



# BOOKS AND BEYOND...

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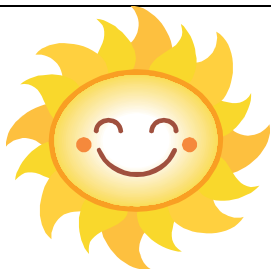
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The Ledyard Libraries support and encourage the freedom to read, learn and discover in a welcoming environment. We provide friendly, knowledgeable service and free access to a diversity of ideas, resources and experiences. We strive to enhance the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

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### Community Foundation Grant

Ledyard Libraries are pleased to be included as one of the thirteen libraries in this region that will receive a \$100,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut (CFSECT). This grant is part of the "Love our Libraries" Initiative established on the occasion of their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary to inspire and support free public libraries and to encourage further public recognition of them as community centers of learning and gathering for the entire community. Their objective for the program is to encourage discussion and action on a project or projects that will maximize each library's value to its community.

Our Library plans to reconfigure space at Bill Library to relocate the adult reading area, create a space for teens, provide an area of open space for preschool children with better lighting in the Children's Room, and provide additional shelving for books. Teens will take over a corner in the front of the library which is currently the adult reading area and the adults will move further into the library. Furniture will be updated and shelving will be rearranged to better suit our needs. In the Children's Room shelving will be added around a wall and a free standing unit will be removed to give preschoolers a play area. In addition we plan to participate in a joint initiative with the other libraries that will provide programs and books for area children. These projects will use about half of the funds available to us with the remainder being held for a future project.


The funds for the project are scheduled to be released in the next few of weeks. We will begin ordering the shelving and furniture in early July and hope to be ready to install it in September. We will start the process of moving books and preparing the library for the changes over the summer.

## Children's Summer Reading




Be Creative @ the library this summer! We have a great summer reading program for ages 4 and up. Registration begins Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 22 – August 8  
Children aged 4 thru entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade

Participants 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 where the child is registered for a prize. Continue reading and after completing 5 sheets win a paperback book. The last day to return the sheets is August 8!




-  **Be Creative Reading Program** June 22 – August 8  
Students entering grades 2-6



Start reading on June 18, read for one hour (or more) and come to the library to register anytime after June 22. The program booklet has many creative activities to do over the summer. Prizes will be awarded each week for reading 2 ½ hours or completing 5 activities in the booklet and attending one of the library programs. The elementary schools have challenged students to read as much as possible. The student reading the most minutes will receive a special honor. Students can continue to record their minutes with us until August 22, even though the formal program is over on August 8.

## Children's Programs

-  **Creative Kids Storytimes**  
Tuesdays July 7 – Aug. 4 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.  
Gales Ferry Library (ages 3 – 5)

Join us for summer stories, songs, and special activities.

-  **Family Game Nights**  
Mondays 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.  
June 29, July 13, July 27 Bill Library  
July 6, 20, Aug. 3 Gales Ferry

Come with your friends or family for a night of games at the library. Board and Wii games will be available.


### Lunch and a Movie!

Wednesdays June 24 – Aug. 5 Noon – 1:30 p.m.  
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 24	Bolt (PG)
July 1	Tale of Despereaux (G)
July 8	Bedtime Stories (PG)
July 15	Madagascar 2 (PG)
July 22	Wall-E (G)
July 29	Kung Fu Panda (PG)
Aug. 5	Happy Feet (PG)

-  **Sidewalk Art Contest**  
Thursday June 25 9:30 a.m.  
(Rain date June 26)  
Bill Library Ages 6 – 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.

### Building Set Day

Tuesday June 30 10:00 a.m.  
Bill & GF Library Ages 6 - 12.

Bring in your Legos, Magnetix, Lincoln Logs, Tinker Toys, or whatever you have and make a creative building to display in the library until July 6.

### Chess Club

Wednesdays, July 8 – Aug 12 10:00 a.m.  
Bill Library Grade 4-6



Learn to play chess or improve your game and become part of a chess club at Bill Library. New and experienced players are welcome. Chess expert Jean Murphy will teach you all you need to know to become a competitive player.

