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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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7th Annual One Book One Region

Living to 100 is rare enough, but learning to read at age 98 and then becoming the co-author of a book at 101 is incredible! One man did just that, and *Life Is So Good*, the book that George Dawson co-wrote with Richard Glaubman is a memoir of this full and incredible life and the choice for this year's One Book, One Region (OBOR).

The seventh season for OBOR still has the same goals: to bring people together to discuss ideas, to broaden the appreciation of reading, and to break down barriers among people in the community.

Life Is So Good is also about the sense that life is good, and that it only keeps getting better. While some of the experiences that George Dawson had in life were gruesome and difficult, he kept a positive attitude, and kept learning and observing about life for 103 years. What does it mean to have lived to 100? This book begs answers to that question. What will you have experienced? What will you have done for work, done to laugh, wanted to learn? What does it mean to be literate? What does it mean to be literate in the 21st century?

Throughout the summer and into September, high school students and adults in Southeastern Connecticut will be reading this book, attending movies and library programs, discussing the book with Susan Topping from Three Rivers Community College, and meeting the second author Richard Glaubman. See inside for a list of events at our library.

Children's Summer Reading



at the library this summer! We have a great summer reading program for ages 4 and up. **Registration begins Wednesday, 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! June 23 – August 2

Children turning 4 years old in 2008 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 independently (or has read to them) color in one picture and write the title on the back of the sheet. When 10 books have been read return the sheet to the library for a prize. Continue reading and after completing 5 sheets win a paperback book. **Last date to return Read to me sheets is August 2nd!**



Creepy Crawly Critter Game June 23 – August 2

Students entering grades 2-6
Test your memory and find the match to earn letters that will complete a sentence. Some matches will award a prize or activity sheet. Begin by reading for at least one hour starting June 14th. Keep track of the time you spend reading and then anytime after June 23rd come to the library for a game sheet. Children entering 2nd – 3rd grade will get one turn for each 30 minutes they read. Those entering 4th – 6th grades will get a turn for every 60 minutes they read.



Participants are encouraged to read at least one book that has something to do with bugs! Each elementary school has been given a challenge that will result in feeding Mrs. Brewer a bug by the student who reads the most minutes!

The last date to play is August 2nd!

Summer Travel Game June 23 – August 23

Students entering grades 2 -6
If you are going to be traveling this summer and won't be able to make it into the library as much as you would like, we have a "Travel Game" to take along. Register for your activity booklet, ask a parent or adult to sign off when an activity is completed, and return your booklet to the library by August 23rd for a prize. Be sure to list the titles of all the books you read on the back of the booklet.

Bug your Parents to Read!



Literacy experts say that parents who model silent reading for enjoyment play a huge role in the encouragement of reading for pleasure in their children! As part of the Children's and YA Summer Reading Programs and in conjunction with Ledyard Libraries focus on literacy and lifelong learning as themes for One Book One Region, we encourage all families to include reading as a family activity this summer. For every hour that a parent and child/children read at the same time (reading may be done in 15 minute increments) they may fill out a "Bug Your Parents to Read" raffle slip in the family name. At the end of the summer programs (August 2nd) we will draw 5 family names from each library to receive family activity prizes. We hope you'll make family time to sit and read together and then share with each other what you're reading about. Kids enrolled in "Read to Me," "Creepy Crawly Critters," and "Metamorphosis" can "bug your parents to read!"

Children's Programs



Mini Bugs Story time

Tuesdays July 1 – 29th 9:30 – 10:00 am
Gales Ferry Library Ages 3 – 5



Join us for summer stories, songs and special activities.



Read to Quincy the Dog!

Tuesdays July 1 - 29 9:30 – 11:30
Bill Library entering 2nd grade & up

Quincy loves to hear stories and will sit patiently while you read to him. Quincy is certified by Therapy Dogs Inc.



Lunch and a Bug Movie!

