



BOOKS AND BEYOND...

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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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Teen Space at Bill Library

The staff at Bill Library is pleased to see so many young patrons enjoying the Teen Space at Bill Library. The space was designed with young adults in mind and primarily holds our teen collection with almost 2000 items, including books, graphic novels, audio books, and magazines. Our magazines appeal to a variety of interests and are available to check out:

- Video game enthusiasts will enjoy *Game Informer*, the world's number one video game magazine.
- *Teen Ink: written by teens* will appeal to those who like to write and provides an opportunity for submitting a written piece.
- For teens who like extreme sports there is *Transworld Skateboarding* which is filled with daring rides, stunts and flips.
- *Young Rider: the Magazine for Horse and Pony Lovers* contains appealing and interesting articles geared toward English riders, Western riders, those who show and those who compete.
- *Make: Technology on your Time* provides inspiration for do it yourself projects.



Erica Grenger and Tricia Tolles work on a project in the teen space.

There is also a collection of board games including scrabble, yahtzee, bananagram, chess, and more to enjoy.

The café tables along the windows are just right for working on a laptop and accessing the internet through our WiFi or for doing homework. Patrons can also relax or work in the comfortable chairs which provide a workspace.

We are pleased to provide Teen Space @ your public library. Funding for this project was made possible through the Community Foundation of Southeastern CT.

Children's Programs

Please register at the library where your child will attend.

Infant/Toddler (9 – 24 months)

Bill Mondays 10:15 am Sept. 19 – Oct. 24
(no S.T. 10/10)

Terrific Twos

Bill Mondays 10:15 am Oct. 31 – Dec. 5

Three - Fives

Bill Wednesdays 10:30 am Oct. 5 – Dec. 7
GF Tuesdays 10:30 am Oct. 4 – Dec. 6

Four - Sixes

Bill Thursdays 1:00 pm Oct. 6 – Dec. 8
(no ST 11/24)

Summer Wrap up

We had a great time traveling around the world this summer! There were 151 players in the older program (grades 2 thru 6) and 84 players in the Read to Me program (ages 4 thru grade 1) for a total of 235 children who participated at both Bill and Gales Ferry Libraries. The older children read 121,620 minutes and the younger children read 3,400 books! For every hour the kids read they were able to choose which animal they would like the library to purchase for the Heifer International project. The flock of chickens won! The top readers will be announced at each elementary school this fall.



In addition to the reading programs, we had a Sidewalk Chalk Contest, Preschool Story time, Lunch and a Movie, Musician Chris Merwin, Kid's Cook International, DB Magic Show, International Crafts, Les Julian, and a Zumba Dance workshop.

Amistad (Friendship) Club 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Thursdays starting September 22 Grades K - 6
Bill Library

Adult and student mentors will provide homework help, reading and math activities and the opportunity to socialize. Registration forms are available at Bill Library. Sponsored by the Friends of Ledyard Libraries, all are welcome.



Adult Programs

Book Discussions



Join our monthly book discussions on the third Wednesday of the month at Bill Library at 7:00 p.m. We always welcome new participants and provide refreshments. We will be asking for input (written or verbal) about specific titles, genres or subject areas 2012 book discussions might include!

October 19: *Amaryllis in Blueberry* by Christina Meldrum With a plotline similar to the beginnings of "The Poisonwood Bible," this book takes a completely different direction with all the secrets and complex relationships of the six main characters, Dick and Seena Slepny, and their four daughters Mary Grace, Mary Teresa, Mary Catherine and Amaryllis, first in Michigan and then as a missionary family in Africa.

November 16: *The Unnamed* by Joshua Ferris. Tim Farnsworth is a handsome, healthy man, aging with the grace of a matinee idol. His wife, Jane, still loves him, and for all its quiet trials, their marriage is still stronger than most. Despite long hours at the office, he remains passionate about his work, and his partnership at a prestigious Manhattan law firm means that the work he does is important. And even as his daughter, Becka, retreats behind her guitar, her dreadlocks, and her puppy fat, he offers her every one of a father's honest lies about her being the most beautiful girl in the world. He loves his wife, his family, his work, his home. He loves his kitchen. And then one day he stands up and walks out and keeps walking.

December 21: *The Family Fang* by Kevin Wilson. *The Family Fang* sounds as if it will be about nothing but a group of vampires, but it is not. However, in its own way there is a vampire involved in the story, a vampire called ART. This book revolves around two children Annie and Buster who are the children of two "performance artists." Their parents utilize them as part of the art that they make, even calling them child "a" and "b". This story is really a tale of disinterested parenting or having children only to achieve a goal. It is oddly disturbing, but also very readable.

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. Please contact Mary Ellen if you would like a copy of the book.



Upcoming dates:

September 28: *Half Broke Horses* by Jeannette Walls

October 26: *The Senator's Wife* by Sue Miller

November 30*: *The Postmistress* by Sarah Blake

December 28: *A Redbird Christmas* by Fannie Flagg

*Meeting on the fifth Wednesday of the month due to Thanksgiving

Other Programs

Genealogy Research Online

Wednesday, September 28 7:00 pm
Bill Library

We will be starting a new group for individuals who want help using online resources to find information about their ancestors. The "Ledyard Libraries Computer Genealogy Group" (COGG) will try to meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month at Bill Library. We will begin with some basic administrative information and then Carol Ganz from the Connecticut State Library will speak briefly and answer questions about resources for German ancestors. Please sign up in advance and know that computers will not be necessary at this first meeting.