### Arts and Crafts Display

July 1 – 31  
Bill & GF Library Ages 5 – 12

Bring in your best project and we will display it for the month of July. Pictures should be framed, and all projects must be handmade by creator!

### Drop-in Craft Days

Thursdays July 9 - 23  
10:00 – 12:00, and 1:00 – 3:00 pm  
Saturdays July 11 – 25  
10:00 – 12:00

Grade 1-5  
GF Library

Bill Library



Stop in and make one of the crafts we have set out. Our teen volunteers will be on hand to help!

### ✍ All That Jazz! Dance Workshop

Thursday July 2  
10:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.

Bill Library  
Gr. 2 –3  
Gr. 4-6

Come learn some Jazz dance moves!



### Get Creative with Bob Conrad

Friday July 10  
1:00 pm

(Location TBA)  
All Ages



Using Music, Magic, Puppetry, Ventriloquism, Balloons, Cartoon Drawing, Storytelling, and Dance, Bob Conrad takes on the subject of creativity. **Art:** See Bob draw a cartoon and make it come to life and talk!

**Music:** See Bob play the Banjo and

lead the audience in a Sing-a-long and dance!

**Magic:** See a member of the audience magically bake a cake! **Puppets:** See Bob transform a paper plate and two cups into a puppet that comes alive! Everything in this laugh-a-minute, fun-filled show is based on books that can be found in the library!

### ✍ Cartoonist Debi Hamuka-Falkenham

Friday July 17  
10:30 a.m.

Bill Library  
Gr. 2 - 6

Learn what it takes to be a cartoonist while completing a cool cartoon project. Participants will follow along with a “cartoon chalk talk” and see samples of various cartoon artwork. Bring your notebook and pencil.



### ✍ Author, Carol Weis, aka The Cow Lady!

Friday July 24  
1:30 pm

Bill Library  
All Ages



Join author Carol Weis as she takes us on a fun journey with her cow friends. Carol plays calliope music, performs a lively reading of her picture book, *When the Cows got Loose*, tells the *nearly* true story behind the book (via whimsical slideshow), and concludes with a rousing and *moo*-ving singalong.

### David Alan & Bogus show

Thursday July 30  
11:00 a.m.

(Location TBA)  
All Ages

Are you ready to laugh? This comedy duo performs throughout CT& NY bringing humor and magic to family entertainment. Don't miss this fun program!

### Ledyard's Got Talent

✍ Friday August 7  
7:00 pm

(Location TBA)  
Gr. 2 – 12

Please register by July 31



Individuals or groups are invited to showcase their talent whether it is singing, dancing, acting, playing an instrument, or some other talent! Entries will be judged by local celebrities and prizes will be awarded. More information will be available at the library.

✍ Please register at the library where the event is offered.

### Teen Summer Reading Program

#### Express yourself @ your library

June 22-August 14

We have so much fun planned for this summer exploring creativity of all sorts and trying new things. The program is open to students entering grades 7-12 in fall 2009. Volunteer to help the younger children with their summer reading program, attend a cooking class, make crafty things, or create a film, artwork, or written pieces to enter in our Teen-made Film Festival and 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Teen Artists & Writers Showcase. There will be weekly raffle winners, and entries may be earned by reading a book, volunteering, or attending a teen event. Earn an extra entry for bringing a friend not already in the program to any event. Prizes will be awarded at the Ice Cream Social for the most books read & the most volunteer hours worked. All volunteers will be given a certificate documenting the number of hours worked. The final weekly raffle drawing & last chance to submit books read & volunteer hours is Saturday August 8.



#### Teen Programs

Please register for all programs using one of the following methods:

- Sign-up sheets in the Teen Program binders on the ‘Summer Reading’ tables
- Email [teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto:teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org)
- Join us on Ledyard Libraries Teen Program page on Facebook!

Remember to bring a friend and get an extra entry in the Weekly Raffle!

### Volunteer Orientation

**Experienced volunteers** (2 or more years)  
Saturday June 20 3-4:30 p.m.  
Bill Library

Please bring your family calendar, as you can sign up for your first few volunteer shifts & other teen activities at that time. If the scheduled orientation dates will not work for you, contact Andrea Buka to set up another time.

