



# 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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### Library Books for the Classroom:

*Ledyard Libraries offers program to encourage students to read during free time*

This initiative began several years ago when Wendy Peterson, one of our Gales Ferry patrons began checking books out on her card to bring into her child's classroom. She encouraged other friends to join her in bringing new books into their children's



classes. The teachers were enthusiastic about the new books coming in each month, and the parent volunteers enjoyed choosing fun books. Wendy was so enthusiastic about the success she was having that she convinced the library to expand the program to the other elementary schools in town.

With funding from The Dime Foundation in 2003 the library purchased 40 yellow bins and books to supplement our collection. Parent volunteers from all grades in each school were recruited to select books from the library every month for their child's class. They chose books for recreational reading rather than for curriculum support.

After three years of working with the schools we are seeing more and more classrooms join us each year. Nancy Brewer visits each elementary school's open house and a fall faculty meeting to advertise and encourage teachers and parents to participate. Last year we had so many classes involved, we ran out of bins! This year we purchased 10 more, and we hope to

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## Children's Programs

Registration for Story times at the Ledyard Public Libraries began Monday, September 12, 2005. You may call in to the library where the program is being offered.

### Bill Library (464-9912)

#### Toddlers (16-24 mos.)

Monday 9:30 a.m. Sept. 19 – Oct. 24

#### Twos

Monday 9:30 a.m. Oct. 31 – Dec 5

#### Threes

Wednesday 9:30 a.m. Oct. 5 – Dec. 7

#### Fours & Fives

Thursday 1:00 p.m. Sept. 29 – Dec. 8

### Gales Ferry (464-6943)

#### Infants (6 – 15 mos.)

Tuesday 9:30 a.m. Sept. 20 – Oct. 18

#### Twos

Tuesday 9:30 a.m. Nov. 1 – Dec. 6

#### Three to Fives

Tuesday 10:30 a.m. Oct. 4 – Dec. 6

## Summer Reading Wrap up

We had a great time with our Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds this summer.

- 277 players participated in the older program (grades 2-6).
- 101 players in the Read to Me program (ages 4 - grade 1).
- 378 children participated at both Bill and Gales Ferry Libraries.
- The older children read 185,750 minutes.
- The younger children read 4620 books!

We had a contest this summer in each of the elementary schools. Whichever grade read the most minutes, would get to choose what color Silly String they would spray Mrs. Brewer!

- In Gales Ferry School, the 2nd grade won.
- Gallup Hill, the 5th grade.
- Juliet Long, the 3rd grade.
- Ledyard Center, the 4th grade won.



Sir Read-a-lot stands guard with a fire breathing dragon at Bill Library

In addition to the reading programs, we had a Sidewalk Chalk Contest, Preschool Story time, Wizards Kings and Things, Jack the Court Jester, castle crafts, Lego castle contest, and a fun play by the Marshmallow Masquers for our finale.

### Read to Me winners

- Hannah Roediger with 250 books read.
- Morgan Steendam with 200 books read.

### Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds winners

- Jordan Lane with 3,930 minutes read.
  - Jay Lane with 3,630 minutes read.
  - John Michalak Jr. with 2,760 minutes read.
  - Erin Strickland at 2,520 minutes read.
- Congratulations to all of these participants! Prizes will be awarded to all winners.

## Joist Read! – Teen Summer Reading Wrap Up

89 Teens joined us for the libraries' six week summer reading program for middle and high school students.

- Bill Library teens read 265 books and logged 283 volunteer hours.
- Gales Ferry Library teens read 284 books and logged 235 volunteer hours.
- Total books read: 549!
- Total volunteer hours: 518!
- Average books read per teen nearly 9
- Average volunteer hours per teen over 10!
- The volunteers assisted 322 children for the Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds summer reading program. You were all great!

