



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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The Author Next Door



The Friends of Ledyard Libraries are pleased to sponsor a local author series with an author presentation each month from September – April. We have an abundance of local talent in our area and they are willing to share their stories with you. All programs will be held at Bill Library at 7 pm. Former Ledyard resident and congressman, Robert Steele kicks off the series on Tuesday, September 24 discussing his book *The Curse: Big-Time Gambling's Seduction of a Small New England Town*. The story is based on the two Connecticut Indian Tribes that built the world's biggest gambling casinos in the Southeastern corner of the state.

Below is a schedule of remaining events:

- Tuesday, October 15 *Roosevelt's Navy* James Tertius de Kay
- Tuesday, November 19 discuss *Ever True: A Union Private and His Wife* by Lisa Saunders
- Tuesday, December 3 *Magician's Choice* by Todd Gipstein
- Wednesday, January 22 *The Quest for the Golden Trout* by Doug Thompson
- Wednesday, February 19 *Devalued and Distrusted: Can the Pharmaceutical Industry Restore its Broken Image?* By John LaMattina
- Tuesday, March 18 *Moonwind at Large: Sailing Hither and Yon* By Matthew Goldman
- Tuesday April 15 *Hardships and Magic: Memories of Growing up in Germany 1939-1955* by Renate Schneider

Bill Library has copies of these books and others by the authors. Copies will also be available to purchase at each event. The programs are free and open to the public.



Children's Programs

Registration for Story times at the Ledyard Public Libraries will begin Monday, September 9, 2013. You may call in to the library where the program is being offered anytime after 9:30 am.

Infant/Toddler

(6-24 months)

Bill Mondays 9:30 am Sept. 16 – Oct. 28

Terrific Twos

Bill Mondays 9:30 am Nov. 4 – Dec. 9

Three - Fives

Bill Wednesdays 9:30 am Oct. 2 – Dec. 11

GF Tuesdays 9:30 am Oct. 8 – Dec. 10

Four – Sixes Drop In Storytime

Bill Thursdays 1:00 – 1:45 pm Oct. 3 – Dec. 12
No need to register...come when you can!

Summer Wrap up

We had a great time with Dig Into Reading this summer. There were 188 participants in the older program (grades 2-6) and 77 participants in the Read to Me program (ages 4 – grade 1) for a total of 265 children who participated at both Libraries. The older children read 194,139 minutes and the younger children read 2,570 books! Congratulations to Steven Snowberger the winner for the Kindle drawing. In addition to the reading programs, we had a Sidewalk Chalk Contest, Preschool Story times, Touch-a-Truck, Lunch and a Movie, Singer Tom Sieling, Squirmy Worm Composters, Eric Girardi yo-yo master, and a Craft Day.

Feet + Forks=Healthy Kids + Healthy Community David L. Katz, M.D.

Monday, October 21
Garde Arts Center

7:00 pm

The Community Coalition for Children along with the Public Libraries of Southeastern Connecticut are pleased to sponsor an evening with David Katz, M.D. author of *Stealth Health: How to sneak age-defying, disease-fighting habits into your life without really trying*. The father of five children, Dr. Katz is the nutrition columnist for *O, the Oprah Magazine* and has appeared on *Good Morning America*, *20/20*, *48 Hours* and *World News Tonight*. For further information about Dr. Katz visit his website: www.davidkatzmd.com.



Teen Summer Reading Program 2013



@ your library. What a fun summer we had! There were 78 teens who signed up for Summer Reading this year. We cooked sweet and savory dishes that look like other foods, created fun things out of duct tape, made t-shirts into other garments, learned to solder while assembling a small circuit board, and watched an Avengers movie marathon, and enjoyed our annual ice cream social. This is all in addition to volunteering and reading all summer. 51 teens read at least one book over the 6 weeks, and 61 teens volunteered. 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 and volunteering.

Most Books Read:

1st place: Jakob Pohlman (48 books)

2nd place: Tristan Brooks (44 books)

3rd place: Erin Healey (31 books).

The total number of books read was 390, with an average of 7.6 books per teen reader.

Most Volunteer Hours:

1st place: Jon Burianek (84 hours)

2nd place: Becca Patterson (34 hours)

3rd place: Tie between Olivia Lane & Jakob Pohlman (24 hours)

The total number of hours volunteered was 604, for an average of 9.9 hours per teen volunteer.

