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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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Come together @ your library

April 15 -20 is National Library Week - a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers in schools, campuses and communities nationwide - and the perfect time for Ledyard to come together @ your library.



Established in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and celebrated in libraries across the country each April.

Every day, libraries help transform their communities.

At our library, people of all backgrounds come together for community meetings, story hours, hikes, book discussions and other programs, to do research with the assistance of a trained professional, to find a job or to get homework help. Our group of "Mad Hatters" recently came together, making over 400 knitted hats for newborns. In April local artists and writers will come together to showcase their talents and speak about their works.

So come together @ Ledyard Libraries this April – and all year round!

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.

Keith Michael Johnson presents: Hats Off to Reading!

Tuesday, April 17 **10:00 am**
Ledyard Center School **All Ages**



Join us for a rip-roaring celebration of books and reading! Keith is a fantastic performer who will keep all ages entertained. We have enjoyed Keith's programs in the past and encourage you to join us for a fun morning. There is no registration required for this show.

Craft Day
Wednesday, April 18 **Gales Ferry Library**
9:30 **K – 2nd Grade**
10:30 **3rd – 5th Grade**

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

Summer Program Alert

We are still designing our summer reading program, but here's a sneak peak: We will have a mystery theme and we're calling the program "Get a Clue @ Your Library"! The program begins after school gets out in June and ends August 5th. We are planning a Read-to-Me program for children born in 2003 through entering 1st grade. Please check the next newsletter for more complete information and special programs.



Teen Programs

Writing Contest



Ledyard Libraries Teen Program is sponsoring a Teen Writing Contest for students entering grades 9-12 in fall 2007. The categories are poetry, non-fiction, fiction, and scripts/plays. Teens can submit pieces for more than one category.

Pieces must be the submitter's original work, but may have been previously submitted elsewhere.

Submissions can be dropped off at Bill or Gales Ferry Library. The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, July 18th. We will award prizes in each category at the Teen Summer Reading Ice Cream

Social in August. Please contact Teen Program Coordinator, Andrea Buka, at either library or at teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org.

Summer Reading Program

Coming Soon! YNK@ your library - you never know @ your library. Open to everyone who will be entering the 7th-12th grades in the fall, this year our theme is Mysteries and CSI! Some great new activities are planned, including thrilling & mysterious movies every week, playing life-sized Clue, making "Ledyard Clue" boards, and a hands-on cooking class. We will do a project with the children's program, as well.



As always, we will hold weekly raffle drawings for which you may earn tickets by reading any book. Extra tickets may be earned for attending programs or reading a book that goes along with the theme.

The popular volunteering aspect of the program also earns entries for the raffle when you come in for 2-hour shifts and run the game for the younger kids.

Volunteer orientations are scheduled in June, before school gets out, so look for the sign up sheets then. I'm looking forward to another great summer with all of our teens!

EXTRA, EXTRA! We need teens to march in the town Memorial Day Parade to help us promote the Summer Reading Program. Leave a message at either library or email me at teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org if you can participate. Help us throw candy while practicing your royal wave, and enjoy a free lunch afterwards! 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 18, 2007: *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature- Deficit Disorder* by Richard Louv. Today's kids are increasingly disconnected from the natural world, says child advocacy expert Richard Louv, even as research shows that "thoughtful exposure of youngsters to nature can... be a powerful form of therapy for attention-deficit disorder and other maladies." Instead of passing summer months hiking, swimming, and telling stories around the

campfire, children these days are more likely to attend computer camps or weight-loss camps. As a result, Louv says, they've come to think of nature as more of an abstraction than a reality.

May 16, 2007: *Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield "All children mythologize their birth..." So begins the prologue of reclusive author Vida Winter's collection of stories, which are as famous for the mystery of the missing thirteenth tale as they are for the delight and enchantment of the twelve that do exist.

Vida has spent six decades creating various outlandish life histories for herself, all inventions that have brought her fame and fortune but have kept her violent and tragic past a secret. Now old and ailing, she finally wants to tell the truth about her extraordinary life. She hires biographer Margaret Lea, a young woman for whom the secret of her own birth, hidden by those who loved her most, remains an ever-present pain.

Margaret is struck by the curious parallel between Miss Winter's story and her own, and takes on the job.

As Vida reveals the life she meant to bury for good, Margaret is mesmerized. It is a tale of gothic strangeness featuring the Angelfield family, including the beautiful and willful Isabelle, the feral twins Adeline and Emmeline, a ghost, a governess, a topiary garden and a devastating fire. Margaret succumbs to the power of Vida's storytelling but remains suspicious of the author's sincerity. She demands the truth from Vida, and together they confront the ghosts that have haunted them while becoming, finally, transformed by the truth themselves.