The library hosted several programs for teens celebrating Medieval History throughout the summer including a catapult building contest and a demonstration of Medieval Combat and Armor by the Society for Creative Anachronism at the Nathan Lester House. They also hosted a cross stitch and



weaving class. Several teens had the opportunity to weave on the looms thanks to Janet Coe, and complete a cross stitch project. The most popular event is always food related. And so the

Medieval Feast was one of the largest turn outs where we feasted on Saffron Tart, Pork Pasties, Salat, Mustard Soup, Onion Sops, and drank Sekanjabin, a Moorish drink. The teen volunteers also assisted Mrs. Brewer with story hours, the Lego contest, and the Tator the Navigator visit.

Teens entered weekly drawings, based on volunteer hours and books read. Each library had two winners a week. The prizes were pizza making kits, Chinese food certificates, candy (always the most

sought after), art supplies, and summer fun games. The winners were:  
 Bill Library: Sarah Ganong, Hannah Gallen, Eva Renski, Justin Morgan, Rachel Gallen, Tara Pealer, Rebecca Lynch, Bethany Dawson, Sarah Woodruff, Josiah Yano, Kourtney Batson, and Rachel Staplins.  
 Gales Ferry Library: Ashley Ramey, David Hughes, Michelle Wang, Alison Mueller, Naomi Hutchins, Daniel DeNinno, Bethany Billing, Mikayla Butters, Shelby White, Michael Pietras, Derek Hutchins, and Nicholas Reed.

**Teen Read Week ~ Get Real ~  
 October 16-22, 2005**



Log on to <http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/teenreading/teenstopten/teenstopten.htm> to vote on your favorite book during Teen Read Week.

**Ice Cream Social  
 October 21 6:30 PM Gales Ferry Library**

All teens who are members of the Teen Friends, would like to be, or who participated in Joust Read this summer are welcome to join us at an ice cream social. Certificates and prizes will be awarded to teens for most volunteer hours worked and most books read, including the Top 10 Readers for the Summer Reading Program! We will also recognize those Teen Friends of the Library who have served all year long! We will be looking for theme ideas for Summer Reading 2006! Please call or come in to either library to register.



**Teens Wanted!**

We are looking for teens to help with the Mistletoe Craft and Bake sale, being held on Sat. Nov. 19th. We will need you to help out with preparations before the event, such as making signs, taking flyers to businesses, and making crafts and baked goods. We also need help the day of the sale. There will be a couple of workshops to assemble crafts, but if you cannot attend, we will have kits you can pick up and take home. If you want to do something on your own or with friends, just let me know! Please email me at [teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto:teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org) or sign up at Bill Library by coming in or calling 464-9912. The Teens who helped last year really had fun at the workshops, so come join us!

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run out of them also! Each classroom teacher has a library card and a list of the books checked out is included in the bin. If a teacher requests a bin of books but does not have a volunteer parent, Nancy Brewer will select the books for him or her.

If you would like to become a parent volunteer for your child's class, please talk to your child's teacher and encourage him or her to participate!

**Adult Programs**

**Bike, Hike and Paddle Family Fitness Fun @ your library**

Ledyard Library Friends and The L.I.F.E. Project will team up this fall to bring you a series of active programs for the whole family. There will be healthy snacks for all and a special gift for the first 15 participants of each program, courtesy of Community Partnerships and the Get Healthy Challenge. Gifts will be given out the day of each event.

Register for one or all of these events at either library.

The first event was held September 17<sup>th</sup> with 18 bicycle riders. After a brief talk on bicycle safety Scott Bacon led the group through the streets of Gales Ferry Village, making note of several points of Interest.



Riders line up to ride through Gales Ferry Village.

**Saturday, September 24** (Rain date: September 25)  
 Hike the Pine Swamp Wildlife Corridor 1:00 p.m.

Join Anne Roberts-Pierson and Ellen Fossum from the Avalonia Land Trust as they lead a 1-2 hour hike in the Pine Swamp Wildlife Corridor. This will not be particularly strenuous terrain (unless kids/adults want to clamor over some of the boulder moraine.) Hikers should wear sturdy shoes and clothing appropriate for deer tick precautions. We also recommend that you bring a water bottle and binoculars and/or a



camera. Meet at the PSWC Slosberg-Anderson trailhead at 113 Whalehead Road (there is a large wooden sign). Overflow parking is best across the street on Stone Court.

