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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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Presidential Sculptures on Display



Bill Library is featuring a display of ceramic Presidential busts made by students in Grade 5 at Ledyard Center School. While studying the US Presidents in their 5th grade curriculum students completed reports on individual Presidents and then created ceramic sculptures of their President. In art class students became familiar with the concepts and construction of 3D clay portraiture while studying pictures and photographs of their assigned Presidents.

Using plastic eggs to produce hollow oval head forms the students added the shoulders with correct period clothing. The features of the face were added paying attention to detail and proportion. Many students were able to achieve a likeness that made their President quite recognizable.

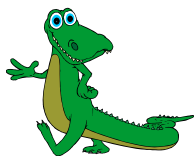
Be sure to visit the Bill Library before school lets out and see who you can identify!

Mary Ellen Slanker, Art Teacher, Ledyard Center School



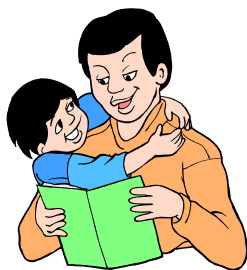
Children's Programs

Put on your armor and get ready for Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds at the library this summer! We have a great summer reading program for ages 4 and up. Registration begins Monday, June 27th at Bill or Gales Ferry Library. Please register at the library where each individual program is being offered. Our phone numbers are: Bill Library 464-9912, or Gales Ferry Library 464-6943. All programs are free and open to the public.



Mrs. Brewer, aka Lady of the Lake, promotes summer reading to a visiting class from Ledyard Center School.

Read to Me Reading Program June 27 -August 6



Children turning 4 years old in 2005 up through entering 1st grade may register for this program and will receive a coloring sheet with 10 pictures. For each book the child reads (or someone reads to him or her) the child colors in one picture and writes the title on the back of the sheet.

After all 10 pictures are colored and every title recorded, return the sheet to Bill or Gales Ferry Library (wherever the child is registered) for a prize. Complete 5 sheets before August 6th and win a paperback book. *Last date to return READ TO ME sheets is August 6th!*

Dragons, Dreams & Daring Deeds Jun 27 - Aug 6

Children entering 2nd grade through entering 6th grade are eligible for the Dragon program. Begin the program by reading for at least one hour starting June 23rd. Then come to the library for a game sheet. Participants will choose different

places on the castle grounds for a clue to find a magic book. There are some activity sheets and jokes included in the quest to awaken King Arthur. Each elementary school has been given a challenge that will result in Mrs. Brewer getting sprayed with Silly String! *The last date to play is August 6th!*

Special Programs

Little Dragon's Storytime

Tuesdays July 12 - Aug. 2 Gales Ferry Library
9:30 -10:00 a.m. (ages 3 – 5)

Join us for summer stories, songs and special activities. Please register at GF library.

*Sidewalk Art Contest

Thursday June 30 Bill Library
Rain date July 1st
10:00 a.m. (ages 6 – 10)

Show us your skill and decorate a section of sidewalk outside the Bill Library. Space is limited so don't delay registering! Everyone gets a prize. Bring your own sidewalk chalk if you have it.

Tator and Navigator Ball Player Visit!

Saturday July 9 Bill Library
10:00 a.m. All Ages.

Have your picture taken with Tator and listen to a story read by one of our own Navigators! Bring something for him to autograph, and enjoy meeting and talking baseball. Learn how to earn a free ticket for a Navigator home game.



Wizards, Kings, and Things

Monday July 11 Bill Library
7:00 p.m. All ages

Full Effect Productions presents a fun family evening. Meet Dusty the Dragon, solve the mystery of the King's Crown and see a member of the audience turned into a wizard! Packed with magic and comedy this is a fun-filled program you won't want to miss!

*Dragons, Knights and Castle Crafts

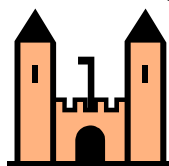
Thursday July 14 Gales Ferry Library
9:30 a.m. K-1

Make a dragon and hear a dragon story!

10:30 a.m. Grade 2-3

Make a shield for your knight!

11:30 a.m. Grade 4-6



Make a felt pennant for your castle!

Jack the Court Jester

Thursday July 21
10:00 a.m.

Ledyard Center School
All Ages.



