



BOOKS AND BEYOND...

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The Ledyard Libraries serve as a center of information for the community. They 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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No Child Left Inside

The warm days of summer are upon us and what better time to get out and enjoy some of Connecticut's Parks and Forests. Bill Library has a Day Pass available for patrons to borrow courtesy of the CT Department of Environmental

Protection. The pass waives fees for private passenger vehicles with up to 11 passengers or two adults and four children at Dinosaur, Fort Trumbull and Gillette Castle State Parks.

This program is a special initiative of Connecticut Governor M. Jodi Rell, coordinated by the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection to encourage Connecticut families and visitors alike to enjoy all the recreational resources and outdoor activities available in Connecticut's state parks, forests, and waterways. From Kent Falls in Kent to Stratton Brook in Simsbury to Fort Trumbull in New London, it's time to discover the great outdoors!

Activities are planned at several parks throughout the summer including The Great Park Pursuit, which features challenges to meet at several parks with a chance to win great prizes. To read more about this program and find out how you can participate, visit their website at www.nochildleftinside.org.



Children's Summer Reading



It's Get a Clue @ Your Library this summer! We have a great summer reading program for ages 4 and up. **Registration begins Monday, June 18th** at Bill or Gales Ferry Library. Please register at the library where the event is being offered. All programs are free and open to the public.

Read to Me - Boo's Clues! June 25 – August 4

Children turning 4 years old in 2007 up through entering 1st grade may register for this program.

We have a fun mystery to be solved. For each book read independently (or read to them), write the title on the inside of the game sheet. When 10 books have been read, return the game sheet to the library. Players will get 2 clues to stick on their magnifying glasses and may choose a prize from the box.

Continue reading and after another 10 books, get the last 2 clues and another prize. Name the storybook character from the clues and receive another prize. There are 3 different game sheets available. **Last date to return Boo's Clues sheets is August 4th!**

Library Mystery Game June 25 – August 4 Students entering grades 2-3



Our library monkey is missing!! We need some deputies to help us find him! Begin the program by reading for at least one hour starting June 15th. Keep track of all the time read, and then anytime after June 25th come to the library for a game sheet. For every half hour read, participants may choose a room to visit on the game sheet. They will get a clue, and some of the rooms have little prizes.

After collecting 8 clues, make a guess as to where the monkey is hidden. The location will be revealed after the program is over on August 4th. A correct final guess will earn a "reward"!

Each elementary school has been given a challenge that will result in Mrs. Brewer having something done to her by the student who reads the most minutes! **The last date to play is August 4th!**



Mystery at Merriweather Manor June 25-Aug 4 Students entering grades 4-6

A family fortune is at stake in this mystery! A ring has been lost and participants will get clues for every hour read. Begin the program by reading for one hour after June 15th. Visit "rooms" on the game board to collect clues and prizes. Collect 10 clues and make a guess as to where the ring is hidden. A correct final guess will earn a "reward". The clues are challenging, and will take some thinking! Join the LGFBI (Ledyard Gales Ferry Bureau of Investigation) and become a detective!



Children's Programs

*Mystery Time Story time

Tuesdays July 3 –31 9:30 – 10:00 am
Gales Ferry Library (ages 3 – 5)

Join us for summer stories, songs and special activities.

*Lunch and a Mystery Movie!

Wednesdays June 27 – Aug 1 12:00 – 1:30 pm
Bill Library (all ages)

Bring your lunch and we will provide a snack and lemonade for you! All movies are rated G or PG and will be projected onto our large screen!

June 27 Great Mouse Detective
July 11 Toy Story 2
July 18 Ice Age 2
July 25 Agent Cody Banks
Aug. 1 Last Mimzy

*Sidewalk Art Contest

Thursday June 28 (Rain date Jun 29th)
10:00 am Bill Library (ages 6 – 10)

Show us your skill and decorate a section of the sidewalk outside the Bill Library. Space is limited! Bring your own sidewalk chalk if you have it. There will be prizes for all.

*Get a Clue Detective

Thursday July 12 10:00 am
Bill Library (entering Grades 2-5)

Mad Science of Southeastern CT will be putting on a forensics program with all kinds of information about solving crimes. There is a limited sign up, so don't delay in registering!

*Pizza and a Mystery!

Thursday July 19 6:00 pm
Bill Library (entering Grades 3 – 5)

Our teen volunteers will be organizing a mystery program called "Who's a 'Fraidy Kat?'" Join the mystery team, and help solve the case! Enjoy a pizza, soda, and dessert dinner at the same time!

