



# 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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### Know Your Town

Know Your Town is a 7 week program designed to provide the residents and businesses of Ledyard insight into the history and governmental process of the town and introduce the employees and volunteers who make it work.

We also hope this will pique their interest to learn more about local government and possibly join one of the town's boards and commissions. Department personnel will provide information about their department including some of the online tools now available. The sessions will be held on Thursday evening from 7 – 9 pm starting September 20<sup>th</sup>. Space is limited and registration is required. Call Bill Library at (860-464-9912) to register. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of Ledyard Libraries.

Attendance at all Know Your Town sessions is recommended.

Sessions will be held at several different locations throughout the town. Below is a schedule

**September 20 Nathan Lester House**

Mayor, John Rodolico, Town Council members and the history of Ledyard with Kit Foster

**September 27 Town Clerk's Office**

Town Clerk, Mike Curley; Assessor Paul Hopkins, Tax Collector Joan Carroll and Registrar of Voters

**October 4 Emergency Services Building**

Russ Shaw, Administrator of Emergency Services, Jim Mann, Fire Marshall, Police, Fire chiefs and LVES

**October 11 Bill Library**

Online resources, downloadable books and library programs with Marty Hubbard; John Phetteplace from the Library Commission and a visit to the Janice W. Bell Local History Room

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## Children's Programs

Registration for Story times at the Ledyard Public Libraries will begin Monday, September 10, 2012. You may call in to the library where the program is being offered anytime after 9:30 am.

### Infant/Toddler

Infants/Toddlers (6-24 mos.)

Bill Mondays 9:30 am Sept. 17 – Oct. 29

### Terrific Twos

Bill Mondays 9:30 am Nov. 5 – Dec. 10

### Three - Fives

Bill Wednesdays 9:30 – 10 am Oct. 10 – Dec.12  
GF Tuesdays 9:30 – 10 am Oct. 9 – Dec.11

### Four - Sixes

Bill Thursdays 1 – 1:45 pm Oct. 11– Dec. 13

### Summer Wrap up

We had a great time this summer with our Dream Big Read program. New this year was an online program that allowed participants to record their minutes read at home. There were 237 readers in the older program (grades 2-6) and 73 players in the Read to Me program (ages 4 – grade 1) for a total of 310 children who participated at both Bill and Gales Ferry Libraries. The older children read 178,022 minutes and the younger children read 2,610 books! In addition to the reading programs, 941 children attended one or more of our programs including a Sidewalk Chalk Contest, Preschool Story time, Shadow puppet show, Lunch and a Movie, Dream Crafts, Star Lab, Dream Desserts, Captain Papillion the Pirate musician and Steve Wronker's Magic Show, our finale.

**Amistad (Friendship) Club** 3:30-4:30 pm  
Thursdays starting September 20 Grades K - 6  
Bill Library

The Amistad Club will continue again this year with adult and student mentors who 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.

## Know Your Town Schedule con't

### October 11 Bill Library

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### October 18 Town Hall Annex

Land Use Departments and Commissions including Building, Planning, Zoning, Conservation and Inland, Wetland and Watercourses

### October 25 Ledyard Senior Center

Senior Resources and Public Health Nursing Senior Director, Lauren Rapp, Ledyard VNA Director Karen Goetches and/or Nursing Board member

### November 1 Board of Education Building

Board of Education and Recreation activities Superintendent, Michael Graner and/or Board of Ed member; Parks and Recreation Director, Don Grise and/or Board member

## 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.

**September 19:** *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett  
Dr. Marina Singh, a research scientist with a pharmaceutical company, is sent to Brazil to track down a former mentor, Dr. Annick Swenson, who seems to have all but disappeared in the Amazon while researching a new fertility drug which has already cost the drug company a fortune! Meanwhile, Marina's research partner, Anders Eckman, sent by the drug company to search for Swenson has died of unexplained causes. Marina wishes to locate the missing scientist, answer questions regarding Anders' death, determine the state of her company's future, and answer lingering questions about her own past.