Wednesdays June 25 – Aug. 6 12:00 – 1:30 pm
Bill Library All ages

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



June 25	A Bug's Life (G)
July 2	Bee Movie (PG)
July 9	Ant Bully (PG)
July 16	Charlotte's Web (G)
July 23	Antz (PG)
July 30	James and the Giant Peach (PG)
Aug. 6	Honey, I Shrank the Kids! (PG)



Sidewalk Art Contest

Thursday June 26 (Rain date June 27) 9:30 am
Bill Library Ages 5-10

Be creative and decorate one of the sections of sidewalk outside the Bill Library. Space is limited. There will be prizes for all. Bring your own sidewalk chalk if you have it.



Squirmy Wormy Program

Thursday July 3 10:00 am
Bill Library All Ages

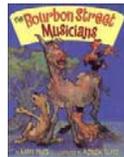
Meet some hard working worms and their trainer, Jean Scialabba. Find out how worms help us in our everyday lives and how you can use worms in your yard!



Bourban Street Musicians

Thursday July 10 11:00 am
Bill Library All Ages

Join author Kathy Price as she entertains us with her tale of fun and adventure! With Rainbow Dust, Kathy's guitar, as accompaniment, the bayou becomes alive, and the children enter a world of jazz, art, and poetry in this highly interactive program.



Bugs, Magic, and More

Thursday July 17 10:00 a.m.
Ledyard Center School All Ages

Travel to a magical enchanted forest in search of Bugs, Magic, and More! Meet a mind-reading spider, a silly bee, and Bob the bookworm. Packed with magic and comedy, this will be a fun program for all!



Creature Crafts

Thursday July 24 9:30 a.m. Gales Ferry Library
Entering K – 1

Decorate buggy cookies!

10:30 a.m. Entering 2 – 3

Make bug houses for your collection!

11:30 a.m. Entering 4 – 6

Go buggy with a sewing craft!

The Spoon Man

Friday August 1 7:00 pm
Bill Library All ages.

Come get spooned at the library this summer! Jim Cruise offers a hilarious comedy and musical program for all ages. Bring the family and have a ball at our end of the summer program.



Please register for these programs.

Teen Programs

Metamorphosis @ your Ledyard Libraries

June 28 – August 2



The Teen summer reading program is open to all students entering 7-12th grades in fall 2008. We are exploring metamorphosis -- one thing turning into another. Join us as we learn about the change from still-pictures to "movies," take basic materials (such as duct tape or fabric) and change them into useful items, and perhaps win a prize for your original film or written piece! Earn volunteer time by helping to run the children's summer reading game or helping with a children's craft program. Earn entries into the weekly prize drawings by reading a book, volunteering to help, or coming to a teen program. Two winners will be drawn every Saturday at each branch, from June 28th through August 2nd.

Volunteer Orientation

7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 17 Bill Library
Tuesday June 24 Gales Ferry Library

If you are unable to attend one of these sessions, email or call so that we may work out an accommodation.

Movie night

Tuesday, July 1 & 15 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 9 & 23 7:00 p.m.
Bill Library

Watch some of the very first movies ever made (late 1800's and early 1900's) and enjoy refreshments in the air conditioning! All ages welcome, children (with caregiver), teens, or adults.

Prom Purse

Wednesday, July 2 5:30-8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 9 1:00 -3:00 p.m.
Gales Ferry Library

Sew a pretty purse out of fancy fabrics. All materials provided, but you are welcome to bring your own fabric if you like. Second session is for finishing up the project, and is optional.



Ductigami

Tuesday, July 8 6:30- 8:00 p.m.
Gales Ferry Library

Create something new using duct tape. Try a wallet, handbag, ball cap, or even an article of clothing!

2nd Annual Writing Contest

Wednesday, July 16 - deadline for entries

We will have two divisions this year: students entering 7-9th grades, and those entering 10th-12th. The categories in each division are poetry, short fiction, long fiction, and non-fiction. Prizes will be announced at the Ice Cream Social in August.

Baking workshop

Tuesday, July 22 4:00-8:00 p.m.
Ledyard Congregational Church kitchen

Transform simple ingredients into yummy desserts at our hands-on workshop.



Teen-made Film Contest & Festival

Tuesday, July 22 Deadline for entries
Thursday, July 31 6:30 p.m.
Bill Library



Become a movie producer and create your own DVD. Submit your entry by July 22nd and then join us on July 31st to screen the entries in our original film contest. Prizes awarded by audience vote. Pizza, popcorn and drinks will be provided.