### Yarn & Sticks

Wednesday June 24 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Gales Ferry Library

Learn 'how-to' or brush up on crochet or knitting with the Ledyard Libraries' Knitting & Crochet group.



### Ductigami

Thursday June 25 2:00-4:00 p.m.  
Gales Ferry Library



A repeat of last year's popular workshop where you will make cool things from colored duct tape!

### Altered Reality

Tuesday June 30 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Bill Library

Bring found objects, photos, memorabilia, etc., to create an altered art project. We may have a special guest to lead us in our creative endeavors.

### Tattoo You!

Tuesday July 7 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Bill Library

Create temporary henna tattoos on you & your friends.

### Soccer Art

Wednesday July 8 1:00-2:30 p.m.  
(Rain date is Mon, July 20 4:00-5:30 p.m.)  
Bill Library

Use your mad sports skills to make a splash with paint!



### Teen Artist & Writers Showcase

#### Opening reception

Friday July 24 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
Bill Library  
Wednesday July 20 is the deadline for submissions.

Please submit your work framed, in binders, or otherwise prepared for display. Mark each piece with name & phone # and fill out a submission form! Enjoy refreshments on opening day while you peruse visual & written pieces created by Ledyard teens! Items will be on exhibit through August 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### Subversive Sewing

Wednesday July 29 1:00-4:00 p.m.  
Gales Ferry Library

Express yourself by wearing your own sewn creation! Bring a sewing machine and interesting fabrics if you have them. If not, there will be a machine available & help selecting from the treasure trove!

#### Teen-Made Film Festival

Friday July 31 7:00 p.m.  
TBA  
Submit original videos on DVD by July 29.

If you need to use library equipment, email or call by July 15<sup>th</sup> to arrange a time. Fill out a submission form for each entry. Bring your friends and family to watch the next 'indie' film stars! Prizes will be awarded in several categories, including 'Audience Favorite.'



#### Teens Cook!

Wednesday Aug. 5 1:30-4:00 p.m.  
Ledyard Congregational Church Fellowship Hall

Join us to learn how to make delicious food from 'scratch,' while having a great time.

#### Ledyard's Got Talent

Friday Aug. 7 7:00 p.m.  
TBA  
Register by July 31



Show off your talent or just cheer on friends & family in our grand finale to the Summer Reading Program. Prizes awarded in several age categories, so don't be shy!

## Ice Cream Social and Awards

Friday August 14  
Gales Ferry Library

6:30-8:00 p.m.



Find out who read the most books & volunteered the most hours this summer while enjoying a sundae. Get your volunteer certificate & help plan next year's activities!

Join me on the Ledyard Libraries Teen Program page on Facebook this summer! It's a great place to share the books you'll be reading, and connect with other teens. And, as always, check out all that is happening on the teen page at the library website, including the sites for the few events that are currently TBA: [www.lioninc.org/ledyard/teenpage.htm](http://www.lioninc.org/ledyard/teenpage.htm)  
Looking forward to a great summer!


Andrea Buka, Teen Program Coordinator  
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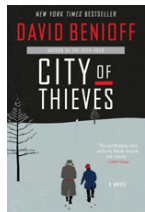
## Adult Programs

### Book Discussions

Join our monthly book discussions on Wednesday evenings at Bill Library at 7:00 p.m. We always welcome new participants and provide evening refreshments. Note there will not be a book discussion in July or September due to the One Book One Region events. We hope you will join us for these activities.



 **August 19, 2009:** *City of Thieves* by David Benioff





Susan Topping from Three Rivers Community College will lead the discussion of this year's One Book One Region Title. During the Nazis' brutal siege of Leningrad, Lev Benioff is arrested for looting and thrown into the same cell as a handsome deserter named Kolya. Instead of being executed, Lev and Kolya are given a shot at saving their own lives by complying with an outrageous directive: Secure a dozen eggs for a powerful Soviet colonel to use in his daughter's wedding cake. In a city cut off from all supplies and suffering unbelievable deprivation, Lev and Kolya embark on a hunt through the dire lawlessness of Leningrad and behind enemy lines to find the impossible.