Back in the Middle Ages, jesters were the clowns of the King's Court. Pretend you are Lords and Ladies of the court while enjoying music, juggling, puppetry, and magic with this fun entertainer! Preschoolers must be with an adult.

*Castle Lego Contest

Thursday July 28
10:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m.

(entering) grades 2 - 5
Bill Library
Gales Ferry Library

Bring your own Legos and build us a castle to display in the library for a week. All participants will receive a prize!

Amulet of the Whispering Dragon

Thursday August 4
10:00 a.m.

Ledyard Center School
All Ages

Presented by The Marshmallow Masquers, this program features a knight, a court jester, and a princess who all want the dragon's amulet. One of them has it and the dragon wants it back! Help Sam Case and Poochie solve this medieval mystery. Preschoolers must be with an adult.

***Please register for these programs.**

Voyages Program

The Five Rivers Consortium, a group of local museums, has announced a special summer program for students age 7-12 and their families. They have produced a workbook that includes a page for each participating museum showing special activities to participate in on your visits to their sites. Pick up your "Voyages" workbook at either library and have a great time exploring the local museums, including our own Nathan Lester House, the Mystic Seaport, Children's Museum, Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center, Lyman Allyn Museum of Art, and the U.S. Coast Guard Museum, among others. The libraries also lend out passes for reduced or free admission to several of the participating museums! Embark on "Voyages" at the Ledyard Libraries!



Teen Programs

Joust Read @ Ledyard Libraries Teen Summer Reading Program June 27 – August 6, 2005



We have a great summer planned for teens entering grades 7-12! Get rewards for completing school summer reading requirements by earning entries into weekly prize drawings for every book you read. Prizes will

also be awarded for the most books read and most hours volunteered during the program. Volunteer opportunities including helping with the children's programs and playing the summer reading game with them will allow participants to earn additional drawing entries.

If you missed the volunteer orientation program and would like to help out, call the library and leave a message for the Teen Program Coordinators: Sue Lantelme or Andrea Buka.

Special Programs

*Registration required

*Weaving & Cross-stitch workshop

Thurs. June 30
10:30 a.m.

Nathan Lester House

Janet Coe will demonstrate weaving on the antique Lester House looms, and we will practice the art of cross-stitch with your own take-home kit.

Medieval Combat Demo & Catapult Contest

Sun. July 10
12:00 p.m.

Nathan Lester House

All ages

Watch the fighters of the Society for Creative Anachronism as they demonstrate the martial arts of the middle Ages. Teens may also enter a catapult model to compete for a prize. Catapult building information is available at both libraries.

*Medieval Feast

Wed. August 3
6:30 p.m.

Bill Library

Experience the tastes of the Middle Ages! Bring a friend and come hungry! *Please register by Sat., June 30.*

*Ice Cream Social & Final Prizes

Fri. September 16
6:30 p.m.

Gales Ferry Library

All participants are invited to enjoy sundaes while we find out who read the most books and volunteered the most hours! Certificates will be awarded. These can be used for community service requirements for college resumes, scouting, church groups, etc. Enjoy the summer @ your library!

Adult Programs

One Book One Region 2005 title is announced

Mountains Beyond Mountains by Tracy Kidder has been selected as the latest One Book One Region title. Mr. Kidder met with local librarians, members of several local book discussion groups, and interested members of the public in a kick-off event on Monday June 6th at Groton Public Library. He will return to the region to discuss the book with students and adults at the Norwich Free Academy and Fitch High School on September 26 and 27. During the summer local area libraries will sponsor movies, book discussions, and cultural events to encourage community members to talk with each other about this book and the topics it discusses. Ledyard Libraries will discuss the book on Wednesday evening, September 21st at 7 pm.



Book Discussions

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

June 15: *Saints at the River* by Ron Rash.

When a twelve-year-old girl drowns in the Tamassee River and her body is trapped in a deep eddy, the people of the small South Carolina town that bears the river's name are thrown into the national spotlight. The girl's parents want to attempt a rescue of the body; environmentalists are convinced the rescue operation will cause permanent damage to the river and set a dangerous precedent. Torn between the two sides is Maggie Glenn, a twenty-eight-year-old newspaper photographer who grew up in the town and has been sent to document the incident. Since leaving home almost ten years ago, Maggie has done her best to avoid her father, but now, as the town's conflict opens old wounds, she finds herself revisiting the past she's fought so hard to leave behind. Meanwhile, the reporter who's accompanied her to cover the story turns out to have a painful past of his own, and one that might stand in the way of their romance.

