iConn* link provides a wealth of free resources from the state of Connecticut including indexes with full text to magazine and newspaper articles, health and science resources, history, biography and genealogy resources and more.

The *Testing and Education Reference Center* provides all the tools you need to succeed in high school and prepare for college, grad school and beyond. This resource provides sample tests from high school entrance exams to MCATs and citizenship exams, provides help with the college search and provides resume help and career tools.





The *Consumer Reports* link provides full text access to the magazine where you can search for an item or read an article.

*Chilton Library.com* is the online version of the popular automobile and truck repair manuals.

The catalog search box will allow you to search for a particular item in the library and place it on hold. Items not in our collection are also available and will be sent here for you when a hold is placed. Remember to also look under the Resources tab for more useful databases.

Visit us at either library for help in accessing these resources that you can get even when our buildings are closed on Saturday afternoons and Sundays this summer.

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### A Word from the Friends of Ledyard Libraries

#### Friends Meeting

Monday, July 28 7:00 pm  
 Gales Ferry Library  
 Bring a friend and join us in the air conditioned library as we finalize plans for the Bill Library book sale and other fall activities.

#### Bill Library Book Sale

Thursday September 4 through Friday September 12  
 We will open to Members Only on Wednesday Sept 3. Join the Library Friends by August 23 to enjoy this member perk. You can join for as little as \$5 per year. Membership forms are available in the libraries and on the Friends page of the library website. We are accepting donations of books and CD's in good condition at each Library. No torn or musty books or VHS tapes please. Thanks to everyone who has donated books to us.



Helpers are needed for the book sale and we have a variety of jobs available. Book Sorting, placing signs, picking up book donations, cashiering during the sale and other opportunities for community service are available. If you can spare some time to help please let us know. Send an email to Linda DeRose or leave your name and contact information with staff at either library.

Summer is here and the Gales Ferry Library Book Cellar (downstairs) is a great place to pick up books to take to the beach or keep children entertained. Our books are \$2 for hardbacks and \$1 for paperbacks. Our inventory is constantly changing so stop by often to get your bargains.

We are looking for volunteers to become involved with the Friends on the membership

committee and as secretary. If you can help us in any way please contact Linda.

We are also planning for our Books and More sale in November and are requesting donations for the silent auction and the craft table. If you have any items to donate let Linda know.

All of our profits go to support the Libraries for your benefit. Last year the Friends provided funds for a new color printer for the public and a newspaper rack for Bill Library, several online databases, and passes for reduced admission to several local museums including Mystic Seaport, Dennison Pequotsepos Nature Center, the Children's Museum of Southeastern Connecticut, and more. They support programs for children, teens and adults, coffee and muffins at both libraries, and much more. Our fundraising activities would not be possible without the help of our volunteers. Please consider joining today!

Linda DeRose 860-464-6730  
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### Donations

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

In Honor of

- Ted and Jane Ledger's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

### Holiday Hours

<b>July 4</b>	<b>Independence Day Closed</b>
<b>July 5</b>	<b>Independence Day Closed</b>
<b>September 1</b>	<b>Labor Day Closed</b>
<b>September 6</b>	<b>Ledyard Fair Bill Library Closed</b>



# Friends Annual Bill Library Book Sale

September 4-12, 2014

(September 3 – members only)



Books, games, puzzles and lots more  
Mark your calendar now



## SUMMER LIBRARY HOURS

### BILL

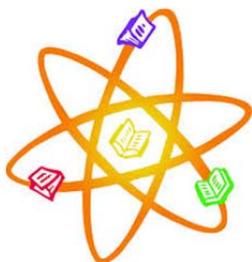
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Monday – Thursday 9-9  
Friday 9-5  
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### GALES FERRY

860-464-6943

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Sunday Closed  
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