



# 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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### New Beginnings @ Your Library

Labor Day has come and gone and summer vacation is quickly becoming a distant memory. It is time for new beginnings with the start of another school year. Students of all ages are reacquainting with old friends or perhaps making new friends as they adjust to new schedules. Work routines have changed or at least feel that way as we turn our attention to cooler weather and shorter days.

The library also readjusts its schedule of open hours to include full Saturdays and Sunday hours. We invite you to become re-acquainted with your public library and all we have to offer. Of course we have books on any topic imaginable but we have much, much more!

- Bring your laptop to the library and use our wireless access to the internet
- Use the library computers to search for a job, check your email or write and print that report you need for school
- Search one of the online databases available including Iconn, Chiltons, Price It (a guide to prices of antiques and collectibles) Education and Testing (including sample tests for SATs, ACTs, AP exams and more), or Legal Forms
- Learn how to get reference help at home 24/7 with Infoanytime
- Help your children's teachers with a rotating collection of books from the library (also known as yellow bin books)
- Attend one of our programs.

September is also Library Card Sign-up Month. It's the perfect time to come in, say "hello" and sign up for your own library card. Stop in and see what you can find @ your Ledyard Libraries!

## Children's Programs



Registration for Story times at the Ledyard Public Libraries began Monday, September 8, 2008. Your child must be the correct age for the story time by 2 weeks after program has begun. Please register at the library where your child will attend.

### Infant/Toddler

Infants (6-15 mos)

GF Tuesdays 9:30 – 10:15 am Sept. 23– Oct. 21

Toddlers (16 – 24 mos)

Bill Mondays 9:30 – 10:15 am Sept. 22 – Oct. 27  
(no S.T. 10/13)

### Terrific Twos

Bill Mondays 9:30 – 10:15 am Nov. 3 – Dec. 8

GF Tuesdays 9:30 – 10:15 am Nov. 4 – Dec. 9  
(no S.T. 11/11)

### Three - Fives

Bill Wednesdays 9:30 – 10:15 am Oct. 1 – Dec. 10  
(no S.T. 10/22)

GF Tuesdays 10:30 – 11:15 am Sept. 30 – Dec. 9  
(no S.T. 11/11)

### Four - Sixes

Bill Thursdays 1:00–1:45 pm Oct. 2– Dec. 11  
(no S.T. 11/27)

## Adult Programs

### Book Discussions

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



**September 17, 2007: No book discussion** – We hope that all Book Discussion participants will attend one of the public discussions of *Life Is So Good* with the author Richard Glaubman at the following dates and locations:

Tuesday	September 23, 2008	7 pm
	Norwich Free Academy Slater Auditorium	
Wednesday	September 24, 2008	8 pm
	Coast Guard Academy – Leamy Hall	
Thursday	September 25, 2008	7 pm
	Fitch High School	

**October 15, 2008:** *The Lace Reader* by Brunonia Barry. Towner Whitney comes from a long line of women with a gift for mind reading and fortune telling, has survived numerous adolescent traumas, and has returned to her hometown of Salem, Mass.,

to recover from recent surgery. Any tranquility in her life is short-lived when her beloved great-aunt Eva drowns under circumstances suggesting foul play. Towner's suspicions are taken with a grain of salt given her history of hallucinatory visions and self-harm. The mystery enmeshes local cop, John Rafferty, who had left the pressures of big city police work for a quieter life in Salem and now finds himself falling for Towner as he mourns Eva and delves into the history of the eccentric Whitney clan.

**November 19, 2008:** *Lottery* by Patricia Wood. This title was short-listed for the Orange Prize in 2008. While it didn't win, it is an interesting debut novel and fans of *Flowers for Algernon* and *Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* will fall in love with Perry L. Crandall. While Perry's IQ is only 76, he'll tell you he's not retarded – "you have to have an IQ number less than 75 for that." His grandmother has taught him all he needs to know: to write things down so he doesn't forget, to always play the lottery, and who you can trust in life. When she dies, Perry is left alone and bereft until he wins \$12 million in the Washington State Lottery!

**December 17, 2008:** No Book Discussion - We encourage Book Discussion members to spend time with family and friends, find ways to relax in the busy holiday season and to make note of the great books they read over the holiday season to share with others at our January Book Discussion!

