



# 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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### Ledyard Libraries Migrate to Millennium

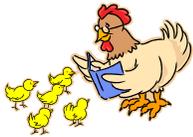
Ledyard Public Libraries is pleased to announce their move to a new library automation system along with the 20 other libraries in the LION consortium. The new system is called Millennium and is a product of Innovative Interfaces, Inc. The Millennium system will replace the current Online Catalog and the circulation, cataloging and acquisitions functions. Library users who access library services via the Internet will see improved services for managing their accounts, viewing community information and searching the online catalog.



The library staff is busy preparing for the new system which is expected to be operational in late September. The current system contains the holdings of 21 public, school and academic libraries. As with any system migration, some of the information must be restructured and some must be corrected before it can be loaded into the new system. This work was done over the summer.

The Ledyard Libraries wish to assure their users that any disruption in services as a result of the migration will be kept to a minimum. Library staff attended Millennium training sessions during the summer so that they will be able to assist library users with learning about the new functions. Library users are invited to inquire at Bill or Gales Ferry Library about the availability of the new system and the ways that it will affect them.

## Children's Programs



Registration for Story times at the Ledyard Public Libraries began Tuesday, September 5, 2006. You may call in to the library where the program is being offered anytime after 9:30 am. Your child must be the correct age within the first week of Storytime.

### Infant/Toddler

Infants (6-15 mos.)

GF Tuesdays 9:30 am Sept. 19– Oct. 17

Toddlers (16 – 24 mos.)

Bill Mondays 9:30 am Sept. 18 – Oct. 30  
(no S.T. 10/2, 10/9)

### Terrific Twos

Bill Mondays 9:30 am Nov. 6 – Dec. 11

GF Tuesdays 9:30 am Nov.7 – Dec. 12

### Tremendous Threes & Fabulous Fours

Bill Wednesdays 9:30 am Oct. 4 – Dec. 6

### Tremendous Threes & Fabulous fours & Fives

GF Tuesdays 10:30 am Oct. 3 – Dec.5

### Fabulous Fours, Fives & Sixes

Bill Thursdays 1:00 pm Sept. 28– Dec. 7  
(no ST 11/23)

### Special Event

Friday Nov. 10, 2006

10:00 – 12:00

Bill Library

There is no school on the day before Veteran's Day, so plan to join us for some fun as we experiment with chemistry, light and sound! Cheryl Blum will present a great program with music and science combined! Space is limited so sign up now.

Science Sense-ations

Grade 1-4



### Summer Wrap up



We had a great time with all sorts of animals in "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales" this summer. There were 257 players in the older program (grades 2-6) and 104 players in the Read to Me program (ages 4 – grade 1) for a total of 361 children who participated at both Bill and Gales Ferry Libraries. The older

children read 253,795 minutes and the younger children read 3,490 books! A contest was held over the summer for each of the elementary schools. Whichever person read the most minutes in each school, will get to paint Mrs. Brewer's face into whatever animal they choose! We will announce the winners in the next newsletter. In addition to the reading programs, we had a Travel Game, Ledyard/Gales Ferry Scavenger Hunt, Sidewalk Chalk Contest, Preschool Story time, Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Paws to Read, Lunch and a Movie, Cedar Island Marina, Curious Creatures, and Wind Over Wings for our finale.

## Creature Feature Teen Summer Reading 2006

We had a lot of fun this summer with the teens! Our theme begged for classic horror movies, so we joined with the children & adult programs and produced Wednesdays as Movie Day at the Bill Library.



In addition we had a great yoga class, and ran a pet show for the younger children, of which pictures are posted on the website: [www.lioninc.org/ledyard/teenpage.htm](http://www.lioninc.org/ledyard/teenpage.htm)

The teens were terrific this summer, helping the staff handle the increased business here at the libraries! It is such a convenience to have them running the game for the younger children, helping the staff and making much shorter waiting times for families.

Our final program, the Teen Ice Cream Social, happened Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at the Gales Ferry library. Participants enjoyed sundaes received awards, and brainstormed about next year's program. The top three students who read the most books or volunteered the most hours during the program were awarded prizes.



In addition, Certificates were presented to those who volunteered for the summer program and the Teen Friends of the Library. If you were unable to be at the Ice Cream Social your certificates are waiting to be picked up at the library.

The most books read numbers were: 1<sup>st</sup>-46 books, 2<sup>nd</sup>-43 books and 3<sup>rd</sup>-38 books. Honorable mention goes to 2 other students for 32 and 25 books each. For the most volunteer hours there were: 1<sup>st</sup>-50 hours, 2<sup>nd</sup>-42 hours and 3<sup>rd</sup>-40 hours. Honorable mention also goes to 3 more students for 22 hours, and 2 who were tied for 20 hours each.