**October 17:** *Iphigenia in Forest Hills* by Janet Malcolm "She couldn't have done it and she must have done it." This is the enigma at the heart of Janet Malcolm's riveting new book about a murder trial in the insular Bukharan-Jewish community of Forest Hills, Queens that captured national attention. The defendant, Mazoltuv Borukhova, a beautiful young physician, is accused of hiring an assassin to kill her estranged husband, Daniel Malakov, a respected

orthodontist, in the presence of their four-year old child. The prosecutor calls it an act of vengeance: just weeks before Malakov was killed in cold blood, he was given custody of Michelle for inexplicable reasons. It is the “Dickensian ordeal” of Borukhova’s innocent child that drives Malcolm’s inquiry. (*New York Times Book Review*)

**November 14: (One week earlier than usual!)**

*The Pilgrim* by Hugh Nissenson

In early- to mid-20th century America, publishers used to print lots of terrific popular historical fiction by the likes of Kenneth Roberts, F. Van Wyck Mason and C.S. Forester; then, the 1960’s shook things up. We readers began to question these master narratives about the past all written by white guys; we began to wonder if Squanto and Sacagawea didn’t have their own legitimate stories to tell. All this crucial cultural self-scrutiny tended to elbow traditional historical fiction — the kind of novel that primarily aims to tell an engrossing yarn — into a musty corner of the novel warehouse. That’s why *The Pilgrim* is such a delightful find. Hugh Nissenson’s moody, intelligent novel is about a tormented English Puritan who strikes out for Plymouth Plantation in 1622. The great achievement of *The Pilgrim* is the way it fully transports us readers into a Puritan universe informed by the idea of predestination: a world where a decent guy like Charles is anguished every day by the mystery of whether he is saved or damned; a world I’m thankful to read about and thankful not to live in. (NPR-Maureen Corrigan)

**December 19:** *The Borrowers* by Rebecca Makkai. Lucy Hull, a young children’s librarian in Hannibal, Missouri, finds herself both a kidnapper and kidnapped when her favorite patron, ten-year-old Ian Drake, runs away from home. The precocious Ian is addicted to reading, but needs Lucy’s help to smuggle books past his overbearing mother... Lucy stumbles into a moral dilemma when she finds Ian camped out in the library after hours with a knapsack of provisions and an escape plan. Desperate to save him from Pastor Bob and the Drakes, Lucy allows herself to be hijacked by Ian. The odd pair embarks on a crazy road trip from Missouri to Vermont, with ferrets, an inconvenient boyfriend, and upsetting family history thrown in their path. But is it just Ian who is running away? Who is the man who seems to be on their tail? And should Lucy be trying to save a boy from his own parents? Makkai takes several risks in her sharp, often witty text; replete with echoes of children’s classics...the moving final chapters affirm the power of books to change people’s lives even as they acknowledge the unbreakable bonds of home and family. (*Kirkus Reviews*)

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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:

**September 26:** *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain

**October 24:** *I Remember Nothing* by Nora Ephron

**November 28:** *The Bean Trees* by Barbara Kingsolver

**\*December 19:** *Wishin’ and Hopin’* by Wally Lamb

**\* Note** change of date due to Christmas holiday

**Other Programs**



**Please register for programs with this symbol.**

**Connecting the Drops – Source to Sea**  
**Thursday, September 27**  
**Bill Library**

**7 pm**

Join The Last Green Valley Director of Outreach Programs and Chief Ranger, Bill Reid, on a “visual” paddle down rivers, streams, lakes and ponds of the region all the way to Long Island Sound. Water resources and quality will also be discussed.



**Using Your Kindle Fire**  
**Wednesday, October 3**  
**Bill Library**

**7 pm**

We will cover the functions of this e-reader, plus apps galore. Please join us with your Kindle Fire to view the basics in how to download books, download free books through Overdrive and how to use some of the other apps available to users! (Space is limited)



**Using Your Kindle E-reader**  
**October 10**  
**Bill Library**

**7 pm**



(Kindle, Kindle Paperwhite, Kindle Keyboard 3G, Kindle DX) A class to help get you started with your Kindle in hand! Download Kindle books, download free books from Overdrive, or discover other free sites for ebooks and more!