The Souls of the Settlers: Kit Foster to Speak on Ledyard's Historic Cemeteries

Wednesday, October 26 7:00 pm
Bill Library

In our time, Hallowe'en has become known for trick-or-treating, attending costume parties, carving jack-o'-lanterns, apple bobbing, visiting haunted attractions, playing pranks, telling scary stories, and watching horror films. In the 16th century it represented a Scottish variant of All-Hallows-Even, the night before All Hallows Day, also known as All Saints Day. In the Western Christian tradition, All Saints Day commemorates all those who have attained the beatific vision in Heaven, while the following day is known as All Souls Day, for those still on their journey to Heaven.



Although the linking of cemeteries with haunting apparitions and scary stories is frequently overdone, the celebration of Hallowe'en does serve to remind us of the very secular and practical place that

cemeteries have in our community. In addition to the obvious function of burying the dead, they serve as historic markers and guardians of history. Many are the tombstone inscriptions that tell the stories of the settlers, and link them to their kin in a way much more direct and obvious than other types of historic records.

Join Town Historian Kit Foster for a talk on Ledyard's Historic Cemeteries and the tales they tell. Kit Foster is Ledyard's Town Historian. He is currently president of the Ledyard Historical Society, and is a past chairman of the Historic District Commission. He is the author of two books, the award-winning work *The Stanley Steamer: America's Legendary Steam Car* and *Images of America: Ledyard and Gales Ferry*, both published in 2004. A forty-year resident of the town, he lives in Gales Ferry.

Maritime History of New London Harbor

Thursday, November 10 7:00 pm
Bill Library

CUSTOM HOUSE
MARITIME MUSEUM

Susan Tamulevich, Director of the New London Maritime Museum will speak on aspects

of New London's multi-faceted maritime history including the Amistad Affair, the whaling industry, War of 1812, yachting, and customs collection. The New London Maritime Society was formed in 1983 to preserve the city's historic custom house by turning it into a museum of New London's maritime history. In addition to permanent and short-term exhibits, the Society sponsors a variety of programs designed to inform about the maritime significance of New London, neighboring coastal towns, and Long Island Sound.



Mad Hatters/ Stitch and Dish

The library knitting group, Stitch and Dish, meets at Gales Ferry Library on the second Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. and the fourth Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. We have everyone from beginners to experts willing to share their expertise. If you are looking for a fun group of knitters and crocheters who share your love of the needle arts, join in any time.

The Mad Hatters collect knit and crocheted items to donate to area community service organizations throughout the year. They are currently accepting "warm fuzzies" during the fall and winter months. If you have made extra hats, scarves, mittens and socks, please leave them at either library.

Jewelry Night @ the Library

Jewelry Night is the second Tuesday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Gales Ferry Library. Bring your current jewelry project to work on, share ideas, and enjoy the company of fellow beaders.

Teen Summer Reading Program 2011



What a great summer! There were 86 teens who signed up for Summer Reading this year. We cooked dishes from around the globe, 'tattooed' ourselves with henna, created fun things out of duct tape, and made candy sushi. This is all in addition to volunteering and reading all summer.

There were 59 teens who read at least one book over the 7 weeks, and 77 teen volunteers. If you haven't yet picked up your volunteer certificate, it is waiting for you at the library where you registered for the teen program. There were 28 winners of the weekly prizes, the entries earned by reading, volunteering, and attending teen activities.

Now for the end-of-summer prizes:

Most Books Read:

- 1st place: Camila Duval (24 books)
- 2nd place: Adedoyi Ladejo (22 books)
- 3rd place: Taylor Cooley (21 books)

The total number of books read was 340, with an average of 5.8 books per teen reader.

Most Volunteer Hours:

- 1st place: Cory Bailey (66 hours)
- 2nd place: Sarah Baron (52 hours)
- 3rd place: Shannon Torres (42 hours)

The total number of hours volunteered was 792.75, including 15 teens who helped with "Young Henry's Supper" adult program this spring, and 5 who assisted with the "Kids Cook" class in July. This is an average of 10.3 hours per teen volunteer.

Keep up with the Teen Program on Face Book at 'Ledyard Public Libraries' and on the Teen Program page on the libraries' website. We have pictures of all the fun this summer.

I'm Looking forward to next year.

Andrea Buka, Teen Program Coordinator
teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org

Donations

We recently received donations for the purchase of books for the libraries. We are grateful for their support.

From the Kiwanis Club in Honor of

- Gordon Jackson

E-Books now available for Kindles

You can now borrow Kindle books from the library's website, and, with the click of a button, have them delivered to your Kindle device or free reading app. Instructions:



1. Visit the OverDrive site from the library's webpage.
2. Check out a Kindle book (library card required).
3. Click on "Get for Kindle."
4. You will then be taken to Amazon.com to redeem your public library loan. If you're not already logged in you will be asked to login to your Amazon.com account or create a new account.
5. Choose to read the book on your Kindle device, free reading app, or Kindle Cloud Reader.