This year set the record for our highest registration rate: 97 teens! Here are more of the numbers for summer 2006:

- ◆ Number of students who read: 60
- ◆ Number of books read: 528
- ◆ Average number of books per reader: 8.8
- ◆ Number of volunteers: 60
- ◆ Number of volunteer hours: 644
- ◆ Average number of hours per volunteer: 10.7

We had 33 seventh-graders, 23 eighth-graders, 11 freshmen, 11 sophomores, 13 juniors, 5 seniors, 1 unknown grade.

I hope everyone enjoyed themselves and saw or did something new!

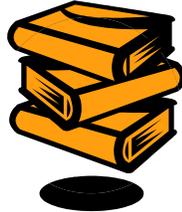
Andrea Buka, Teen Program Coordinator

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## Adult Programs

### Book Discussions

Join our monthly book discussions on Wednesday evenings at Bill Library, beginning at 7 P.M. We always welcome new participants and provide evening refreshments.



**October 18, 2006:** *Billy Boyle: A World War II Mystery* by James Benn. (Author Visit and Book Signing) As a previous director of Bill Library, we welcome Jim back again to talk with us about his new book just released in September. We will have the book available for sale and Jim has agreed to sign copies! Come hear a terrific author talk about what drives him to write and to hear the latest on his character Billy Boyle!

**November 15, 2006:** *Black Swan Green* by David Mitchell. Thirteen chapters provide monthly snapshots of Jason Taylor's life in small-town England from January 1982 to January 1983. Whether the 13-year-old narrator is battling his stammer or trying to navigate the social hierarchy of his schoolmates or watching the slow disintegration of his parents' marriage, he relates his story in a voice that is achingly true to life. The author does not pull any punches when it comes to the casual cruelty that adolescent boys can inflict on one another, but it is this very brutality that underscores the sweetness of which they are also capable.

**December:** No Book Discussion --Happy Holidays!

**January 17, 2007:** Our Annual "Honorable Mentions" event. Come to share your favorite reads (or gifts) from the holidays. Don't forget to bring pencil and paper to record other's recommendations as everyone always finds at least one title that intrigues us from the many mentioned on this evening. Many participants find this one of our best book discussions of the year!

### Completing College Applications: Tips to know before the application goes!

**Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> 10-12 noon Bill Library**

Carol L. Brown of the Education Planning Services will be presenting her second free seminar on narrowing the list of colleges, dealing with the "dreaded essays," filling out the applications, getting your references, and knowing what information is required and what is voluntary on the forms. Carol encourages students to bring specific application forms to the free seminar. For more information call Carol at (860) 304-1938



### Fall Health Series



Leon S. Harris, DAC., is certified as a Diplomat of Acupuncture and Chinese Herbology by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) and is licensed to practice in Connecticut and Rhode Island.

He currently shares offices in Gales Ferry with Dr. Robert Barnett at the Holistic Health Center where they provide safe and drug-free alternatives to their patient's health issues. The programs will begin at 7:00 P.M. at Bill Library. For more information, or to register for these free talks, please call 1-800 818-8418.

### October 16, 2006

#### Five Secrets to Looking and Feeling Younger

This presentation will educate the audience about how the body and metabolism works, why most diets don't work, the true value of being healthy and fit, how food, water, and medication play a roll in their health, and how pain limits a person from achieving their full health potential!

**November 13, 2006**

**Health and Stress Workshop**

Stress is the underlying cause of most illnesses. This lecture will educate the audience on the symptoms of stress, how stress affects the body's overall health, and what a person can do to relieve stress both at work and at home, so that they can feel better and enjoy life more.

**Stitch and Dish**

Have you heard about the knitting group that meets twice a month at the Gales Ferry Library? Stitch and Dish was formed last fall as a social and instructive knitting group for all levels of ability. The only requirement is that you bring needles and yarn. Members will help new people get started or share patterns and yarn ideas. The evening group meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and the afternoon group meets on the fourth Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. Both groups are held on a drop-in basis, so stop in for either one when you are looking for knitting buddies.



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**Reference Service Now Available Even When the Libraries are Closed**



It's 2 A.M. Do you know where your librarian is? She is waiting to hear from you. InfoAnytime is a real-time, web-based reference service that features professional librarians who can help you find the information you need when our two libraries are closed for the night. From [www.infoanytime.org](http://www.infoanytime.org), or the link on our homepage, connect to a reference librarian who will help you to navigate through the increasingly complex world of web-based research any time of day.

InfoAnytime was piloted in Connecticut in 2005-2006, and now serves 130 public and 30 academic libraries throughout the state. Similar services providing 24/7 research assistance have been offered in other states, including Colorado, New Jersey, and Wisconsin. All online librarians are hired and trained by New York based Tutor.com and hold an MLS, MLIS or an equivalent degree.