**Walktober Pequot Trail Ramble**  
**Saturday, October 13** 1-3 pm  
**(Rain date, Sunday, October, 14)**  
 #97 Rte. 165 (North) in Preston (Trailhead is southside of Rte.165 across from the junction of Old Jewett City Road.)

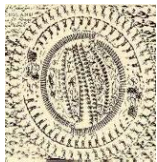
In partnership with “The Last Green Valley” ([tlgv.org](http://tlgv.org)), Ledyard Libraries will sponsor a fall hike. Explore the northernmost section (1.3 miles) of Pequot Trail in Preston. Anne Roberts-Pierson of Avalonia Land Conservation will be our guide. Park at Calvary Baptist Church (there will be signage) Tailgate refreshments will be provided courtesy of the Friends of Ledyard Libraries. Register at either Library.

★ **Scrapbooking Crop Night**  
**Friday October 19** 6-10 pm  
**Friday, November 16** 6-10 pm  
**Bill Library**



Need time and space to work on your scrapbook? Join us for a crop. All levels of scrap bookers are welcome, as are card makers and stampers. This is not a class or sales show. Bring your project and tools. Sarah Desormier will bring some tools to share. We hope to have enough interest to start a monthly crop. Free and open to the public.

**Battlefields of the Pequot War**  
**Sunday, October 28** 2 pm  
**Bill Library**



The Pequot War is one of the most significant events in early Colonial history, yet remains poorly understood. Several Battlefield Archaeology projects supported by the National Park Service American Battlefield Protection Program have uncovered new evidence about the English attack on the Pequot fortified village at Mystic on May 26, 1637, and the English retreat following the battle. Join Kevin McBride as he presents the results of the recent, and still ongoing, battlefield surveys in Mystic and Groton.

Dr. McBride is a professor of anthropology at UConn and Director of Research at the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center. He has conducted archaeological research in northeastern North America, Mexico, the Caribbean and Portugal.

★ **Using Your iPad**  
**Wednesday, November 7** 7 pm  
**Bill Library**

Please specify which version of iPad (iPad, iPad 2, 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation iPad) you'll be bringing to our introduction to using your iPad! We can help you learn how to download books, music, or sync your calendar with your PC or Apple computer. Learn how to choose from all the apps out there (and when paying for an app might be a good idea!)

**What do you really know about the Pilgrims?**  
**Tuesday, November 13** 7 pm  
**Bill Library**

Connecticut author William Muttart will dispel misconceptions about the Mayflower Pilgrims. Mr. Muttart is a descendant of 7 Mayflower passengers and is a member of the Mayflower Society of Connecticut and several other Pilgrim societies. Books will be available for sale and signing after the program.



**Mad Hatters/ Stitch and Dish**



The Mad Hatters are holding a Knit-In at Gales Ferry Library on Wednesday, October 24 to raise awareness of the need for winter hand knit items. Anyone who knits or crochets is invited to stop by from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm and spend a few minutes or hours knitting. For those who are between projects, we will have a community scarf available for anyone who wants to add a few rows. Please come and fill up the library and our donation basket.

We will be collecting hats, scarves, mittens and socks to donate to social service agencies again this winter. Donations for children are especially needed before December 15, but we will be collecting for all ages through February.

Thank you to everyone who contributed squares for our community afghan. We have received so many donations; we will be able to make two afghans. We hope to be able to use the afghans to benefit two local agencies. Stay tuned for your chance to contribute!

Our Stitch and Dish knitting group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 7 pm and the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Gales Ferry Library. Anyone who likes to knit or crochet is welcome to attend.

