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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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Connecticut Author Trail

The Friends of the Ledyard Libraries will join the Connecticut Author Trail (CAT) this summer and invite you to travel along with us. Several libraries in Eastern Connecticut including ours have scheduled local authors to speak about their books. A grand finale will be held at the Cabaret Theater in Mohegan Sun with author Jane Green. Passports* are available at both libraries with details about all of the events. Have your passport stamped at each author event you attend for a chance to qualify for an exclusive pre-program Meet & Greet in the Cabaret Theatre at the Mohegan Sun on Thursday, September 22, 2011 at 6:00 pm. If you can't make the Trail during the summer you are invited to meet many of the authors from the Trail on September 22 when the doors to The Cabaret Theatre open at 6:30 pm. Then stay and join us for a fun-filled evening starting 7:00 pm.



The Connecticut Authors Trail consists of a consortium of Libraries in Eastern Connecticut who are constantly amazed at the variety of genres and diverse styles of writing among the authors who live in or are associated with the Nutmeg State. Beginning July 12th, 2011 in Franklin and ending September 22, 2011 at the Mohegan Sun, local authors will showcase their books and share their stories. Bill Library will feature Todd Gipstein on July 20th discussing his new book *Legacy of the Light*. Please join us on the 3rd Annual CAT.

*These passports should not be confused with the passports for the Town of Ledyard 175th Birthday Celebration

Children's Summer Reading

One World, Many Stories It's One World Many Stories @ your library this summer! We have a great summer reading program for ages 4 and up. **Registration begins Tuesday, June 21st** at Bill or Gales Ferry Library. Please register at the library where each individual program is being offered. All programs are free and open to the public.

Read to Me! June 27 – August 13
Children age 4 (in 2011) through entering 1st grade

Participants will receive a coloring sheet with 10 pictures. For each book read independently (or read to them) color in one picture and write the title on the back of the sheet. After all 10 pictures are colored and every title recorded, 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 13th.

One World, Many Stories! June 27 – August 13
Entering grades 2-6

The library plans to help needy families around the world by purchasing animals through Heifer International and you can help. For each hour spent reading, earn a plastic coin to put in a jar representing the animal you would like us to purchase. Start reading on June 21 and record your time on the pamphlet handed out in school. If you do not attend Ledyard Public Schools you may pick up a pamphlet at either library. Return the pamphlet to the library anytime after June 26th, register for the program and get your "Passport" booklet which is filled with weekly activities to do over the summer. Record all of your reading time in the passport and return it to the library to collect your coins. The more you read the more chances you have to choose an animal. Our program will end August 13 but you may continue to record your minutes until August 20.



Children's Programs

Family Scavenger Hunt June 20 – August 27

We invite you and your family to join us in a Ledyard/Gales Ferry scavenger hunt to help celebrate the 175th birthday of your town. Family booklets are available in the library and at various locations throughout town. Complete at least 15 of the 17 activities listed in the booklet and return it to the library. Each participating child age 2 and up will get a prize.

Lunch and a Movie!
Wednesdays June 22 – Aug. 3 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 a large screen!

June 22 **Up (PG)**
June 29 **Ratatouille (G)**
July 6 **Aladdin (G)**
July 13 **Jungle Book (G)**
July 20 **Madagascar 2 (PG)**
July 29 **Kung Fu Panda (PG)**
Aug. 5 **Around the World in 80 Days (PG)**



Sidewalk Art Contest
Thursday, June 30 10:00 am
(Rain date July 1)
Bill Library Ages 6 – 10

Come show us your skill and decorate one of the sections of sidewalk outside the Bill Library. There is a limited sign up, so don't delay registering! There will be prizes for all. Bring your own sidewalk chalk if you have it.

World Wide Kids Storytimes
Tuesdays July 5 – Aug. 2 10:00-10:30 am
Gales Ferry Library Ages 3 – 6

Join us for summer stories, songs and special activities.