Note: Public library books require an active Wi-Fi connection for wireless delivery to a Kindle device. Library books will not be delivered via your Kindle's 3G connection. If trying to send to a Kindle device and do not have an active Wi-Fi connection, you may instead choose to load your library book via USB. Both Mac and Windows users can manage Kindle content through a USB connection.

Consumer Reports Cars Best Deals



Ledyard Library patrons now have access to both

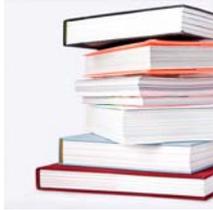
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Adopt a box of books

Gales Ferry Library will be getting some new shelving this fall thanks to a grant from the Community Foundation of Southeastern CT and we need your help. We are asking patrons to check out a box of books to store for us during the installation. Books may be taken anytime during the month of October and returned in early November. It would be helpful if you could bring your own box or large tote bag to take the books home in.



The Gales Ferry Library will close on Monday October 31 for the installation and will reopen Tuesday November 1 although not all of the books may be back on the shelves. Preparations for the installation will begin Friday October 28 and continue through the weekend. We ask for your patience during this time.

The shelving will replace all of the adult fiction shelves on the first floor and the children's non-fiction shelves. The new shelving will be customized to fit the area better and will be more efficient providing more shelf space for books.

Bill Library is also scheduled to get new media shelving for DVDs. Bill Library will remain open for the installation which is scheduled for Tuesday, November 1.

New Books

The following books will be out this fall. Reserve your copy now for your reading pleasure.

Banks, Russell	Lost Memory of Skin	Oct
Connelly, John	The Infernals	Oct
Robb, J. D.	New York to Dallas	Oct
Sandford, John	Shock Wave	Oct
Belafonte, Harry	My Song	Nov
Brokaw, Tom	The Time of our Lives	Nov
Chiaverini, Jennifer	The Wedding Quilt	Nov
Connelly, Michael	The Drop	Nov
Coulter, Catherine	The Prince of Ravenscar	Nov
Cussler, Clive	Devil's Gate	Nov
Didion, Joan	Blue Nights	Nov
Evans, Richard	Lost	Nov
Grafton, Sue	V is for Vengeance	Nov
King, Stephen	11/22/63	Nov
Patterson, James	Kill Alex Cross	Nov
Steele, Danielle	Hotel Vendome	Nov
Weil, Andrew, M.D.	Spontaneous Happiness	Nov
Cannell, Stephen	Vigilante	Dec
Child, Lincoln	The Third Gate	Dec
Cornwell, Patricia	Red Mist	Dec
Crichton, Michael	Micro	Dec

A Word from the Ledyard Library Friends

Friends Fall Meeting

Monday, October 24 7:00 pm Bill Library

Come and join us at the fall meeting where the budget for next year will be voted on and the recent book sale will be discussed. We value your input and want to hear from you. Funds raised from the two book sales are used to benefit library patrons with programs, museum passes, online data bases, equipment, and more.

The September book sale was very successful thanks to the help of so many members. Special Thanks to Carl Nelson who put in many, many hours of hard work as chairman. He managed to do an excellent job in spite of Irene!

Thanks also to Lynn Nelson, Marie and Dave Engelman, Jane Ledger and many other members who sorted, set up, sold, and cleaned up before, after, and during the sale. We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you all.

Thanks to all of you who came and purchased books from us. I hope you enjoy reading them! I know I will.

Book Sale left over books

The Friends of Ledyard Libraries has offered their left over books to a Ledyard Family who will ship the books to a new library in the Philippines. The Mangil Library was recently completed and will open soon.



The library provides a valuable resource for the town and for the students who attend a nearby school. This family has been involved with the library since its beginning and feels this is a way for them to give back.

The Library Friends sponsor several programs during the year. Some of the upcoming programs include a talk on Ledyard Cemeteries in October and a History of New London Harbor in November. We hope you will join us.

Ledyard Library Friends has 90 active members. One of the benefits of being a member is the opportunity to purchase books at a "preview night," which is the evening before the book sale starts.

See you there, Linda DeRose
Email: ctantiquer2000@yahoo.com

Giving Tree

Our annual Giving Tree program will begin on October 28, 2011 and run through December 3, 2011. Each holiday season we collect new books for children who are in need. The books are categorized by gender and age and are distributed with the Ledyard Youth Services annual Toy Drive. Please stop in to either Bill or Gales Ferry libraries to pick a snowman tag with a child's age. Register the tag at the checkout desk. Purchase a new hardcover book and return it with the tag to the library where you registered. Or you can donate \$12 and we will purchase a book on your behalf. Please do not gift wrap the book!

Holiday Hours

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



LIBRARY HOURS

BILL

860-464-9912

Monday – Thursday 10-9

Friday - Saturday 10-5

Sunday 1-5

email: bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org

GALES FERRY

860-464-6943

Monday – Thursday 10-8

Friday - Saturday 10-5

Sunday Closed

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