Ice Cream Social & Awards

Friday, August 15 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Gales Ferry Library

Join us for ice cream sundaes; find out who read the most books, who volunteered the most Hours, and who came out on top in our Teen Writing Contest. Pick up give-aways and your Volunteer certificate. Share your input on this year's program and suggest ideas for next year.

Life is So Good Teen Book Discussion

Wednesday, August 20 3:00 p.m.
Bill Library

Susan Topping, a Humanities Professor at Three Rivers Community College will lead a book discussion for teens on this year's "One Book, One Region" selection. This title is the suggested summer reading book for Ledyard High School. Middle school students also welcome, so don't be shy! As always, go to the Teen Page at www.lioninc.org/ledyard/teenpage/htm for all the activities happening in the Teen Program. See you this summer @ your Ledyard Libraries! I can't wait!

Andrea Buka, Teen Program Coordinator
teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org

Adult Programs

Book Discussions

7:00 p.m.

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



June 18, 2008 - *The Abstinence Teacher* by Tom Perrotta

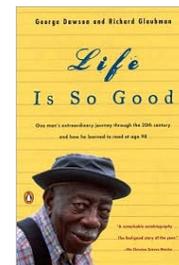
With abstinence programs and disputes over what can be taught in schools regularly making the front page, *The Abstinence Teacher* hits on prominent social fault lines. This has become something of a hallmark for Mr. Perrotta, who has developed a knack for combining hot-button cultural themes (electoral corruption in *Election*, mommy-and-me despair and vigilante justice in *Little Children*) with flawed and complicated characters. While his stories bear the sheen of satire, they are actually sharp though compassionate investigations of human relationships. They can also be very funny. (New York Times 10/14/2007)

July 16, 2008 - *Mr. Pip* by Lloyd Jones

On an island called Bougainville in the early 1990s, civil war rages. Rebels have taken up arms, and soldiers helicopter in from nearby Port Moresby to reestablish New Guinea's sovereignty over the island. All the whites have fled except one: Mr. Watts, a New Zealander married to a local woman. He offers to replace the departed teacher and reopen the village school. On the second day of class, he begins to read *Great Expectations* aloud. Suddenly, the village's children have a refuge from the incomprehensible conflict engulfing their world. "We could escape to another place," declares Matilda, the 13-year-old narrator. "It didn't matter that it was Victorian England. We found we could easily get there."

August 20, 2008 - *Life is so Good* by Richard Glaubman and George Dawson

Susan Topping returns to discuss the OBOR Book with adults. In addition to hearing opinions and ideas from others in this community, Susan usually shares challenging ideas from book discussions she has led at other libraries over the summer.



One Book One Region Events



In the spirit of life-long learning and to complement the theme of the OBOR book we have planned a series of movies and special programs at Bill Library this

summer. In September co-author Richard Glaubman will return to Southeastern CT to discuss his book. For a list of these dates and other activities log on to www.onebookoneregion.org.

Movies

Wednesday, June 25 7:00 p.m.
“Nightjohn”

Sarny, a twelve-year-old slave girl learns to read and uses her knowledge to expose and undermine the plantation power structure. Although “Nightjohn” has a strong pro-education message, it is conveyed with plenty of suspenseful drama and a bare minimum of preachiness. (PG-13) (92 mins.)



Wednesday, July 2 7:00 p.m.
“There Was Always Sun Shining Someplace”

This documentary features interviews with baseball Hall of Famers, Satchel Paige, James ‘Cool Papa’ Bell, Buck Leonard, Judy Johnson, Monte Irvin, and Ray Dandridge. The exploits of these talented athletes and the times when baseball was a segregated sport are vividly brought to life. This movie contains rare historical footage showing the ballplayers as they traveled the back roads of America, The Caribbean, Mexico, and Latin America. (NR) (58 mins)

Wednesday, July 30 7:00 p.m.
“Resting Place”

This film is about Southern small town prejudice and military procedures. The screenplay is based on a true newspaper accounting of the difficulties involved when a Black American veteran died and his parents attempted to provide an honorable burial. (PG-13) (100 mins)