Harry Potter Marathon

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday
July 16 - 20 3:00 pm
Bill Library All Ages

This is Harry Potter Week between Movie #5 and Book #7. Join us as we watch the adventures on the big screen in our meeting room. We will provide the popcorn and soda; you can provide the Muggle turnout!



Bugs, Slugs and Beaver Chews

Thursday July 26 11:00 am
Ledyard Center School gym All Ages



Tom Sieling is an entertaining musician who writes and performs songs for children and adults. He has delighted thousands over the past fifteen years. His library programs are participatory (every song), fun, humorous, lively (even a bit athletic!), and informative. He accompanies himself on guitar, banjo, and harmonica, and travels with a great sound system for use

as needed. Tom is a wonderfully engaging performer ... sure to raise even the most reticent out of their seat! Join us for an enjoyable morning of entertainment!

Activated Storytellers

Thursday August 2 10:00 am
Gales Ferry School gym All Ages

If you haven't had the delightful experience of being entertained by the Activated Storytellers, you don't have to wait any longer! They are an energetic, imaginative, funny family with tales from around the world. Don't miss their fantastic performance!



***Please register for these programs**

Teen Programs

YNK (You Never Know) @ your library

June 25 – August 4
The library will sponsor a reading program for students entering the 7th-12th grades. A drawing will be held weekly for prizes. Earn a chance for the drawing by reading a book, attending a teen program, or volunteering to help. Two names will be pulled at each branch on Saturdays! Registrations for all programs are appreciated for planning purposes, but please come even if you haven't!

Film festival

Bill Library 3:00 P.M.

Each week enjoy a different mysterious movie, projected on our big screen, in the air conditioning! We won't forget the popcorn!

- **Thursday, July 12th** (come to the "Pizza & a Mystery" planning meeting at 2:00 & stay for the movie!)
- **Wednesday, July 25th**
- **Thursday, August 2nd**

Also, catch all the Harry Potter Movies July 16th-20th to celebrate the release of the last book & 5th movie! See Children's Program article for times.

Make "Ledyard Clue" Game Boards

Tuesday, July 10 6:30 – 9 P.M.
Bill Library

Join the fun and use your artistic &/or computer graphics skills as we make game boards and pieces to take home. We will name the rooms, characters, and murder weapons after people, places, and things around Ledyard.

Writing Contest Deadline

Wednesday, July 18

The libraries are sponsoring a writing contest for students entering grades 9-12 in the fall. 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. Prizes will be awarded in each category at the ice cream social in August.



Play Life size "Clue"

Tuesday, July 31 5 – 8 P.M.
Bill Library

We will be playing the board game "Clue" at the library, life sized!

Raise a little dough!

Tuesday, July 24 4-8 P.M.

Ledyard Congregational Church- Fellowship Hall
Have fun learning how to make different types of bread & pizza! Yes, we get to eat our creations, so come hungry!

Altered CD's

Wednesday, August 1 3 – 4:30 P.M.
Gales Ferry Library

We will recycle CD's into a work of art that you can give as a greeting card, hang on the wall, or just spiff up your room with! Start saving those interesting bits of papers, buttons, copies of photos, small found objects-anything that can be glued onto a CD! Most supplies will be provided, just bring your special objects!

Ice Cream Social & Program Awards
Friday, August 17 6:30-8:30 P.M.
Gales Ferry Library



Enjoy a sundae while you find out the results of the Teen Writing Contest, and which teens read the most books & volunteered the most hours this summer!

All volunteers get certificates documenting hours worked. Prizes awarded to the top 5 in each category, plus some other giveaways!

Volunteer Opportunities

Assist with the Children's Game: Sign up for 2-Hr. shifts & run the little ones' game at both libraries.

Please attend one of the orientations:

- Monday, June 18 7:00 pm Gales Ferry
- Thursday, June 21 2:00pm Bill Library
- Saturday, June 23 2:00 p.m. Bill Library.

If you cannot attend any of these dates please leave a message at either library or email me at teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org

Story Time Guest Reader: Help Mrs. Brewer with story times.

Special Project: The teens will run "Pizza & a Mystery" for the younger kids on July 19 at 6:00 p.m. There will be planning meetings for teen helpers Thursday, June 28th at 4:00 p.m. & Thursday, July 12th, 2:00 p.m. at Bill Library.



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.

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. Join us as we discuss his experiences.