### Movie/Discussion "Under Our Skin: the Untold Story of Lyme Disease"

**Wednesday Oct 22 6 pm Bill Library**

"Under Our Skin" (120 mins) is a powerful and often terrifying look not only at the science and politics of Lyme disease, but also the personal stories of those whose lives have been affected and nearly destroyed. From a few brave doctors who risk their medical licenses, to patients who once led active lives but now can barely walk, the film uncovers a hidden world that will astound viewers. While exposing a broken health care and medical research system, the film also gives voice to those who believe that instead of a crisis, Lyme is simply a "disease du jour," over diagnosed and contributing to another crisis: the looming resistance of microbes and ineffectuality of antibiotics. As suspenseful and hair-raising as any Hollywood thriller, "Under our Skin" is sure to get under yours. Members of our local Lyme Support Group will be here to have a short discussion at the end of the film.



### Stitch and Dish

Stitch and Dish knitting group continues to meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays at Gales Ferry Library. The second Wednesday group meets in the evening at 7:00 p.m. and the fourth Wednesday knitters come in the afternoon at 3:00 p.m. These are drop in groups, who welcome anyone who knits, crochets or just wants to sit around and watch people knit and crochet.

### Mad Hatters

The Mad Hatters never meet and we don't even know who some of you are. All summer they have been leaving off knitted and crocheted baby items at both libraries. If you are a Mad Hatter, there are a few more days to leave off your items, but they will be donated before the end of September.

Now it is time to move on to a new project. It was brought to the attention of the Mad Hatters recently that there is a need for knitted and crocheted items at veteran's facilities. These items need to be sent in by November 1, so we need very ambitious knitters. Contact either library for patterns and instructions. If you would like a more leisurely pace, the Mad



Hatters will be making scarves, hats and mittens again this winter to donate to area social service agencies. These may be done in any pattern and left off at either library through February 1.

### Summer Wrap up

We had a "buggly" good time this summer with our "Catch the Reading Bug" program. There were 192 players in the older program (grades 2-6) and 76 players in the Read to Me program (ages 4 – grade 1) for a total of 268 children who participated at both Bill and Gales Ferry Libraries. The older children read 180,420 minutes and the younger children read 5,800 books!



We held a contest this summer in each of the elementary schools. The person in each school who read the most minutes will feed Mrs. Brewer a real bug! This will mean 4 bugs for Mrs. B! The winners will be announced in a school assembly at each school later this month and will be posted on our website.

In addition to the reading programs, we had a Sidewalk Chalk Contest, Preschool Story time, Quincy the "read-to" dog, lunch and a bug movie, Squirmy Worms presentation, an author visit, bug crafts, magic comedy show, and a super Spoon Man concert finale!



### Teen Summer Reading 2008



I had a great time with the teens this summer as you volunteered, read many books, and learned new things such as duct tape construction and sewing. Your feedback at our Ice Cream Social was terrific, and I look forward to implementing your suggestions to make our program better than ever! Anyone who missed the Ice Cream Social may pick up their Volunteer Certificate at their library. The certificates document your participation and state the number of hours worked this year, as recorded on your registration sheets and in the Teen Friends Binder. I also have a few left over from last year, so let me know if you haven't picked up yours from 2007. You may reach me by email from the Teen Page, at [teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto:teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org), or by calling either library. Have a great school year, and keep in touch!



Sample purse made in the sewing workshop

## Reading Program statistics

This year we had 59 readers who read a total of 478 books – average per reader 8.1 books. We also had 54 volunteers who worked 823.75 hours – average per volunteer 15.25 hours.

**Most Books Read:** Naomi Hutchins: 41;  
Samantha Craig: 34; Sarah Butler, David Moniz,  
Tara Pealer, and Erin Strickland: 21; Anthony  
Ruvalcaba and Sarah Baron: 17.

## Most Volunteer Hours Sept. 2007 – Aug. 2008

Erika Eakin: 47 hours; Morgan Stoodley: 36  
hours; Anthony Ruvalcaba: 34 hours.

## Honorable Mention:

Faith Bacon: 33 ½ hours; Erin Strickland: 30 ¾  
hours; Naomi Hutchins: 28 hours; Julianna Beaver:  
26 hours; Tiffany Jensen: 25 ½ hours.

## Winners of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Writers Contest:

10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Grade Division:

Poetry: Tara Pealer;  
Long Fiction: Audrey Higgins

7<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> Grade Division:

Poetry: Brian Healey  
Short Fiction: Julianna Beaver

## Winners of our 1<sup>st</sup> Teen-made Film Contest:

1<sup>st</sup> place: Cara Lobianco & Nastasia Humphries  
for “4 Minutes”  
2<sup>nd</sup> place: Alison Gardner for “Lost”  
3<sup>rd</sup> place: Lori Donovan & Hayley Jarrett for  
“The Dog Show”

Congratulations to all of you!