Keep up with the Teen Program on Face Book & on the libraries' website. We have pictures of all the fun this summer on the libraries' Flickr account, which you may reach from our website.

Looking forward to next year,

Andrea Buka, Teen Program Coordinator –

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Adult Programs

Book Discussions

Join our monthly book discussions on the third Wednesday of the month at Bill Library at 7:00 pm. We always welcome new participants and provide refreshments.



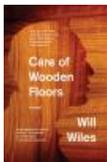
October 16: *Equal of the Sun* by Anita Amirrezvani.



While most of us are familiar historical fiction covering Anne Boleyn, Queen Elizabeth I, Mary Queen of Scots and other famous women of the Tutor and Stuart's families, few of us are knowledgeable of the powerful women in the Muslim world. Based loosely on the life of Princess Pari Khan Khanoom, *Equal of the Sun* is a riveting story of political intrigue and a moving portrait of the unlikely bond between a princess and a eunuch.

November 20: *Care of Wooden Floors* by Will Wiles.

Oskar, a finicky neat freak housekeeper leaves a friend to look after his two cats and model apartment while he is away. The friend is not a neat freak, couldn't care less about the cats, thinks a floor is just a floor, a piano just a piece of furniture for banging out tunes on and all these notes Oskar left are kind of making him neurotic that he isn't looking after things just as Oskar wants. Absolutely everything gets messed up and his attempts at cover-ups are as useless as they are hilarious. (Good Reads Review August 4, 2013.)



December 18: *An Echo Through the Snow* by



Andrea Thalasinos. Andrea's debut novel is an inspiring story of how a single act of kindness can transform your life. Rosalie MacKenzie is headed nowhere until she sees Smokey, a Siberian husky suffering from neglect. Rosalie finds the courage to rescue the dog, and—united by the bond of love that forms between them—they save each other. Soon Rosalie and Smokey are immersed in the world of competitive dogsled racing. Rosalie discovers that behind the modern sport lies a tragic history: the heartbreaking story of the Chukchi people of Siberia. Alternating between past and present, telling of a struggling Chukchi family and a young woman discovering herself, *An Echo Through the Snow* takes readers on a gripping, profound, and uplifting dogsled ride to the Iditarod and beyond, on a journey of survival and healing. (Publisher's Comments.)

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 4th Wednesday of the month at 10:30 am. Upcoming books are distributed monthly at the discussion. All books 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 25: *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson

October 23: *I Married You for Happiness* by Lily Tuck

***November 20:** *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce

***December 18:** *All Through the Night* by Mary Higgins Clark

*Discussion will be held on the third Wednesday due to the holidays

Other Programs

We have a full line-up of programs scheduled this fall including author visits, historical talks about Nathan Lester and the Underground Railroad, hikes, e-reader classes and what the affordable care act means for you. In addition we are planning a voter registration event and will have a shredding truck on site for you to safely dispose of your personal documents. We look forward to seeing you at the library



Please call the library to register for programs with this symbol.

The Author Next Door- Robert Steele

The Curse: Big time gambling's Seduction of a Small New England Town

Tuesday, September 24

7:00 pm

Bill Library

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Curse, a story based on the two Connecticut Indian Tribes that built the world's biggest gambling casinos in the Southeastern corner of the state. The library has copies of the book to borrow and they will be available to purchase at the event.

Tuesday October 1

7:00 pm

Voter Registration Evening

Bill Library

The League of Women Voter of Southeastern Connecticut and Ledyard Libraries are sponsoring voter registration at the library. Representatives will be on hand to help citizens register so they can vote in the upcoming elections in November. Let your neighbors, High School Juniors and Seniors and others know that anyone can come in with a driver's license, social security card, or State ID, and as long as they will be 18 or over by November 5, 2013, they may register to vote. Hope to see you then.



The Author Next Door -James Tertius DeKay

Roosevelt's Navy

Tuesday, October 15

7:00 pm

Bill Library



James Tertius de Kay's newest book, *Roosevelt's Navy* tells the story of a very different FDR than the one usually found in history books. Here is a much younger, untested leader, a physically active, pre-polio FDR as seen during his early years in Washington as Woodrow Wilson's ambitious assistant Secretary of the Navy. De Kay has written a

number of well received books of American history including *Chronicles of the Frigate Macedonia*, *Monitor*, *Rage of Glory* about Stephen Decatur and *The Battle of Stonington*. Mr. de Kay lives with his wife in Pawcatuck, Connecticut.