**Saturday, October 1** (Rain date: October 2.)  
Paddle Poquetannuck Cove 11:00 a.m.



The Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center will lead a paddle trip on Poquetannuck Cove. We will meet at the boat launch on Drawbridge West Rd. off of Rt. 12 (across from Holmberg's

Orchards). This tidal cove offers a variety of aquatic plants and birds so be sure to pack your binoculars. Bring your canoe or kayak and come paddle with us (PFD's required).

### Stitch and Dish

A new knitting group has formed at the Gales Ferry Library. Meetings will be on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. Upcoming dates to mark on your calendar are October 12, November 9 and December 14.

The group is open to anyone who has an interest in knitting; from beginners to the most experienced. Just bring whatever you are currently working on or ideas to share with the group. Any questions? Call Mary Ellen at 464-6943.



### Book Discussions

Monthly book discussions are held on Wednesday evenings at Bill Library beginning at 7 P.M. We always welcome new participants and evening refreshments are provided.

**October 19<sup>th</sup>.** *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close: A Novel* By Jonathan Safran Foer. Oskar Schell is an inventor, Francophile, tambourine player, Shakespearean actor, jeweler, pacifist. He is nine years old and he is on an urgent, secret search through the five boroughs of New York to find the lock that fits a mysterious key belonging to his father, who died in the attacks on the World Trade Center. This is a unique novel you won't forget.

**November 16<sup>th</sup>** *Sight Hound* by Pam Houston This is the story of a woman, Rae, and her dog, Dante, a wolfhound who teaches "his human" that love is stronger than fear (the dog has always known this). Dante is the catalyst for change in other characters as well, and they step forward with their narratives: Rae's house-tender; her therapist; two veterinarians; and an anxiety-ridden actor, Howard, who turns out to be as stalwart as Dante himself.

As the "seer" who hunts by sight rather than smell, Dante has some things to add, as does Rose, another dog who lives at Rae's heels, and Stanley the cat. Among and above these myriad voices, Rae voices her own challenges.

**December-** Give yourself a break – and keep reading! In January we'll all meet to discuss the best books we've read recently or received as gifts. See you January 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Mistletoe Craft and Bake Sale & Silent Auction

**Saturday, November 19**  
**9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Bill Library**



The Ledyard Libraries Friends are pleased to announce the fifth annual "Mistletoe Craft and Bake Sale"! Diana Wall and Andrea Buka will co-chair the event. The tradition will continue with the proceeds benefiting the Bill Library Addition Building Fund. Warm up your sewing machines, paint brushes, and knitting needles, stir up some goodies from the kitchen, or just lend a hand! Bidding for Silent Auction items will begin on November 1<sup>st</sup>, with the final bids taken November 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

Donations of baked goods will be accepted on Friday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, from 9-5 at Gales Ferry Library and from 9-7 p.m. at Bill Library. They may also be dropped off from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Craft and Silent Auction items may be dropped off at either library anytime during library hours up to Thursday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, to give us time to price them.

Please sign up to donate at either library. Any teens who wish to help are welcome! We will be having several craft workshops to make items for the craft table. Please call the libraries for times and dates. Any questions please call me at Bill Library 464-9912 or at home at 464-8540. I look forward to seeing all the beautiful and delicious donations! Thank you all for your support!

Andrea Buka

### Mistletoe Craft Workshops

<b>Teens</b>	<b>Mon. Oct. 10</b>	<b>1-4 p.m.</b>	<b>Bill Library</b>
	<b>Sun. Oct. 23</b>	<b>2-5 p.m.</b>	<b>GF Library</b>
<b>Adults</b>	<b>Sun. Oct. 30</b>	<b>2-5 p.m.</b>	<b>Bill Library</b>

The Mistletoe Committee will host some workshops at the library to make crafts for the sale. Come with your own ideas or try some of their suggestions. A notebook with ideas and kits will also be available for those who would like to do something but cannot make it to a workshop.