### One Book One Region 2009

One Book One Region is a project that encourages residents of eastern Connecticut to read the same book during the spring and summer months and then come together to discuss what they've read. Libraries and schools offer book discussion opportunities for all ages and programs to

complement the themes in the chosen book. The author is invited to visit the region in the fall to meet the readers, sign their books, and answer their questions. The goals as always are to bring people together to discuss ideas, to broaden the appreciation of reading, and to break down barriers among people.


The following planned events are all scheduled in conjunction with OBOR at Bill Library.

-  Please sign-up at Bill Library to reserve your space.
-  **Movie - St. Petersburg: A Tribute** (54 minutes)  
Wednesday July 29 7 p.m.

This travel DVD talks about the Tsars, Peter the Great, Palaces, The Hermitage, The River Neva, the Canals, Pushkin, Dostoyevsky, Lenin, Tchaikovsky, the Kirov Ballet and more.


-  **Sara DeBeer -Storyteller**  
Wednesday August 5 7 p.m.

Sara returns for another summer evening of international folktales with a Russian flair and themes that relate to our OBOR selection *City of Thieves*.

-  **Movie: Blockade** (52 minutes)  
Wednesday August 12 7 p.m.

A Russian film put out in 2006 with actual footage of scenes from the Siege. A stark and grim view of the Siege as seen by Russians, this movie is recommended by Yale's Film Institute!



-  **Spend like a peasant --Eat like a Tzar!**  
Saturday August 15 2 p.m.



Andrea Buka and Jen Finlaysen are back again – this time preparing great Peasant Cuisine! Peasant Cuisine puts us close to the cultural roots of the land we live near. These foods may be inexpensive but are nutritious and delicious. Ingredients are grown locally and are served in seasonal combinations that can feed a crowd! (Seating limited to 40 so register early!)

### Author David Benioff

Thursday Sept. 10 & Friday Sept. 11  
Locations and time TBA

*City of Thieves* author, David Benioff will return to the area to speak with readers. Check our web site for details of his appearances this fall.

**Mad Hatters/ Stitch and Dish**

Stitch and Dish, the library knitting group, continues to meet at the Gales Ferry Library. The evening group meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 and the afternoon group meets on the fourth Wednesday at 3:00. New members are always



welcome. The community service group, Mad Hatters, is collecting Snuggles for the Humane Society and projects for Veteran's Homes throughout the summer. Please check with either library for knitting or crocheting patterns.

**Follow Us on TWITTER!**



The Ledyard Public Libraries now have an account on Twitter. We will be "tweeting" regularly to keep you better informed about library activities and information. If you currently have a twitter account, just add LedyardPubLib to the people you are following. If you haven't yet joined Twitter, try us out by going to [www.twitter.com/ledyardpublib](http://www.twitter.com/ledyardpublib) and following the directions for creating an account. Be the 100<sup>th</sup> person to sign up to follow us and win a library tote bag!

In addition the libraries also provide monthly updates to our happenings with an email newsletter. If you wish to receive these updates send your email address to [webmanager@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto:webmanager@ledyard.lioninc.org) and request to be added to the email list.

**Name our Teen Area**



Hey teens, have you heard? Bill Library has plans to create a separate area just for you. There will be more room for teen books and magazines, some comfortable chairs that can be easily arranged

for conversation, and café tables to work at. We are asking you to help us name the area. Ballots will be available during summer program registration. Entries may be submitted by paper ballot deposited at either library, by email to [teenlibrarian@ledayrd.lioninc.org](mailto:teenlibrarian@ledayrd.lioninc.org), or posted to the Ledyard Library Teen Program Facebook page. If your selection is chosen you will receive a prize at the ice cream social. In the case of multiple entries with the same name, we will hold a drawing. We hope to have the area established by mid September in time for the new school year.

**Display Case**



The Bill Library Association display case at Bill Library now has the collection of World War II army soldiers belonging to GYSGT William Ormeno, USMC (ret). Mr. Ormeno began collecting the figures as a boy

when they could be purchased in the 5 & 10 cent stores. His collection includes two photos of the nurse corps – one in formal dress at a graduation and one in combat uniforms preparing to go to Europe.