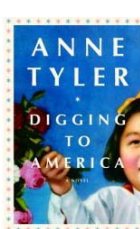
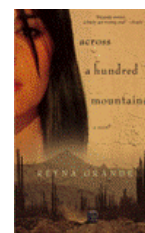
July 18, 2007: *Special Topics in Calamity Physics* by Marisha Pessl Nominated for a 2007 Quill Book Award this first novel is an elaborate construction modeled after the syllabus of a college literature course -- 36 chapters are named after everything from Othello to Paradise



Lost to The Big Sleep - that culminates with a final exam!

Following the mysterious death of her butterfly-obsessed mother, Blue and her father, Gareth, embark on a tour of picturesque college towns, never staying any place longer than a semester. When the Van Meers settle in Stockton, N.C., for the entirety of Blue's senior year of high school, she befriends a group of eccentric geniuses (referred to by their classmates as the Bluebloods) and their ringleader, film studies teacher Hannah Schneider. As Blue becomes enmeshed with Hannah and the Bluebloods, the novel becomes a murder mystery so intricately plotted that, after absorbing the late-chapter revelations, readers will be tempted to start again at the beginning in order to watch the tiny clues fall into place. (Publisher's Weekly.)

August 15, 2007: *Across A Hundred Mountains* by Reyna Grande (One Book, One Region selection) Juana, 11, loses her baby sister in a flood, and the death sets off a chain of tragic events: her money-strapped father heads north from their small Mexican town for *el otro lado*; Juana's newborn baby brother is claimed by the town money lender; and Juana's mother descends into alcoholism and violence. At 14, Juana leaves to look for her father, from whom they have heard nothing. Please join us for a book discussion of 2007's One Book One Region (OBOR) Selection. Many of you will remember Susan Topping, Professor of Humanities from Three Rivers Community College in Norwich who will once again lead our OBOR discussion this summer. We welcome high school students and adults to this discussion.



September 19, 2007: *Digging to America* by Anne Tyler (Orange Prize nominee) Two families arrive at the Baltimore/Washington International Airport in August 1997 to claim the Korean infants they have adopted. Strangers until that evening, they are destined to begin a

friendship that will span their adoptive daughters' childhoods. Tyler weaves a story that speaks to how we come to terms with our identity in multicultural America, and how we form friendships that move beyond the unease of differences.

**The Invisible Mexicans of Deer Canyon –
Movie Showing and discussion**

August 1, 2007 7 pm Bill Library

Movie Director John Carlos Frey spent over a year visiting and living amongst the migrants of Deer Canyon. He traveled alone carrying all of his sound, camera, and lighting equipment. Many of the migrants were initially reluctant to talk to Mr. Frey. As his trips to the canyon became more frequent, the migrants began to trust and invite him into their homes for a personal look at their lives.

Immigration: What is the Law!

August 8, 2007 7 pm Bill Library

Join us for a discussion of current issues regarding Immigration with Linda Camileo a staff member of the Center for International Studies at Connecticut College and a former assistant to Rob Simmons on immigration issues. Learn the facts about the immigration process.

Folktales From Mexico

**August 22, 2007 7 pm
Ledyard Congregational Church**



Sara DeBeer returns again this summer and tells Folk Tales from Mexico. Her stories will include the folktale “The Weeping Woman” which plays a part in *Across a Hundred Mountains*.

Stitch and Dish

The knitting group continues to meet on a drop-in basis at the Gales Ferry Library on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The evening group meets at 7:00 P.m. and the afternoon group meets at 3:00 P.M.

This summer the Ledyard Mad Hatters group has chosen to knit chemo caps for cancer patients. Patterns, instructions, and information are available at Stitch & Dish meetings, at either library, and on the library’s web page.



One Book One Region

Ledyard residents are encouraged to participate in the wide range of activities being held at Ledyard Libraries and surrounding libraries this summer and into the early Fall. This year’s pick, *Across a Hundred Mountains* is a debut novel by Reyna Grande who was born in Guerrero, Mexico in 1975. When she was five years old her father and mother went to the



U.S. and left her and her siblings in the care of her grandmother. She entered the U.S. as an illegal immigrant in 1985. She attended Pasadena City College for two years before transferring to the University of California, Santa Cruz, where she obtained her B.A. in Creative Writing and Film & Video in 1999. In 2003, she was selected as one of the eight fellows in the Emerging Voices Rosenthal Fellowship offered by Pen Center USA!

Copies of the book will be available at both libraries throughout the summer. Reyna is a very enthusiastic young writer who will be back in the fall (September 24th-27th) to talk with participants about the book over a three day period.

The One Book One Region website – <http://www.onebookoneregion.com> has a list of all the public appearances that Reyna will make in the fall as well as additional reading suggestions, book discussion questions, and other assorted links of interest.