July 20: *Dating Dead Men* by Harley Jane Kozak Poor Wollie Shelley. She's desperately trying to make sure her card store, Wollie's Welcome, will stay in business. It figures her schizophrenic

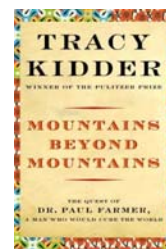
brother, P. B., would call while the store inspector was visiting and claim he's witnessed a murder. Wollie drives to the hospital where P. B. is, and sure enough, she stumbles across a dead body. She also runs into a man disguised as a doctor, who uses her to help him escape from the hospital. Only after they've eluded hospital security does "Doc" mention he's being pursued by the Mafia, although he won't say why. Wollie wants to help him, but his problems are starting to take over her life. She still has the store, and she's also participating in a dating program run by a radio personality, but it's hard for Wollie to focus on the men she's going out with when the Mafia is dogging her every move. Worse yet, she might actually be falling for Doc. Kozak's debut is a lively, funny romp for fans of lighthearted mysteries.

August 17: *The Third Translation* by Matt

Bondurant. Walter Rothschild, a middle-aged Egyptologist at the British Museum, has abandoned his wife and child to spend his time obsessively poring over the dusty inscriptions of a dead civilization. He is forced to reconnect with life when he is seduced by a mysterious woman who then steals an ancient papyrus containing the key to the enigmatic hieroglyphics of the Stela of Paser. The conspiracy trail leads Walter to a modern-day cult of the Egyptian sun god, Aten, protected by a menacing team of pro wrestlers. In Bondurant's ambitious debut, a sprawling picaresque is infused with mythic resonance by linking it to ancient Egyptian literature and mythology and to concepts in avant-garde physics, including black holes, general relativity and string theory.

September 21: *Mountains Beyond Mountains* by

Tracy Kidder, the 2005 One Book One Region selection. This is the tale of Paul Farmer, a man who was raised in a bus and on a boat, and has spent his professional life working to cure infectious diseases in both Third World countries and the United States. Farmer is not only a doctor, but also a Harvard professor, infectious-disease specialist, anthropologist, recipient of a MacArthur "genius" grant, and founder of the small public charity Partners in Health. The charity runs innovative medical care facilities and programs in rural Haiti, urban Massachusetts, Siberia, and Lima, Peru.





Bike, Hike and Paddle, Family Fitness Fun @ your library

Ledyard Library Friends and The L.I.F.E. Project will team up this fall to bring you a series of active programs for the whole family. There will be healthy snacks for all and a special gift for the first 15 participants of each program. Gifts will be given out the day of each event. We ask you to register at either library so we may plan accordingly.



Saturday, September 17 (Raindate: September 18)
Bicycle Gales Ferry Village 1:00 p.m.
Ages 8 – adult

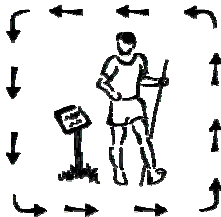


Meet at Gales Ferry Library for a brief introduction to bicycle safety and ride with Scott Bacon through historic Gales Ferry Village. Cross the railroad bridge where the Gales Ferry train station was located, see the Yale boathouse and the site of Roger Gale's Ferry, notice the fire rings used to indicate a fire in the area, and the first Gales Ferry Library. Helmets are required and children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday, September 24 (Raindate: September 25)
Hike the Pine Swamp Wildlife Corridor 1:00 p.m.

Join Anne Roberts-Pierson and Ellen Fossum from the Avalonia Land Trust as they lead a 1-2 hour hike in the Pine Swamp Wildlife Corridor. This will not be particularly strenuous terrain (unless kids/adults want to clamor over some of the boulder moraine. Hikers should wear sturdy shoes and clothing appropriate for deer tick precautions. We also recommend that

you bring a water bottle and binoculars and/or a camera. Meet at the PSWC Slosberg-Anderson trailhead at 113 Whalehead Road (there is a large wooden sign). Overflow parking is best across the street on Stone Court.



Saturday, October 1 (Raindate: October 2.)
Paddle Poquetannuck Cove 11:00 a.m.

The Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center will lead a paddle trip on Poquetannuck Cove. We will meet at the boat launch on Drawbridge West Rd. off of Rt. 12 (across from Holmberg's Orchards). This

tidal cove offers a variety of aquatic plants and birds so be sure to pack your binoculars. Bring your canoe or kayak and come paddle with us (PFD's required).



Stitch and Dish

Wednesday, September 14 7:00 p.m.
Gales Ferry Library

A knitting group is being organized at the library for beginning or experienced knitters. If you are an experienced knitter bring something you are working on or ideas you would like to share. If you have never attempted to knit, been unsuccessful in the past, or are just plain curious about this growing craft, bring some needles and yarn, and we will help you get started. We hope this new group will be both supportive and fun. The "dish" part of the name refers to talking, but if you would like to bring a treat to share that's fine too. If you have any questions, please call Mary Ellen at the Gales Ferry Library.

Memorial Day Parade



Mary Ellen Osborne and Kathy Bruckner carry the library banner in the parade.

A group of staff and patrons from the library had fun marching in the Ledyard Memorial Day Parade on May 29th. A big thank you goes out to Craig Dawson for driving along with our walkers, Mary Ellen Osborne, Kathy Bruckner, Rebecca Sindel, Patrick Medders, Adam Strickland, Nancy

Brewer, Steven Servedio, Jennifer, Michael, & Katie Pietras, Patricia Lefker, Jan Dawson and Andrea Buka. Also, thank you to Andrea for the wonderful costumes to help promote Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds summer reading program.

Book awards

The Bill Library Association's annual Book Award was presented to four freshman English students from Ledyard High School. The recipients are Andrew Esposito, Christine Flemming, Samantha Love, and Trevin Reeves. Each student received a copy of Roget's International Thesaurus. In addition, two 8th grade students were awarded The American Heritage Dictionary. The recipients were Michaelina Deneka and Jessica Franco.



The students were chosen for their outstanding skill in using library resources. Congratulations to all of them.

Ledyard Sampler

The festival at the Nathan Lester House was quite successful, and we hope everyone enjoyed the day! Over 500 people attended the event which was jointly sponsored by the Ledyard Historical Society and the Ledyard Library Friends. Many of the children who attended helped Jennifer Finlayson's Girl Scout troop churn butter, and took home their own jar of cream to shake into butter. The Galton family's alpacas were a big hit, and it was especially interesting to see Jesse Baker spinning their fleece in the Lester House after being able to pet them! Sean Finlayson amazed many with his blacksmithing skills, and there was almost always a crowd around his exhibit. Also in the House was Mark Rosenthal showing us how to tablet weave, Marilyn Baseler knitting, and Janet Coe weaving on the challenging antique looms upstairs with Jesse. In the very warm keeping room, cooking up a storm on the hearth were Bill & Brenda Day, & friend Maureen.

I want to especially thank my Co-chair Jan Dawson, and our husbands, Craig and Scott for all their hard work in organizing, and running the festival. You were wonderful, and it wouldn't have happened without you! Also amazing were the girls from the Ledyard High Track Team: Britta Kunkemoeller, Lauren Candee, Bridget Curtain, Kaileigh Browne, and Chelsea Leverette. The girls helped set up, tear down, and hauled around all those heavy tables. The Hamilton family, including teens,

Zeke, Jeannie, Stephanie, & Josh (with his arm in a cast!), and their friend Nick, helped set up and run the food tent, handed out flyers, and policed the grounds. Family friends Melissa & Adam Puccino, their teens, A.J. and Richard, along with another teen family friend, Zachary McCloskey, were instrumental. Adam, A.J. and Zachary were the ones who made the parking work so smoothly! Lester House neighbor Judith Flemming was our gracious House greeter. Many thanks to the members of the Library Friends who helped out: Marie & Dave Engelman, Mary Ellen Osborne, Gail Milroy, & Marilyn Baseler. Helpful members of the Historical Society were Nancy Avery & Bill Holton, Rusty & Vin Godino, Jill & Kit Foster, Bill & Ellen Fossum, & Anne Pierson. Also, a big thank you all of you who donated baked goods, hot dogs, buns, condiments, etc. I want to mention each and every one, but many of you 'escaped' without writing down your names!

Many of you thanked Jan & I for doing this event, and we want you to know how much that means to us. You always come through for the Libraries & Historical Society. Know your help is deeply appreciated!

Andrea Buka, Ledyard Sampler Co-Chair

Suggestion Box

The following suggestions were recently found in the suggestion box.