Copies of the book will be available to purchase at the event which is sponsored by the Friends of Ledyard Libraries

Shred it Day

Saturday, October 19 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Bill Library

Dime Bank and Ledyard Libraries are pleased to sponsor a shred-it day at Bill Library. Consumer fraud and identity theft are becoming an epidemic in our communities. To raise awareness and to promote prevention, we have organized a free Community Shred-it™ day to offer paper shredding services for residents. Fall is a good time to clean out your files of all those personal papers and confidential documents no longer needed. A Shred it truck equipped with cutting-edge proprietary paper shredding technology will destroy those documents while you watch.



Historic Hallowed Ground Jaunt

Saturday, October 19 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Preston



Join us as we explore a vast state owned wildlife management area on Rose Hill Road which straddles Ledyard and Preston. Leaders from Avalonia Land Conservancy and Preston Historical Society will focus on the cultural/historical aspect of this protected landscape. Discover clues to local agrarian past and Killam burial grounds. This event is co-sponsored by Ledyard Public Libraries and The Last Green Valley Conservancy Group. Tailgate refreshments will be available after the walk courtesy of Friends of Ledyard Libraries. Directions: Go to northern end of Rte. 117 in Ledyard, go east onto Rose Hill Rd., 1/3 of a mile up the hill. Look for event signage on road.

Travel Back in Time,

An Evening with Nathan Lester

Monday, October 28 7:00 PM

Bill Library

Please join the Friends of Ledyard Libraries at the annual budget meeting when Nathan Lester, will tell us about his life in North Groton (Ledyard) and his house. Ledyard resident and lover of history, Lee Moore is now the caretaker of the Nathan Lester House & Farm Tool Museum in Gales Ferry. This historic home and farm, built in 1793 is our local treasure, and a delight



to visit. Lee, aka "Nathan Lester" will share some of the history of the home, the artifacts and furnishings, his part in the American Revolution, and experience of the hard life living in our colonial era. Ever seen or even heard of a "dog treadmill"? Well, we've got one, along with a great collection of 17th & 18th century farm tools. Come & enjoy an "Evening Back in Time, with Nathan Lester"!

All are welcome to this presentation.



Using your iPad or iPad Mini (First, Second or Third Generation)

Tuesday, October 29 7:00 pm

Bill Library

Learn how to download books, music, or sync your calendar with your computer. Learn how to choose from all the apps out there (and when paying a few dollars for an app might be a good idea!) Also learn how to download free books from Overdrive.



Affordable Care Act –What It Means for You

Wednesday October 30 7:00 pm

Bill Library

Many Connecticut residents are already seeing the benefits of the Affordable Care Act, but this October our state will launch the new health insurance marketplace, Access Health CT. In January 2014, more changes are scheduled to go into effect. New consumer protections; expanded health plan options for individuals, families and small employers; and discounts to help qualified consumers afford coverage will become available.



Join Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut for an interactive workshop to learn what the new changes mean for you and/or your business. In addition to learning the basics about the law, you will walk away with good resources for future use and a clear view of what's ahead.



Using your Kindle Fire

Tuesday, November 5 7:00 pm

Bill Library

All the functions of an e-reader, plus apps galore. Please join us with your Kindle Fire to view the basics in how to purchase and download books, download free books through Overdrive and how to use some of the other apps available!



Using your Kindle (Paperwhite, Keyboard 3G, or Kindle DX)

Tuesday, November 12 7:00 pm

Bill Library

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!