**Auto Repairs R Us with
Chilton’s On-line**



Ledyard Libraries has added Chilton’s Auto Repair Manuals as an Internet Resource for our patrons. Instead of driving to the library to pick up the

correct manual for your specific year and model of car, use your computer to find and print the information needed. From the library’s webpage (www.lioninc.org/ledyard) click on the Chilton’s logo box in the left column, enter your Ledyard Library barcode number and get right to the diagrams, step-by-step repair procedures, wiring diagrams, etc. Print just the pages you need from home. Chilton Library provides exclusive photographs, diagnostics designed by instructors, step-by-step repair procedures, Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) maintenance schedules, wiring diagrams, recalls and Technical Service Bulletins (TSBs) for automobiles and light trucks in one easy-to-use web site. The library’s subscription to Chilton Library equips users with decades of data to maintain their vehicle!



Artists & Writers Showcase 2007

We had a very good turnout for our 2nd annual opening reception, on April 28th at the Bill Library. Exhibitors were on hand to talk about their works & meet the public. There were 68 examples of visual art, 3 pottery pieces, and the work of 13 authors on

display during the month of May, and we received many good comments from you, our patrons. Very special thanks go to artists Randall Ensley & Ray Hasson, and author Rusty Godino for helping with set up and squeezing in some late submissions!

My thanks go to all who exhibited, and please know we are honored to display the wide variety of talent in our community!

Ledyard Sampler 2007

Despite the rainy day on June 9th, the Ledyard Sampler at the Nathan Lester House was quite successful. The weather did not dampen the spirits of those attending or those who were demonstrating and we raised over \$900 from crafter spaces, food sales, and donation jars. This money was split between the Ledyard Library Friends and the Ledyard Historical Society. Many thanks to all the craft demonstrators who shared their talents.



We especially want to thank our husbands, Craig and Scott for all their hard work in organizing, and running the festival. Also amazing were the teens that helped: Britta Kunkemoeller, Lauren Candee, Bridget Curtain, Kaileigh Browne, Chelsea Leverette, Stephenson Hildebrandt, Tim McNeil, Lauren Colburn, Nicole Gandarillas, Tessa Gilbert, Andrew Esposito, Jake Brungard, Julian Hightower, Adam Strickland, Erin Strickland & her friend Hannah, and Richard Puccino.

A big thank you to the following people who helped with publicity, food donations, setting & cleaning up and helping that day: Jennifer Gross, Madeline Lefker, Adam Puccino, Paul Kunkemoeller, Sheila Jordan, Shirley Green, Nancy Avery & Bill Holton, Rusty & Vin Godino, Neal &



Carol Ganz, Bernadette Kunkemoeller, Jill & Kit Foster, Ellen & Bill Fossum, Marilyn Baseler, Chuck Carey, Sharon Butler, Jeanne Allyn, Mary Carey, Carol Bacon, Anne Pierson, Claire Murphy, Laurel Skinner,

Mary Ellen Osborne, Marty Hubbard, Kerrie Charette, Melissa Puccino, Susan Murosako & Kate Lockhart.

A special thank you to Mike Sienkowski for obtaining donations from local businesses including Big Y-Norwich, Stop & Shop-Norwich, Groton,

Bear's Place Package Store-Ledyard, Pumpkin Hill Marketplace-Ledyard, Better Valu-Gales Ferry, and McQuade's Marketplace-Mystic.

Last, but definitely not least, we wish to thank the Ledyard Lions Club, especially Steve Novic, for the loan of tables. Our appreciation also goes to the staff at Parks and Recreation and Public Works for the loan of picnic tables.

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

Our thanks again to everyone who helped. If we missed your name, it is certainly unintentional and we sincerely apologize.

Andrea Buka & Jan Dawson,
Ledyard Sampler Co-Chairs

Donations

The Ledyard Lion's Club has once again made a donation to the libraries for large print and audio books. Glenwoods Book Club has made a donation for books to honor their members. We are grateful to these organizations for their ongoing support.

We also received donations for the purchase of books in memory of:

Wayne Strawderman
Paul McNaughton

Bill Library Association Book Awards

The Bill Library Association presented their annual book awards in June to Middle and High School Students. Four freshman English students were chosen based on their excellent skills in using Library resources. They all received a copy



of *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Thesaurus*. The students are Katelyn Cusmano, Joanie Drake, Jacob Fedors and Timothy Mihalko. *The American Heritage Dictionary* was awarded to two 8th grade students, Katie Gabriele and Elizabeth Disco. Congratulations to all of them!