## Suggestion Box

The following suggestions were recently found in the suggestion box.

1. *Please order relaxation or meditation CD's e.g. birds, ocean, etc.*  
**Answer:** We will try to order some.
2. *I love all the new DVDs - you have a great selection, but can you possibly get "50 first Dates"?*  
**Answer:** We will try.
3. *The Library is doing well, but could use a bigger place. I would like to see more movies and more books so people have a greater variety.*  
**Answer:** The Bill Library Addition Building Committee plans to meet this fall with the Mayor and the Town Council to outline a plan for expanding the library.

Thank you for your suggestions and words of praise.

## New Book Preview

Ludlam, Robert	The Ambler Warning	Oct.
Shreve, Anita	A wedding in December	Oct.
Weil, Andrew	Healthy Aging	Oct.
Wood, Stuart	Iron Orchid	Oct.
Cornwell, Patricia	Predator	Nov.
Devereaux, Jude	First Impressions	Nov.
Koonz, Dean	Forever Odd	Nov.
McCourt, Frank	Teacher Man	Nov.
McNaught, Judith	Every Breath you Take	Nov.
Patterson, James	Mary, Mary	Nov.
Perry, Anne	A Christmas Guest	Nov.
Sheldon, Sidney	The Other side of Me	Nov.
Steel, Danielle	Toxic Bachelors	Nov.
Turow, Scott	Ordinary Heroes	Nov.
Deutermann, P.T.	The Cat Dancers	Dec.
Grafton, Sue	S is for Silence	Dec.
James, P.D.	The Lighthouse	Dec.

## Friends News

**Annual Meeting**  
**Sunday, October 2      7:00 p.m.      Bill Library**

New members are always welcome at our annual meeting when we disperse funds that are raised during the year. Opportunities are available for volunteers to staff book sales, sort books, bake and make crafts or use your unique talents to benefit the libraries. Participating in the Ledyard Library Friends is your way to show that you support libraries in Ledyard.

The Bill Library Book sale under the direction of Pam Kalinoski was once again a resounding success

with over \$5,300 raised. Pam would like to thank all the people who helped to make it happen from the volunteers involved with the sale to our loyal customers who return year after year to buy books, videos and more. Preparation for the sale happens throughout the year with volunteers sorting donated books and boxing them up. Set up for the sale takes many hands to bring up shelving from the basement along with the hundreds of boxes of books. We are grateful to Boy Scout Troop 16 for their help with this. The next step is to arrange all the books on the shelves. The sale must be publicized with newspaper articles and signs around the region. During the sale volunteers work as cashiers and monitors to continuing stocking and rearranging shelves as books are sold. Once the sale is over more volunteers are needed to take it down and find a place for any unsold books. Pam has posted a collage with pictures of all who helped in the meeting room. Stop and see it on your next visit.

The on-going book sale at Bill Library also did well this year earning \$2,400 for the Friends. It is through the efforts of a small group of Friends and many volunteers that we have been able to have 3 successful book sales this year, as well as, ongoing book sales and the Mistletoe Craft and Bake Sale, Yule Tea and Ledyard Sampler. All of these events raise money to benefit the Ledyard Libraries.




Boy Scouts from Troop 16 take a break after helping to set up for the book sale at Bill Library.

## Holiday Hours

October 10	Columbus Day	Closed
November 11	Veterans Day	Closed
November 23	Thanksgiving Eve	Close at 5
November 24	Thanksgiving	Closed
November 25	Day after Thanksgiving	Closed

*Mark your Calendars Now for the  
Mistletoe Craft and Bake Sale  
And Silent Auction*



*Saturday, November 19, 2005  
9 a.m. 3:30 p.m. Bill Library*

*Bidding for the Silent Auction begins November 1st*

**LIBRARY HOURS**

<b>BILL</b>	<b>GALES FERRY</b>
464-9912	464-6943
Monday – Thursday 9-9	Monday – Thursday 9-8
Friday - Saturday 9-5	Friday - Saturday 9-5
Sunday 1-5	Sunday 1-5
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