The Underground Railroad: Myth vs. Reality
Sunday, November 17 2:00 PM
Bill Library



Join Dale Plummer, Norwich City Historian, as he takes us on a journey of local involvement in the Underground Railroad. He will explain how the Railroad worked, as best we understand, and some of the myths which have grown around it and obscured reality. (Photo by *Norwich Bulletin*)

The Author Next Door - Lisa Saunders
Ever True: A Union Private and his Wife
Tuesday, November 19 7:00 pm
Bill Library



Charles McDowell married Nancy when she was 15 years old. Enlisting as a private in the New York 9th Heavy Artillery, he asked Nancy, then 17, to save his letters. Despite his grueling battles and marches, he was able to save hers as well. Together their letters include tales of desertions, hangings, prostitutes, venereal disease, bullets, typhoid fever, lying injured on the battlefield for days, and “clever women.” Great-great granddaughter Lisa Saunders will tell the “back story” of her book. Saunders is an award-winning writer and TV co-host living in Mystic, Connecticut. She works as a part-time history interpreter at Mystic Seaport. A graduate of Cornell University, Lisa is the author of several traditionally published and self-published books. She is winner of the National Council for Marketing & Public Relations Gold Medallion, and continues to write professionally.

The Author Next Door- Todd Gipstein
Magician’s Choice
Tuesday, December 3 7:00 pm
Bill Library



This historical novel tells the story of a young magician in the 30's and 40's. We will follow Guy from the Garde Theater in New London, to small towns in the South, the Broadway theaters and nightclubs in New York City, and to the African desert in World War II. It is an exploration of youth and age, full of surprises, secrets and wonder. Todd Gipstein has traveled extensively for the National Geographic Society as photographer, writer and producer and lives in Groton.

Computer Genealogy Group @ the Library
Bill Library 7:00 pm
Wednesday, Sept 25, Oct 23, Nov 13*, Dec 11*



The Computer Genealogy Group will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings this fall. Feel free to attend any or all of our ongoing group meetings. New

members are always welcome! Carol Ganz will be attending our September meeting to talk about her experiences in finding documents for her German ancestors. (*Meetings are usually the 4th Wednesday of the month but dates will vary this fall.)

Mad Hatters/ Stitch and Dish

The Mad Hatters are gearing up for winter. They are looking for donations of “warm fuzzies.” If you like to knit or crochet, please consider making hats, scarves, mittens or socks for us. We donate items to Ledyard Social Services, as well as, other organizations in the area. We will be accepting items through January.

Thank you to everyone who donated chemo caps and blankets over the last few months. They are being dispersed to cancer treatment centers and hospitals. Did you notice the libraries were struck by a yarn bomber this summer? Feet appeared on tables and sweaters on trees. Yarn bombing is an international event, so we wouldn't be surprised to see more in the future. Join our knitting group, Stitch and Dish, on the 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. and the 4th Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. at the Gales Ferry Library.

Jewelry Night @ the Library

Did you know that we have a jewelry group that meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Gales Ferry Library? If you are interested in making your own jewelry, fixing older items, learning about new techniques or area trade shows, this is the group for you. Experienced artisans are always available to help with a problem or get a newbie started. This is a group for adults, but older children accompanied by a parent are welcome.



Donations

We recently received donations for the purchase of books to honor or remember a friend or family member.
 From: Ledyard Garden Club
 Ledyard Lion's Club for large print books
 Lee Cornett

In Memory of: Thomas Lees

Holiday Hours

October 14	Columbus Day	Closed
November 11	Veteran's Day	Closed
November 27	Thanksgiving Eve	Close at 5
November 28	Thanksgiving	Closed
November 29		Closed

A Word from the Ledyard Library Friends

Friends Meeting
Monday, October 28
Bill Library

7:00 pm



Join us on October 28 to learn more about the Friends and how we will distribute the money raised this year. In addition Nathan Lester aka Lee Moore will tell us what it was like living in

North Groton now known as Ledyard at the turn of the 19th century. Refreshments will be provided. Everyone is welcome and bring a friend.

Many thanks to all of our Friends who helped with the Bill Library Book sale. Together we raised over \$3,000 for the libraries. Special thanks to the sorters for categorizing books, the carriers for hauling

books up and down the stairs, the publicity committee for the media exposure and flyers, the callers for lining up our cashiers and getting volunteers, the cashiers and our treasurer for collecting money and keeping the shelves neat, the set up and cleanup crew, the sign man for painting, setting out and taking down the signs, the boy scouts for carrying up books, the Leo's for hauling our shelves up and down, the Librarians for collecting money and helping us out and everyone who donated and bought books. We couldn't have done it without all of you. We met some lovely patrons at the sale and would love to have you join the Friends. Don't forget about the Book Cellar open year round in the basement of the Gales Ferry Library.

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