Tuesday, August 5 7:00 p.m.
“Pride of Jesse Hallam”

Some estimate that there are 25 million functional illiterates in the United States, and this film is purportedly based upon events in the life of one of them. Jesse Hallam, portrayed here by Johnny Cash, is primarily about Hallam’s troubles after moving to a large city (Cincinnati). Hallam, a miner since the age of 14 from the Coal Fields of Western Kentucky, sells his country home to pay for his young

daughter’s spinal surgery in the Ohio metropolis. He pits his native intelligence and work ethic against the problem of not being able to read or write to become literate. Scenes involving the methods used in developing his new skills are the most engrossing of the production. (1981- NR) (90 mins.)

Special Events

Wednesday, August 6 7:00 p.m.
Life Long Learning

Representatives from the Boston based Elderhostel and Adventures in Lifelong Learning of Norwich, CT will discuss their organizations activities. These two related not-for-profit organizations provide learning adventures to adults aged 55 and over. They believe learning is a lifelong pursuit that opens minds and enriches lives. Participants come from every walk of life to learn together, to exchange ideas, and to explore the world.

Wednesday, August 13 **Literacy Volunteers of Eastern Connecticut**

Susan Townsley, Executive Director of LVEC located in New London will speak about Literacy in this county of Connecticut and how volunteers are trained to teach English as a Second Language as well as reading and writing in English for those in need.



Stitch and Dish

The knitting group continues to meet twice a month at the Gales Ferry Library. Stitch and Dish is a social and instructive knitting group for all levels of ability. The only requirement is that you bring needles and yarn. Members will help new people get started or share patterns and yarn ideas. The evening group meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and the afternoon group meets on the fourth Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. Both groups are held on a drop-in basis, so stop in for either one when you are looking for knitting buddies.

The Mad Hatters continue to collect baby “layette” items – such as kimonos, bibs, sweaters, booties, and hats. These items can be any size (up to 24 months) or color – but should be made of machine-washable yarns (especially the bibs!!) –and dropped off at the Bill or Gales Ferry Library. Patterns, yarns, needles and crochet hooks are available at both libraries for anyone who needs them. At the end of August, we will donate the baby clothes to the Navy’s “baby sea bag” program and various outreach programs for babies and new mothers.

Artists & Writers Showcase/Edible Books



The annual celebration of creativity in our community was enjoyed throughout the month of May at Bill Library. The opening reception gave attendees a chance to chat with the writers, and artists who submitted entries into the show. The experience levels varied from Pulitzer-nominee David McKain to the newly published poet Laurie Cheslak, from retired advertising artist Janice Wightman Bell to Ledyard High senior Christine Flemming. Other entrants in the show were: M. J. Allaire, Lucas Baker, Bob Campbell, Lynn Clarke, Janet Coe, Shawn Coffing, Sylvia Cooke, Lee Cornett, Edith Cross, Kit Foster, Maize Glickman, Rusty Godino, Sheila Jordan, Edward Kardys, Drea Koval, Arthur Lipman, Patrick Maloney, Gail Milroy, Dennis Murphy, Eleanor Phillips, Tom Santos, Janie Schultz, Jim & Sandy Seaton, Carol Vara and Melanie Watrous.



Thank you to the Friends of the Libraries for providing the drinks and savories at the reception. They complimented our Edible Book entries. We had ten entries, and all were clever, beautiful, and delicious! Special thanks to the business entrants, Alice Acres and GEM Embroidery. Always helpful were Ray Hasson, multi-media artist, who was my co-host, and Scott Buka who was indispensable in the setup of the exhibit and reception, as well as photographer of the Edible Books. See the Library's website for pictures of the event, and start thinking about next year's entries!
Andrea Buka, Coordinator

Coin and Precious Metal Appraisal

There was a certain quietness in the Bill Library meeting room on Sunday May 18th as 41 people listened to appraisals of their "treasures" given by Jeff and David Vasington of Vasbro Coins in Norwich. Participants brought everything from a gem-studded purse to coins from around the world. With the rising value of precious metals, individuals were curious to hear the value of their items. Some participants were delighted with their appraisals, others not so. But all agreed it was a program well worth attending. As a result of the high marks for the program given by the attendees, the Friends are planning an expanded appraisal event in the fall. Stay "tuned" to your Ledyard Library for dates and information.