Holiday Hours

July 4	Independence Day	Closed
September 3	Labor Day	Closed
September 8	Ledyard Fair Bill Library	Closed

New Audio Book Formats



The library now offers a new alternative to listening to audio books and will soon provide a fourth. Playaways, a self contained digital audiobook are available at both libraries and we will soon be offering downloadable audio books that can be loaded onto an MP3 player.

Playaway is the simplest way to listen to an audio book on the go. Simply plug in a set of earphones, speakers or a car adapter and enjoy. No cassettes or CDs required! For sanitary reasons we ask patrons to supply their own headphones. We plan to have them available for sale at the library. Titles include popular works and best sellers such as *Beach Road*, *DaVinci Code*, *Marley and Me*, and more.

The library will soon be providing audio books electronically through our website. Patrons will be able to download a selected audio book onto their computer or other storage device. Watch for details after July 1st.

A New Carpet for Gales Ferry

After months of anticipation, the new carpet has been installed at the Gales Ferry Library. This project could never have been accomplished without the help and support of the Ledyard Library community. Boy Scout Troop #12 of Gales Ferry was instrumental in removing and restoring books. Michelle Hughes was very helpful in coordinating the efforts of the scouts. Boy Scout Troop #55 and their leaders also volunteered time in moving books. The students at the Academy of St. Therese enthusiastically offered help during their free time. Many patrons and Ledyard Library Friends kindly took boxes and bags of books to store at home during the installation. Library staff and volunteers also assisted in returning the books to the shelf. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this project a reality.

Memorial Day Parade

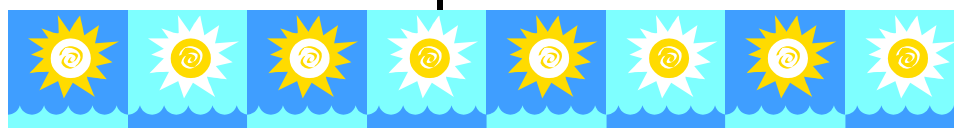
We had great group of 15 people and one dog that walked in the Memorial Day Parade. We pulled wagons and carried signs advertising the Summer Reading Program, Ledyard Sampler, & Gales Ferry Book Sale. We passed out candy and bookmarks and I believe everyone enjoyed themselves. Some of us enjoyed food provided by the Ledyard Lions and Ledyard Rotary following the parade. A big "Thank You" to everyone who participated.

New Book Preview

Deveraux, Jude	Someone to Love	July
Patterson, James	The Quickie	July
Pearson, Ridley	Killer Weekend	July
Rendell, Ruth	The water's lovely	July
Rice, Luanne	What matters most	July
Roberts, Nora	High Noon	July
Brown, Sandra	Play Dirty	Aug
Card, Orson Scott	Space Boy	Aug
Cook, Robin	Critical	Aug
Gabalton, Diana	Lord John and the Brotherhood of the blade	Aug
Kellerman, Faye	The Burnt House	Aug
McCaffrey, Anne	Third Watch	Aug
Michaels, Fern	Up close and personal	Aug
Oates, Joyce Carol	The museum of Dr. Moses	Aug
Keillor, Garrison	Pontoon	Sept
Patterson, James	You've been warned	Sept
Sparks, Nicholas	The Choice	Sept
Vachss, Andrew	Terminal	Sept
Woods, Stuart	Shoot him if he runs	Sept

Construction at Bill Library

We thank you for your patience at Bill Library during the demolition and construction of a new ramp and stairs. Many of you have asked why we had to replace the old ramp. Unfortunately it was not to code and as anyone in a wheelchair can tell you it was very difficult to use and not acceptable. We need to provide equal access for all. I'm sure that the new entrance will be easier for everyone.



Friends News

Bill Library Book Sale: Come One, Come All to the Bill Library's annual Ledyard Fair Book Sale from Thursday Sept. 6 thru Saturday Sept. 15 at the Library. Books, Records, DVDs, and CDs in good condition are now being accepted as donations for the sale. See you at the Fair!

Marie Engleman, Bill Book Sale Chair

Gales Ferry Library Booksale: The Gales Ferry Library Book sale was smaller than usual this year



due to the installation of new carpeting which prevented us from collecting books until just before the sale. In spite of the size we still brought in over \$1500.

All of the folks who helped with the sale through donations of books or of their time are greatly appreciated. Particular thanks to Pam and Ed Kalinowski, Linda DeRose, the Pealer family, Kathy Bruckner, Diana Wall, and each of our wonderful cashiers. As this was the first year I chaired the sale, I was particularly grateful for tips and advice from previous chairs. Both libraries are currently accepting book donations.

Jessie Baker, Gales Ferry Book Sale Chair

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