This service can be accessed through any computer in the participating libraries or from home,

school or office using your library bar code number. The online librarian will use chat functions, co-browsing of web pages and electronic databases, (including iconn.org, the suite of research databases provided to Connecticut residents free of charge by the Connecticut State Library.) At the end of each session, a transcript of the session can be emailed to the user. No downloads or special software are required. Anyone with internet access can use this service with their library card.

Please try this new service when we are unavailable and let us know how you like having after-hours help searching for information.

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**Shelving Grants Received**

Bill Library will be receiving some much needed media shelving thanks to Ledyard Library Friends and matching grants from Dime Bank Foundation and Liberty Bank Foundation. A nine-foot range of double-sided shelving will have drawer-like bins that pull out to hold the music CD collection and some of the audio book collection. The new shelving will alleviate the overcrowding in that area and provide easier access to the collections.

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**Rotary Grant Received**

The Ledyard Rotary Club awarded Bill Library a grant to purchase an Online Public Access Computer table. The space in front of the reference desk will be reconfigured for new shelving and the card catalog which currently holds the two online Public Access Computers will be removed. The Rotary grant will fund a table for one of the computers.



**Holiday Hours**

<b>October 9</b>	<b>Columbus Day</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>November 11</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>Day after Thanksgiving</b>	<b>Closed</b>

## Suggestion Box

The following suggestions were recently found in the suggestion box.

1. *Please get more Magic School Bus and Reading Rainbow videos for the libraries.*

**Answer:** We have ordered copies from both series and they will be ready to circulate soon.

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## New Book Preview

Baldacci, David	The Collectors	Oct
Bradbury, Ray	Farewell	Oct
Cornwell, Patricia	Book of the Dead	Oct
Evanovich, Janet	Motor Mouth	Oct
Evans, Richard Paul	Finding Noel	Oct
King, Stephen	Lisey's Story	Oct
Ludlam, Robert	The Bancroft Strategy	Oct
Parker, Robert	Hundred Dollar Baby	Oct
Woods, Stuart	Short Straw	Oct
Allende, Isabel	Inez	Nov
Barry, Dave	The Shepherd, the Angel & Walter the Christmas Miracle Dog	Nov
Clark, Mary Higgins	Santa Cruise	Nov
DeMille, Nelson	Wild Fire	Nov
Hiaasen, Carl	Nature Girl	Nov
Hillerman, Tony	The Shape Shifter	Nov
Patterson, James	Cross	Nov
Perry, Anne	A Christmas Secret	Nov
Rankin, Ian	Bleeding Hearts	Nov
Steele, Danielle	H.R.H.	Nov
Cussler, Clive	Treasure of Khan	Dec
Koontz, Dean	Brother Odd	Dec
Kellerman, Faye	Capital Crimes	Dec

## Friends News

### Annual Meeting

**Thursday, October 19 4:00 P.M. Bill Library**

Join us for the Friends annual meeting where we disperse funds that are raised during the year. This is a great opportunity for Friends to gather and exchange ideas about what they would like to see done for the library. If you are interested in becoming a member but cannot make it to the meeting, fill out the application below and return it to either library.

The Library Friends recently held their annual Bill Library Book Sale during the Ledyard Fair. The sale was a huge success earning over \$4400. This is particularly meaningful as the Friends had only 8 weeks to collect, sort, and set up the books. This short period to prepare was due to the closure of the Bill Library basement for a much-needed mold removal and cleaning project. We are thankful for the numerous volunteers who worked to make this happen.



The Friends maintain an on-going booksale throughout the year at both libraries. This sale features many nearly new books and other items. Stop by often and see what is available

Hope to see you on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Ledyard Library Friends is the support group for the Ledyard Libraries, both the Bill and Gales Ferry. Won't you join us?

Please Check one:                    \_\_\_ Individual Member                    \$5.00 per year  
    \_\_\_ Family Member                        \$10.00 per year  
    \_\_\_ Supporting Member                    \$25.00 per year

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to help with:

\_\_\_ Bill Book sale    \_\_\_ Gales Ferry book sale                    \_\_\_ Other fund-raising activities  
    \_\_\_ Membership campaign

Please fill in information and return this form along with membership dues to either library or mail to Ledyard Library Friends, P.O. Box 225, Ledyard, CT 06339 and welcome to our family of Friends!

**We're WI-FI at Bill  
Library– Bring your  
laptop to the library  
for free internet**



## **LIBRARY HOURS**

**BILL**  
464-9912

**GALES FERRY**  
464-6943

Monday – Thursday 9-9  
Friday - Saturday 9-5  
Sunday Closed\*  
email: [bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto:bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org)

Monday – Thursday 9-8  
Friday - Saturday 9-5  
Sunday Closed\*  
email: [gf-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto:gf-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org)

\*Sunday hours were eliminated as of July 1<sup>st</sup> due to budget cuts.

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