June 20, 2007: *Red Weather* by Pauls Toutonghi Communism is unraveling and nobody feels this unraveling more than Yuri Balodis, a fifteen-year-old, first-generation American living with his Latvian-immigrant parents in Milwaukee's Third Ward. *Red Weather* is both funny and bittersweet, tinged with a rueful comic sense that will instantly remind you of the absurd



complications of love. Pauls Toutonghi's stunning debut novel is said to remind one of Michael Chabon's *The Mysteries of Pittsburgh* and Khaled Hosseini's *The Kite Runner*.

Family Fitness Fun @ your Library

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

Saturday, April 14 1:00 p.m.

Signs of Spring

The Nature Conservancy's Poquetanuck Cove Preserve



Beth Sullivan will lead us through this diverse Nature Conservancy preserve that borders Poquetanuck Cove. We will look for signs of spring as we travel through a hardwood forest and hemlock ravine containing a stream to the cove itself and around the loop back through the forest. Entrance to the preserve is on the west side of Avery Hill Rd. Parking is limited so carpooling is encouraged.

Artists and Writers Showcase

Sunday April 28 1 – 3 p.m. Bill Library

Due to popular demand, we are holding our Artists & Writers Showcase again this spring. Please join us on Saturday, April 28th, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the Ledyard Libraries' Bill Branch for the opening reception.



Come meet the artists and writers and see them at work, while enjoying refreshments provided by the Ledyard Libraries Friends.

Local writers and artists interested in exhibiting are encouraged to contact Andrea Buka at either library, or email at teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org to register and receive more details.

Gardening Series

Wild Edible Plants of New England

Saturday May 12 10-11:30 am Bill Library



On Saturday morning the naturalist John Root will present a program about wild edible plants in New England. Depending on the weather, he'll start his talk by doing a quick scan of the wooded area on the hill in front of the library and then using his own samples of plants, he will describe and show common plants that we can discover in the wild during the growing season to come. There will be handouts and a few recipes to assist in your continued discoveries of edible plants. His program comes well recommended and his enthusiasm for "foraging" is said to be "contagious!"

Worm Composting

Wednesday, May 23 7-8:30 pm Bill Library

Jean Scialabba a former Ledyard Library Commission member and long-time "Friend of Ledyard Library will speak to us about "Vermicomposting" or composting with worms. Join us as we hear about the details and requirements for composting with worms. Jean will bring handouts and talk about this "greener" and faster approach to getting good gardening compost for yourself!

Container Gardening

Date and time to be determined.

"Stay Tuned" for the date and time of a program on container gardening by the Ledyard Garden Club. The Garden Club does Bill Library's container gardens which many patrons have admired and inquired about in past years!

Ledyard Sampler

Saturday, June 19 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Nathan Lester House

The 3rd Annual Ledyard Sampler will take place at the Nathan Lester House on Saturday, June 19th Rain or shine. Activities will include

- Tours of the Lester House and Tool Museum,
- A refreshment stand
- Blacksmithing
- Spinning,
- Weaving,
- Hearth cooking
- Butter churning.



The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc, a Medieval & Renaissance re-enactment group will demonstrate period fighting, and teach the public period dancing and board games, as well. An exhibit of live farm animals will also be on view.

We are looking for entertainers to provide historic-based entertainment, 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 a historic craft, or provide entertainment.

We are reserving 10' X 10' vendor spaces for crafters selling their wares, antique sellers, and the like for \$25 each. Craft demonstrators who would also like to sell their creations will pay only \$15 for a space. (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 teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org or at 464-8540, Jan Dawson at bskladee@aol.com, or leave a message at either library. We had over 450 guests last year, despite the rain. We look forward to seeing you there this year!

Honor a Loved One with a Book

The library is often turned to when families and friends are looking for a way to honor or remember a loved one. We are pleased to be able to do this and will try to match a book or books with the interests of the person for whom the book is named. We will place a book plate inside the book naming the person and a date. Patrons may be remembered for birthdays, anniversaries, the birth of a baby, if they are moving, or if they have passed away.

If you wish to honor someone in this way, bring or mail your donation to the library with the name of the person you wish to honor/remember, a subject interest if you have one, and the name and address of the person or family member that you wish to have notified. We will include a list of these donations in future issues of this newsletter. Below is a list of donations received since July 2006.

Books Donated in Memory of:

Dottie Estes
Ed Phillips
Stephen Wayland
J. Alfred Clark
Ruth Clark
Linnie Lawrence
Joseph C. Haffey
Emma Amos

General Donations for books

Glenwoods Book Club

Mad Hatters

Ledyard's Mad Hatters are currently admiring, counting, and packaging more than 400 beautiful hats for newborns made by 30+ area volunteers. We wish to thank all who contributed to this overwhelmingly successful project. These hats were delivered to area hospitals.