**Jewelry Night @ the Library**

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








### Computer Genealogy Group @ the Library



The library has scheduled field trips in October and November in addition to regular meetings! If attending regular meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday or either field trip please email Marty Hubbard at

[mhubbard@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto:mhubbard@ledyard.lioninc.org). We will carpool from Bill Library leaving at 8 am for the field trips. Bring a snack! One library closes at 1 pm and the other at 2 pm. You won't want to leave before they close to get lunch!

-  **Wednesday, September 26** **7 pm**  
Preparing for our visit to the Godfrey Library in Middletown
-  **Saturday, October 20** **8 am**  
**Godfrey Library Field Trip**  
Leaving from Bill Library heading to Middletown
-  **Wednesday, October 24** **7 pm**  
Preparing for our visit to the State Library in Hartford
-  **Saturday, November 3** **8 am**  
**CT State Library History and Genealogy Unit**  
Leaving from Bill Library heading to Hartford
-  **Wednesday, November 28** **7 pm**  
Looking at gifts for genealogists to give and receive at this season of the year!

The December Meeting will be cancelled.

### Teen Summer Reading Program

What a fun summer we had! There were 82 teens who signed up for Summer Reading this year. We cooked sweet and savory dishes made with chocolate, 'tattooed' ourselves with henna, created fun things out of duct tape, used bleach to etch designs on t-shirts, and watched a Twilight movie marathon. This is all in addition to volunteering and reading all summer. There were 45 teens who read at least one book over the 6 weeks, and 69 teen volunteers. If you haven't yet picked up your volunteer certificate, it is waiting for you. There were 24 winners of the weekly prizes, with those entries earned by reading, volunteering, and attending teen activities.

#### Most Books Read:

- 1st place Bekah Butler (12 books)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place Jon Burianek, Olivia Lane, and Alex Houdeshell (11 books.)
- We had a three-way tie

The total number of books read was 183, with an average of 4 books per teen reader.



### Most Volunteer Hours:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place Jon Burianek (64.5 hours)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Becca Patterson (38.5 hours)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Katie Lipman (32 hours)

The total number of hours volunteered was 698.5, including 7 teens who helped other programs during the year. This is an average of 10.1 hours per teen volunteer.

Keep up with the Teen Program on Face Book at 'Ledyard Public Libraries' & on the Teen Program page on the libraries' website. Visit our Flickr page to see pictures of all the fun activities this summer.

Looking forward to next year, Andrea Buka  
Teen Program Coordinator – Ledyard Libraries  
[teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto:teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org)

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### Donations

We recently received donations for the purchase of books for the libraries.

In Memory of

- Karen Nagel
- Ernie Poirier
- Thomas M. Lees

We also thank the Garden Club for their recent donation to purchase needed items at both libraries.

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### A Word from the Ledyard Library Friends

#### Friends Fall Meeting

**Monday, October 22 7:00 pm Bill Library**

Join us at our fall meeting as we approve a budget and plan activities for the year. The Library Friends welcome new members. The cost is \$5 per year. We host 2 Book sales during the year and raise money to fund programs, provide admission to local museums, and provide needed items for both the Gales Ferry and Bill Library. Won't you join us? Come meet your neighbors. We'd love to see you there. Bring a friend.



The Friends of the Ledyard Libraries held their annual Book sale at the Bill Library from Thursday Sept 6 Through Friday Sept 14. Both libraries also host an on-going book sale throughout the year with a selection of hardcover and paperback books. This is a great place to pick up some fantastic books at bargain

prices and support your local library.

We are forming a committee to look into hosting a holiday book sale, craft fair and bake sale fund raiser in November. We would love your ideas. Please contact me at [cantiquer2000@yahoo.com](mailto:cantiquer2000@yahoo.com).

Linda DeRose, President

### Holiday Hours

October 8	Columbus Day	Closed
November 11	Veteran's Day	Closed
November 12	Veteran's Day	Closed
November 21	Thanksgiving Eve	Close at 5
November 22	Thanksgiving	Closed
November 23		Closed



## LIBRARY HOURS

### BILL

860-464-9912

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

860-464-6943

Monday – Thursday 9-8

Friday - Saturday 9-5

Sunday Closed

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



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