1. *Keep the card catalogs and keep the computers.*

Answer: Although the card catalog is still at Bill Library it no longer reflects the library's collection. We have not added cards for new books in several years. The Public Access Computers (Pac's) are the place to search for materials. If you need help finding something in the computer, a staff member will be happy to assist you. Bill Library has 4 PAC's, 2 on the card catalog and 2 on the counter by the windows. Gales Ferry Library has 2 PAC's on the table by the stairs.

2. *Offer a monthly or bi-monthly "Fans of Mysteries" book discussion.*

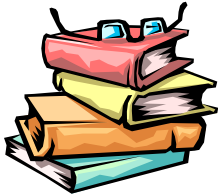
Answer: The library offers a monthly book discussion at Bill Library on the third Wednesday of the month. The July discussion will feature a mystery. See Book discussions under Adult Programs.

Thank you for your suggestions and compliments.

Garden Club Plants

Thanks to the Ledyard Garden Club for sprucing up the front of the libraries with new planters and flowers. We appreciate their work on our behalf.

Book Preview



Looking for a good book to read? Several well-known authors have new books coming out. We will be happy to reserve a title or two for you. If you have a favorite author and would like us to automatically add a

hold to any new book they have out, let us know about it. We will be happy to add your name to our favorite author list.

Cussler, Clive	Polar Shift	July
Delinsky, Barbara	Looking for Peyton Place	July
Irving, John	Until I Find You	July
Rice, Luann	Summer of Roses	July
Steel, Danielle	Miracle	July
Brown, Sandra	Chill Factor	Aug.
Kellerman, Faye	Straight into Darkness	Aug.
McCaffrey, Anne	First Warning: Acorna's Children	Aug.
Cannell, Stephen	Cold Hit	Sept.
Coulter, Catherine	Point Blank	Sept.
Doctorow, E.L.	The March	Sept.
Erdrich, Louise	The Painted Drum	Sept.
Garwood, Julie	Slow Burn	Sept.
Parker, Robert	School Days	Sept.
Saul, John	Perfect Nightmare	Sept.
Siddon, Anne Rivers	Sweetwater Creek	Sept.
Sparks, Nicholas	At First Sight	Sept.

Holiday Hours

July 4	Independence Day	Closed
September 5	Labor Day	Closed
September 10	Ledyard Fair	Closed
	Bill Library	

Friends News

This has been a very busy time of year for the Ledyard Library Friends. The Gales Ferry Book Sale took place from June 2-11. Chairman Marilyn Baseler organized a very successful sale that made about \$2500, despite the construction in front of the library. The second Friends fundraiser in June, the Ledyard Sampler, was a joint effort with the Ledyard Historical Society. Andrea Buka and Jan Dawson, spent many hours organizing a wonderful event with over 40 crafters, demonstrations, hikes, baked goods and house tours of the Nathan Lester House.

Over the next few months, we will be getting ready for the popular Bill Library Book Sale, which takes place September 8 – 16. Leave some time in your schedule to staff the sale, because it takes all the Friends to make the book sales successful.

If you have not yet paid your annual dues, you can do so at either library.

Building Committee News

The Bill Library Addition Building Committee met recently to consider future options for the Bill Library in light of the recent vote. The Committee worked very hard to inform the voters about the proposed plan and pledged to raise \$2 million to offset the costs to the taxpayer. They were well on their way to reaching that goal and would have done so if the project went forward. However Ledyard has many needs and our project came to a vote along with a costly water project, a budget vote and the threat of the sub base closure. All of these things combined worked against us and the library did not pass. The Committee recognizes that the sub base plays a vital role in our community and feels they need to wait for the final results of the BRAC recommendation before doing anything with the library. The Committee will take a break until later this fall before deciding along with the Town Council and the Library Commission what to do. All of the funds that have been raised for the project are held by the Bill Library Association, not the town. These funds will be held until such time as a project does go forward. They will not be used for any maintenance or repairs that must be done in the meantime.

The vote was disappointing to all of us and a lost opportunity for the town but the Committee hopes we will be able to move forward in the future.

Friends Annual Bill Library Booksale

September 8 – 16

Books, games, puzzles and lots more
Mark your calendar now



Library Summer Hours

BILL

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Friday - Saturday 9-1
Sunday Closed
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