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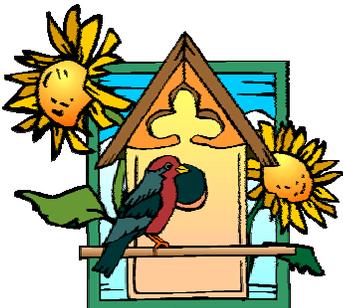
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The Ledyard Libraries support and encourage the freedom to read, learn and discover in a welcoming environment. We provide friendly, knowledgeable service and free access to a diversity of ideas, resources and experiences. We strive to enhance the quality of life in our community, encourage lifelong learning and the love of reading.

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Change Your World @ Your Library

National Library Week will be celebrated April 2- 8, 2006 and the theme for this year is Change your World @ Your Library. We invite you to come in and see how we can help you change your world. Whether you're looking to make a small change in your life or a big change in the world, Ledyard Libraries have the books and magazines, databases and free Internet access that can help you get it done. Libraries bring you a world of knowledge both in person and online, as well as the personal assistance in finding what you need, when you need it.

Libraries have changed the world for many people including Gregory Maguire, screenwriter, Ernest and Julio Gallo, wine makers and locally, the Town of Ledyard Finance Director, Lyle Davieau. Gregory Maguire, the author of *Wicked: the Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West* which forms the basis of the award winning Broadway musical, "Wicked" spent many hours in a library. In 1933, Ernest and Julio Gallo turned to their local library when they needed a wine recipe to start their business. They found the pamphlet "Principles of Winemaking." They started to make wine, pursued their dream and the rest is history. For Lyle Davieau, libraries opened up a world of reading and books. As a young boy growing up there were few activities for children in the community where he lived. He found out his local library was sponsoring a summer reading program where he discovered reading could take him to new places.

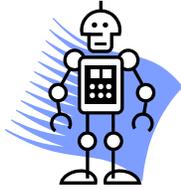
Change your World @ Ledyard Libraries!

Children's Programs

We have an exciting April vacation week coming to the Ledyard Libraries. Please note these programs on your calendar and join us for some great fun. An adult must accompany preschoolers. All programs are free and open to the public. If you have any questions, please call 464-9912.

Safety Simon, The Interactive Robot!

Tuesday, April 18 11:00 am
Ledyard Center School All Ages



Join us for a fun show to hear about safety! Talk with Simon the robot and listen to him answer you! We may have special visitors from the Fire and Police Departments also! No registration required.

Craft Day

Wednesday, April 19 Gales Ferry Library
9:30 a.m. K – 2nd Grade
10:30 a.m. 3rd - 5th Grade

Choose from several different crafts to make and take! Please register at GF Library for these programs because space is limited.

Illusion Entertainment presents: Dan Bowen, Magician!

Thursday, April 20 10:00 am
Ledyard Center School All Ages

Join us for a fun filled program with a fantastic magician! Hold on to your socks, because Dan will blow them off with his "How did he do that??" magic show! No registration required.



Summer Program Alert



We are in the process of designing our summer reading program and to give you a sneak preview, the theme will be Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales! The program will begin after school gets out in June and will end August 5th. We are planning a Read-to-Me program for children born in 2002 through entering 1st grade. Please check the next newsletter for more complete information and special programs.

Teen Programs

Babysitting Class @ your Library

Saturday, May 6th 10 AM to 3 PM
Bill Library

Saturday, May 20th 12 Noon to 6 PM
Gales Ferry Library



Ledyard Public Health Nursing Service will provide a free babysitting class at each library this spring. There will be a break for snacks. Students 11 years old and up are invited to attend. There is a maximum number of 12 students in each class. Call the nursing service today at 464-8464 to reserve your spot.

Teen Summer Reading Program

Creature Feature, a summer reading program for teens entering grades 7-12 in the fall will be coming soon to your library. This year our theme is animals, but with a twist! Think animals, only spooky, with some movies thrown in! Our special activities will include a book and movie discussion, short story competition, organizing a pet show for the younger children, and more. As always we will have weekly raffle drawings for prizes and opportunities to volunteer in the library. We will hold volunteer orientations in June so look for the sign up sheets soon. I'm looking forward to another great summer with all of our teens!