At a recent gathering, the Mad Hatters enthusiastically decided to continue their charitable program, after giving their gnarled fingers a short rest. Starting this spring, they will be making chemo caps for cancer patients. Patterns and instructions for these caps will be available at the Bill and Gales Ferry libraries and on the library website beginning April 10. Yet to come is the fall project, which will be warm and fuzzy hats, mittens and scarves for area shelters and social service organizations

Newbery/Caldecott/Nutmeg 2007

Newbery Award:

The Higher Power of Lucky by Susan Patron

Newbery Honor Books:

Penny from Heaven by Jennifer L. Holm

Hattie Big Sky by Kirby Larson

Rules by Cynthia Lord

Caldecott Award:

Flotsam by David Wiesner

Caldecott Honor Books:

Gone Wild: An Endangered Animal Alphabet by David McLimans

Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom by Kadir Nelson

Nutmeg 4-6

Thunder from the Sea by Joan Hiatt Harlow

Nutmeg 7-8

Vampire High by Douglas Rees

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

Media Shelving at Bill Library

Bill Library has received new shelving to hold the audio and video collections. The shelving was placed in front of the reference desk to provide easy access for patrons



looking for videos, audio books, or CD's. One unit has pull out drawers which provide efficient storage of the items and better browsing capability. This unit holds the music and spoken CD and DVD collections. The other unit has traditional shelves and holds the audio books and some of the VHS video collections. This new shelving has allowed us to consolidate all of the non-print media in one location.

Funding for the shelving was made possible by the Friends of the Library, the Dime Savings Bank, and the Liberty Bank.

In order to accommodate this shelving, the card catalog was removed and replaced with two stand-up computer tables for the online catalog computers. These tables were funded by the Ledyard Rotary Club and the Friends of the Library. We are grateful to all of these organizations for their support.

New Carpet at Gales Ferry Library

Gales Ferry Library will be having new carpet installed this spring. Volunteers are being recruited to help pack books and/or to check out a box of books to take home during the installation. If you are willing to help pack books contact Mary Ellen at Gales Ferry Library to let her know.

The estimated installation date is mid April. We anticipate closing for up to 4 days. Bill Library will be open during that time.

New Book Preview

Chiaverini, Jennifer	The Quilter's Homecoming	Apr
Fielding, Joy	Heartstopper	Apr
Quick, Amanda	The River Knows	Apr
Shreve, Anita	Body Surfing	Apr
Woods, Stuart	Fresh Disasters:	Apr
Baldacci, David	Killer Genius	May
Connelly, Michael	The Overlook	May
Koontz, Dean	The Good Guy	May
Sanford, John	Invisible Prey	May
Smith, Wilbur	The Quest	May
Brown, Dale	Strike Force	Jun
Coulter, Catherine	Double Take	Jun
Cussler, Clive	The Navigator	Jun
Deaver, Jeffrey	The Sleeping Doll	Jun
Evanovich, Janet	Lean Mean Thirteen	Jun
Griffin, W.E.B.	The Double Agents	Jun
Hamill, Pete	North River	Jun
Koontz, Dean	The Good Guy	Jun
Parker, Robert	Spare Change	Jun
Smith, Martin Cruz	Stalin's Ghost	Jun
Van Lustbader, Eric	Robert Ludlam's™ The Bourne Betrayal	Jun

Holiday Hours

April 6	Good Friday	Open
May 28	Memorial Day	Closed

Friends News

Greetings from the Ledyard Library Friends. We would like to announce a new benefit for all members with their paid memberships. At each of our book sales, a special time is being set aside the night before the sale begins for you to preview and purchase book sale books. This will give members a chance to choose first among all of our great items for sale. So, members and past members, make sure your dues are up-to-date. For non-members who love our book sales, please consider becoming a member. Dues start as little as \$5.00 for a single membership.



Applications will be available at each library. More info on times of the previews will be forthcoming. We hope you all enjoy this new benefit.

Ramp and Windows for Bill Library

There are two building maintenance projects involving the ramp and windows scheduled to be done at Bill Library this spring. The existing ramp and stairs will be removed and replaced with a new ramp and stairs that will meet the ADA code. During construction the front door at the North entrance (on the green) will be used with a temporary ramp.

We will also have ten windows at Bill Library replaced with new energy efficient windows and frames. These include the 4 windows in the Historical room and 6 in the staff work area. We anticipate replacing all of the windows in the near future which will provide us with a more energy efficient building.

Our apologies in advance for any inconvenience this creates.

LIBRARY HOURS

BILL

464-9912

Monday – Thursday 9-9

Friday - Saturday 9-5

Sunday Closed

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GALES FERRY

464-6943

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Friday - Saturday 9-5

Sunday Closed

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