If you are interested in displaying a collection contact Sandy or Jim Seaton at [bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto:bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org). July and August will feature the Fireman collection of Gerald Watkins.

**Donations**

We offer our sincere thanks to the following groups and patrons who have recently made donations to the library. In addition we thank the Garden Club for the planters in front of both libraries. Be sure to notice them the next time you are in.



- Garden Club
- Glenwoods Book Club
- Lewis Tew

**New Book Preview**

Parker, Robert B.	Brimstone	July
Pearson, Ridley	Killer Summer	July
Roberts, Nora	Black Hills	July
Brockman, Suzanne	Hot Pursuit	August
Brown, Sandra	Smash Cut	August
Cook, Robin	Intervention	August
Francis, Dick	Even Money	August
Kellerman, Faye	Blindman's Bluff	August
Kidder, Tracy	Strength in what Remains	August
Rice, Luanne	The Deep Blue Sea For Beginners	August
Benn, James	Evil for Evil	Sept
Doctorow, E. L.	Homer and Langley	Sept
Lovesey, Peter	Skeleton Hill	Sept
Paretsky, Sarah	Hardball	Sept
Patterson, Richard	The Spire	Sept
Tyler, Anne	Noah's Compass	Sept
Woods, Stuart	Hothouse	Sept

## Library Survey

Thanks to all who participated in our online survey. Your feedback and comments will help us as we develop a long range plan for the library. We are in the process of analyzing the results and will have a report for the fall newsletter.

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## Memorial Day Parade

The library had a presence once again in the Memorial Day Parade. Staff and library Friends marched to promote the summer reading programs. We appreciate all of your cheers and support as we performed our precision march.



### Holiday Hours

July 3 & 4	Independence Day	Closed
September 7	Labor Day	Closed
September 12	Ledyard Fair Bill Library	Closed

## A Word from the Ledyard Library Friends

The Gales Ferry Book Sale is winding down to its close for 2009. We have done fairly well this year. Economics may have kept some buyers at home along with the wet weather but we still did fairly well earning more than \$2,200. Many thanks to all who contributed to the success of this sale including all our cashiers who kept it running smoothly, the substitute cashiers who graciously stepped in with short notice when needed, and Linda DeRose who called and organized all the cashiers. Great thanks go out to Claire Bolduc who got out our publicity and helped sort books, Dan Morton who researched our special pricing section, and Dan Pealer and Ryan Craven who were my all-around handy men all year. Special mention must be made of Andrea, Pam, and Nancy who volunteered extra hours at their work place to help out. Many others stepped in when they saw a need and your help was also appreciated. Thanks to all including those who donated books - without your help there would have been no sale!

Jessie Baker, Gales Ferry Book Sale Chairman

### Bill Library Book sale September 10 -19, 2009

Members preview September 9 6-9 p.m.

Mark your calendars and be sure to join us for this major fundraiser. Every penny earned at the book sale goes directly back into both libraries and gives us the services not available through the town budget. With a weak economy and budget cutbacks a successful book sale is even more important this year. So far the proceeds from last year's sale have provided library programming, a new screen for the meeting room, laptop computers, work stations for the catalog computers, coffee services for both Gales Ferry and Bill Library, a Puzzle center in the meeting room, museum passes and more.

### A note to Library Friends:

Members of the Ledyard Library Friends will be receiving a call in August to work the book sale, so please try to keep a few hours open in your schedule. This major fundraiser is successful because of so many Friends participating. It is requested that all members of the Friends who have email addresses include them with their dues renewal or application. We will be using this means for informing members about news and events instead expensive mailings. Those members who do not have an email listed on our roster will be contacted by phone over the next two months to see if one can be provided.



Friends Annual Bill Library Book Sale  
September 10-19, 2009

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



**LIBRARY SUMMER HOURS**

**BILL**

464-9912

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

email: [bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto:bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org)

**GALES FERRY**

464-6943

Monday – Thursday 9-8  
Friday 9-5  
Saturday 9-1  
Sunday Closed

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