EXTRA, EXTRA!: We are also looking for volunteers to march in the town Memorial Day Parade to promote the Summer Reading Program. Leave a message at Bill Library 464-9912, Gales Ferry Library 464-6943, or email me at teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org. We always have fun, and you get free lunch after the parade! See you there! Andrea Buka, Teen Program Coordinator,

Adult Programs

Book Discussions



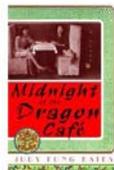
Join our monthly book discussions on Wednesday evenings at Bill Library, beginning at 7 P.M. We always welcome new participants and provide evening refreshments.

April 19, 2006: *The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafón. This story provokes such thoughts because it is a long novel that will remind readers of a good many other novels. This isn't meant as criticism but as an indication of the story's richness and architectonic intricacy.

Before everything else, Carlos Ruiz Zafón's European bestseller is a book about a mysterious book, and its even more mysterious author. Try to imagine a blend of Grand Guignol thriller, historical fiction, occasional farce, existential mystery and passionate love story; then double it. If that's too hard to do, let me put it another way: If you love A.S. Byatt's *Possession*, García Márquez's *One Hundred Years of Solitude*, the short stories of Borges, Umberto Eco's *The Name of the Rose*, Arturo Pérez-Reverte's *The Club Dumas* or Paul Auster's "New York" trilogy, not to mention Victor Hugo's *Hunchback of Notre Dame* and William Hjortsberg's *Falling Angel*, then you will love *The Shadow of the Wind*. (From the Washington Post review.)

May 17, 2006 *Food Revolution: How your diet can help save your life and our world* by John Robbins. This book discussion will be led by Julia Cronin, co-owner of Cedar Meadow Farm in Ledyard. Come hear how her farm is run and how those methods are in keeping with the principles John Robbins has laid out in his newest title. Robbins (of the Baskin and Robbins Ice Cream Families) has written several books including this one about global warming, animal rights, meat safety, and genetically altered food. The Publisher's Weekly review says this book is likely to spark discussion and incite readers to examine their food choices.

June 21, 2006 *Midnight at the Dragon Café* by Judy Fong Bates. This first novel by a Chinese-Canadian author has just been given recognition as an ALA Notable book of 2006. Set in the 1960's this is a coming of age story of a young Chinese girl (Su-Jen/Annie) and her family struggling to adapt to life in a small Ontario town. As Su-Jen's father works continually for a better future, her mother, a beautiful but embittered woman, settles uneasily into their new life. Su-Jen feels the weight of her mother's unhappiness as Su-Jen's life takes her outside the restaurant and far from the customs of the traditional past. When Su-Jen's half-brother arrives, smoldering under the responsibilities he must bear as the dutiful Chinese son, he forms an alliance with Su-Jen's mother, one that will have devastating consequences. Written in spare, intimate prose, *Midnight at the Dragon Café* is a vivid portrait of a childhood divided by two cultures and touched by unfulfilled longings and unspoken secrets.



The College Search and Application Process
Thursday, March 30, 2006 7-8 pm
Bill Library

You've taken the PSATs, and you've now taken or will shortly take the SATs. Good for you! Now comes the search for the right colleges and universities to apply to and the application process!



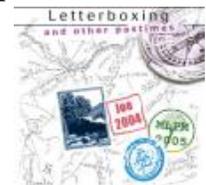
Carole Brown of *Education Planning Services* will present a free seminar for high school students and their parents to provide a broad overview of this process with tips on what to look for when you visit a school, what questions to ask when you're there, and how to navigate the application process as well as the financial aid and special needs resources of a school. Just in time for High School Juniors visiting colleges on their spring break, we ask that family members call Bill Library to register to come and listen or contact Carol Brown directly at (860) 304-1938.

Family Fitness Fun @ your Library

The first two hikes in our family fitness series were enjoyed by many and we invite you to join us on the remaining hikes planned for March and April.

Saturday, March 25 Letterboxing
Nathan Lester House Trails 1:00 p.m.