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## Children’s Library Assistant

We would like to welcome Jackie Bacon, a long-time staff person to her new position as Senior Library Assistant/Children’s for the Ledyard Public Libraries! Jackie will assist Nancy Brewer with children’s programs part-time along with her regular circulation desk duties. She will conduct story times at several preschools in Ledyard, help with programming, special events, and work with children’s reference questions. We are very happy to have her and know she will be a great asset to the Children’s Room!

## Collection care Grant Received

The Ledyard Libraries have been selected to receive the *IMLS Connecting to Collections Bookshelf*, a core set of conservation books, DVDs, and online resources donated by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the primary source of federal funding of the nation’s museums and libraries. The collection addresses such topics as the philosophy and ethics of collecting, collections management and planning, emergency preparedness, and culturally specific conservation issues. These resources will provide a starting place for both the Janice W. Bell Research Room and the Nathan Lester House to learn more about preserving their collections. They will also serve to raise awareness about the importance of properly caring for our historical documents and artifacts. We are pleased to be able to make them available.



## New Book Preview

Chiaverini, Jennifer	<i>The Quilter’s Kitchen</i>	Oct.
DeMille, Nelson	<i>The Gate House</i>	Oct.
Baldacci, David	<i>Divine Justice</i>	Nov.
Cussler, Clive	<i>Artic Drift</i>	Nov.
Deaver, Jeffrey	<i>The Bodies Left Behind</i>	Nov.
James, P.D.	<i>The Private Patient</i>	Nov.
King, Stephen	<i>Just After Sunset</i>	Nov.
Koontz, Dean	<i>Your Heart Belongs to Me</i>	Nov.
Lamb, Wally	<i>The Hour I First Believed</i>	Nov.
Morrison, Toni	<i>A Mercy</i>	Nov.
O’Nan, Stewart	<i>Songs for the Mission</i>	Nov.
Patterson, James	<i>Cross Country</i>	Nov.
Steel, Danielle	<i>A Good Woman</i>	Nov.



## Friends News

### Annual Meeting

**Tuesday, October 21**  
**5:00 P.M. Pizza**

**Bill Library**  
**6:00 P.M. Meeting**



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. Plan to come from work and have pizza with us before the meeting begins.

Jessie Baker, Chairman of the Gales Ferry Library Book sale reports that it was a rousing success. The sale which was held last June as our summer newsletter went to press brought in over \$4,000 and will be used to fund programs and equipment for the libraries. Many thanks for the generous book donations. Special thanks also to all who helped with the sale particularly Marion Cutler, Sue Davis, Andrea Buka, Mary Ellen Osborne, Pam Kalinoski, Marilyn Baseler, The Findlayson family, Gary Baker, and all the cashiers. Thanks also to Linda DeRose for scheduling the cashiers, and to the Pealer Family who assisted all year long - often on short notice. Anyone interested in helping to sort and organize next year's sale should contact Jessie at 464-1331.



Members of the Friends Book sale team prepare for opening day of the Bill book sale. Chris & Joan Hausmann; Marie & Dave Engelman

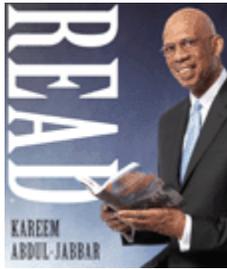
Marie Engelman reports the Fall Book Sale at the Bill Library is midway through its week of sales as I write this and it has already earned over \$6000. This major fund raiser for the Ledyard Libraries is the result of over 60 different volunteers contributing their ideas, time, and endless energy. Congratulations to everyone for making this such a success. Details of the sale will be in the winter issue of *Books and Beyond*.

The fun part of the fund raising activities will take place starting at 5:00 PM, Tuesday October 21<sup>st</sup> at the Bill Library Meeting room. This meeting, open to all members of the Library Friends, will be an evening of sharing pizza, ideas for future events, and the disbursement of these hard earned funds for the Gales Ferry and Bill Library activities and items not part of the town budget. See you there!

### Holiday Hours

<b>October 13</b>	<b>Columbus Day</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>November 11</b>	<b>Veterans Day</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>November 26</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Eve</b>	<b>Close at 5</b>
<b>November 27</b>	<b>Thanksgiving</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>November 28</b>	<b>Day after Thanksgiving</b>	<b>Closed</b>





# LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH 2008

## LIBRARY HOURS

### BILL

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

464-6943

Monday – Thursday 9-8

Friday - Saturday 9-5

Sunday 1-5

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

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