New Book Preview

Block, Lawrence	Hit and Run	July
Brown, Rita Mae	The Sand Castle	July
Burke, James Lee	Swan Peak	July
Roberts, Nora	Tribute	July
Brockman, Suzanne	Into the fire	Aug
Brown, Sandra	Smoke Screen	Aug
Cook, Robin	Foreign Body	Aug
Coonts, Stephen	The Assassin	Aug
Rice, Luann	Last Kiss	Aug
Saul, John	The Face of Fear	Aug
Siddons, Anne R	Off Season	Aug
Benn, James	Blood Alone	Sept
Hunter, Stephen	Night of Thunder	Sept
Keillor, Garrison	Liberty	Sept
Peters, Elizabeth	The Laughter of Dead Kings	Sept
Roth, Phillip	Indignation	Sept
Sandford, John	Heat Lightning	Sept
Sparks, Nicholas	The Lucky One	Sept
Woods, Stuart	Hot Mahogany	Sept

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 *A Writer's Reference* by Diana Hacker. The students are Taylor Herb, Karleigh Reeves, Jonathan Schilke, and Austin Walker. *The American Heritage Dictionary* will also be awarded to two 8th grade students. At press time we are waiting to hear who they will be. Congratulations to all of them!



Holiday Hours

July 4	Independence Day	Closed
July 5	Saturday	Closed
September 1	Labor Day	Closed
September 6	Ledyard Fair/ Bill Library	Closed

Memorial Day Parade



Staff members and Friends of the Ledyard Public Libraries marched in the Memorial Day Parade promoting the summer reading programs and the Friends book sale. A precision marching drill team performed a routine with yellow book bins declaring the theme of the children's program "Catch the



Reading Bug!" A bee-keeper and his helper carried a giant centipede which was decorated by Ledyard school children during a recent class visit. Decorated wagons held signs advertising the book sale and the teen summer reading

program, *Metamorphosis @ your library*. "Reading bugs" were plentiful on hats, shirts and in nets carried by the marchers. We hope you caught one!

Many people contributed to this event including Faith & Jackie Bacon, Marilyn Baseler, Nancy Brewer, Allan, Becky, & Kathy Bruckner, Andrea & Scott Buka, Amy Butters, Jan & Craig Dawson, Bob Harris, Marty Hubbard, Butch & Sheila Jordan, Gail Milroy, Mary Ellen Osborne, Kayla, Kim, Ray, & Tyler Pendleton, Adam & Erin Strickland. Thank you everyone for making this such a fun and successful event!



Donations

The Lion's Club once again made a generous donation for large print and audio books. We are grateful for their continued support. If you have enjoyed borrowing these items from the library and happen to know a member of this organization be sure to let them know.

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

Louise Smith
Grace Gillen
Charlotte Hacker Allerton

Friends News

September 3 – 13 Bill Library Book Sale

With the success of the Gales Ferry Book Sale, the Ledyard Library Friends now turn their attention to the Annual Bill Library Book Sale. As in the past, this sale coincides with the Ledyard Fair. Donations of books, records, DVDs, tapes, and puzzles are being accepted. If you have a neighbor or friend who is having a garage or yard sale please ask them to consider donating their left-over books and the above items to the Book Sale. To arrange for pick up of the donations or to help with the sale call Dave or Marie Engelman at 464-5598. This sale, along with the Gales Ferry sale are the major fund raisers and are successes only because of the team effort and community support they receive from everyone.

Improvements at Bill Library

Several improvements are planned for Bill Library in the coming months. In early July we will have ten more windows replaced, including those in the Children's Room, and some trim work repaired. We will also have the outside of the library power washed, scraped, and painted. The inside will be repainted in late summer, and we hope to replace the carpet in late fall.



Friends Annual Bill Library Book Sale

September 3 – 13, 2008

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



SUMMER LIBRARY HOURS

BILL

464-9912

Monday – Thursday 9-9
Friday 9-5
Saturday 9-1
Sunday Closed

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Friday 9-5
Saturday 9-1
Sunday Closed

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