Scott Buka will lead us through the trails on the grounds of Nathan Lester House for a letterboxing hike. Letterboxing combines hiking with a treasure hunt and is a great way to enjoy a walk in the woods! The object is to find the hidden box which contains a notebook with comments from previous hikers and a stamp. Rudimentary letterboxing kits will be available the day of the hike, or you are encouraged to assemble your own! All you need is a rubber stamp of your choice, (which some people carve from an art eraser), or a token, a stamp pad, a notebook and writing implement. Use the stamp in the box on your notebook and add your stamp or token with your comments to the notebook in the box. For more information about letterboxing, logon to www.letterboxing.org. Park in the lot on the entrance road to the Lester House, and meet at the front of the House.



Saturday, April 22
Glacial Park

Glacial History
1: 00 p.m.

Doug Thompson, a Geology professor at Connecticut College will lead hikers through Glacier Park and describe the glacial history of the area. The hike will begin at the Recessional Moraine site on Whalehead Road. Hikers will have the option of continuing to the Kettlehole trail on Avery Hill Extension. Ledyard has a Boulder train and several kettleholes left by the Wisconsin glacier 12,000 years ago. The "moraine consists of huge boulders tumbled 3 or 4 deep in places, and extending for several miles." **Note:** The main trail requires scrambling over rocks and boulders and may not be within the capability of all hikers. An alternate trail follows the edge of the boulder moraine with side trips in to view and explore the boulders.



Hikers enjoyed an unusually warm day in January at Whitehall Preserve as Bob Dewire pointed out signs of wildlife.

Make a Japanese Fighter Kite
Saturday, April 8, 2006 10am -4 pm
Adults and children over 8 with a parent
Bill Library

Dan Dyer will return this spring to help us usher in April as National Kite month. Materials will be available for participants to complete Japanese fighter kites. While you're building your kite, Dan will also share information about where to fly your finished kites and where he gets to compete with his kites. Please call Bill Library to register for this fascinating day of kite building!



Artists and Writers Showcase
Sunday April 9 1 – 5 p.m. **Bill Library**



Come meet local artists and writers and talk to them about their work, while enjoying refreshments. The Showcase will kick off a display mounted at the Bill Library through the month of April. Artists appearing include Bob Kessel, Carol Bacon, Bruce Campbell, Ray Hasson, Gail Milroy, Connie Burianek, Pam Nelson, Bob Campbell, and Mel Pettit. Among the authors are Larry Zaccaro, Kerri Charette, and possibly our own Marilyn Baseler. Authors will be happy to autograph books, and both artists and writers will have information about where to purchase their works. This showcase came about after a conversation with someone who thought that a trip to New York or Boston is necessary to view good art. We beg to differ! If you would like to display your work, please contact Andrea Buka by April 1, 2006 to reserve a space. Phone 464-9912, or email at teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org

Health Series

Ledyard Libraries will repeat a series of health lectures at Bill Library this spring with Leon S. Harris, DAc. Dr. Harris is certified as a Diplomat of Acupuncture and Chinese Herbology by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) and is currently licensed to practice in Connecticut and Rhode Island. He currently practices 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. Please sign up by calling Bill Library.

Monday April 24, 2006

Health and Stress

Monday May 22, 2006

Balancing Hormones Naturally

Monday June 26, 2006

Understanding Fibromyalgia

Suggestion Box

In addition to making suggestions in the library it is now possible to email us your suggestions through the link on the library webpage at www.lioninc.org/ledyard. While you are there you will also find links to state and local tax forms as well as local sites of interest including Town of Ledyard, Board of Education, Ledyard Parks and Recreation, Ledyard Senior Center and more.

Ledyard Sampler

Saturday, June 10 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Nathan Lester House

Rain date Sunday, June 11

The 2nd Annual Ledyard Sampler will take place at the Nathan Lester House. Activities will include tours of the Lester House and Tool Museum, self-guided hikes, and a refreshment stand. In addition we will have craft demonstrations, such as blacksmithing, spinning, weaving, hearth cooking, pottery making, and butter churning. A delightful exhibit of live farm animals and the return of the alpacas will round out the displays. We are also looking for entertainers to provide historic-based entertainment on a voluntary basis, such as singers, storytellers, or musicians. Free spaces will be provided to non-profit & civic groups who aren't selling any items, but would like to publicize their causes, demonstrate an historic craft, or provide entertainment. We are reserving 10' X 10' vendor spaces in the meadow for crafters selling their wares, antique sellers, and the like for \$25 each. (There are a limited number of tables available for these spaces.) If you would like to help with this event by giving time or food, or would like to reserve a vendor, non-profit, or demonstrator space please see the library website for forms: www.lioninc.org/ledyard or contact Andrea Buka at 464-8540, Jan Dawson at bsktladee@aol.com, or leave a message at either library. We had over 500 people last year, and look forward to seeing you there!



Restaurant Reviews



Looking for someplace new to dine out and need some ideas? The libraries have collected the reviews of local restaurants published weekly in The New London Day. Listings for each restaurant include

atmosphere, cuisine, hours, service, price, reservations, credit cards and ratings. Types of restaurants range from café's to hotels serving a variety of foods such as pizza, teas, seafood, steak, Chinese, and Italian to name a few. Stop in at either library and ask to see the Restaurant Binder.

Newbery/Caldecott 2006

Newbery Award:

Criss Cross by Lynne Rae Perkins

Newbery Honor Books:

Whittington by Alan Armstrong

Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's

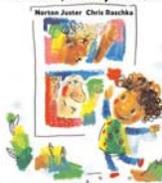
Shadow by Susan Campbell Bartoletti

Princess Academy by Shannon Hale

Show Way by Jacqueline Woodson



The Hello, Goodbye Window



Caldecott Award:

Hello, Goodbye Window by Chris Raschka

Caldecott Honor Books:

Rosa by Bryan Collier

Zen Shorts by Jon J. Muth

Hot Air: The (Mostly) True Story

of the First Hot-Air Balloon Ride by Majorie Priceman

Song of the Water Boatman and Other Pond Poems

by Beckie Prange

We have ordered all of these books for our libraries and you may place holds on them!

New Book Preview

Clark, Mary Higgins	Two little Girls in Blue	April
Peters, Elizabeth	Tomb of the Golden Bird	April
Woods, Stuart	Dark Harbor	April
Brown, Dale	Edge of Battle	May
Clark, Carol H.	Hitched	May
Cornwell, Patricia	At Risk	May
Patterson, James	Beach Road	May
Quick, Amanda	Second Sight	May
Sandford, John	Dead Watch	May
Scottoline, Lisa	Dirty Blonde	May
Tyler, Anne	Digging to America	May
Deaver, Jeffrey	The Cold Moon	June
Evanovich, Janet	Twelve Sharp	June
Griffin, W.E.B.	The Saboteurs	June
Hillerman, Tony	The Shape Shifter	June
Koontz, Dean	The Husband	June
McCullough, Colleen	On, Off	June
McMurtry, Larry	Telegraph Days	June
Parker, Robert	Blue Screen	June
Updike, John	Terrorist	June

Holiday Hours

April 14	Good Friday	Closed
April 16	Easter	Closed
May 28	Memorial Day Sunday	Closed
May 29	Memorial Day	Closed

Friends News

Gales Ferry Booksale June 1 – June 8



The annual Gale Ferry Book Sale begins Thursday, June 1 and runs through June 8th. We have lots of great books in all categories. On Saturday, look for a special sale with our new and improved Ledyard Library book bags. Also, we can always use volunteers to help out with book sorting, cashiering, etc. If you are interested, please call Diana Wall 464-9802.

Library Hours

Community News

Ledyard Women's Club: All Ledyard and Gales Ferry women are invited to the Ledyard Women's Club New Member Open House on March 25th at the Nathan Lester House. Time 9:30 to 11:30. LWC meetings are held at Gales Ferry Elementary School on the second Wednesday of each month starting at 7:30. www.theledyardwomensclub.com Call Amy at 464-8619 for membership information!
www.theledyardwomensclub.com

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