International Music with Chris Merwin
Friday, July 8 10:30 am
Gales Ferry School All Ages



Chris Merwin will perform an eclectic mix of musical styles played on rare and



unique vintage instruments. Join us for this cultural, educational, and entertaining program.

Kids Cook International!
Wednesday, July 20 2:30 – 4:30 pm
Gales Ferry Community Center Grades 4-6

Learn to cook cool foods from other countries. Space is limited so sign up early.



Please register for these programs

David Alan and Bogus Magic show

Thursday, July 21 11:00 am
Ledyard Center School All Ages



Are you ready to laugh? The family magic show that all the kid's are talking about! This magic show is fun for all ages. The adults will be talking about

the show as much as the kids. It's just that cool! Sit back & enjoy it with the kids. It's a magic and comedy show that is so family friendly it's not even funny. It's hilarious! Bogus stays silent throughout the show... but that doesn't stop her from "stealing" the show! The kids will never forget Bogus the Clown. They keep asking for Bogus. Go Bogus, Go Bogus...

International Drop-in Crafts

Thursday, July 28 10:00 am – 12:00
Gales Ferry Library 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Ages 6-10

Stop in and make some fun crafts from around the world including African masks and Mexican clay pots. Our teen volunteers will be on hand to help!

Musician Les Julian

Thursday, August 4 10:30 am
Ledyard Center School All Ages

Guitarist, songwriter and performer Les Julian will entertain us with his music. The performance will showcase his award-winning original songs and illuminate universal themes of human life while celebrating the diversity of the world through a variety of exciting musical styles. On nylon string and electric guitars as well as mandolin and percussion, with an unforgettable voice and rubbery storyteller's face, Mr. Julian is a singer of stories that one critic said, "...delight and transport." His song "Donkey in Ditch" co-written with Bill Pere was reviewed by *Parents Magazine* saying, Les' song "Donkey in a Ditch may be the best children's song ever about a basic dilemma: Should we help our fellow creatures even if they do nothing to help us? When it comes to kid's music, Les is more." Get your dancing shoes on for a wild ride with Les!



Zumba for Kids

Friday, August 12 11:00 am
Bill Library Ages 6-10

Get your body moving and learn the fun Latin American dance craze!

Teen Summer Reading

You are here @ your library
June 27– August 13



The program is open to students entering grades 7-12 in fall 2011. Read a book, volunteer to help the younger children with their summer reading program, help Mrs. Brewer with the crafts programs, or help Mrs. Buka with a cooking workshop for the younger kids and be eligible for prizes. There will be 4 weekly raffle winners and entries may be earned by reading a book or volunteering. Prizes will be awarded for the most books read & the most volunteer hours worked. All volunteers will be given a certificate documenting the number of hours accumulated.

Teen Volunteers Needed for Summer Reading!

The library is looking for teens to help the younger children this summer with the reading program activities. Plan to attend one of the orientation sessions and sign up for times when you can help. Please bring your family calendar, as you can sign up for your first few volunteer shifts at that time.

Orientation Dates

Saturday, June 18	3:00 pm	Bill Library
Monday, June 20	6:30 pm	GF Library
Saturday, June 25	3:00 pm	GF Library
Monday, June 27	7:00 pm	Bill Library

Teen Programs



Come enjoy teens-only activities, too. Bring a friend or two! I am looking forward to a great summer with you. Andrea Buka, Teen Program Coordinator
teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org

Teens Cook: International Edition

Wednesday, July 13 3-6:30 pm
Gales Ferry Community Center
A Hands-on cooking class featuring global recipes



Candy Sushi

Tuesday, July 19 6-7:30 pm
Gales Ferry Library
A fun, sweet treat workshop

Tattoo You, Two

Tuesday, July 26 6:30-8:30 pm
Bill Library.
Repeat of our very popular henna temporary "tattooing" session.

Ductigami

Tuesday, August 2
Bill Library

6:30-8:30 pm

Use your creativity to make cool things out of duct tape! How about a wallet, a belt or even a tote bag?



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.

July 20: No Book Discussion but see Author visit below.

August 17: *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* by Jonathan Safran Foer. This One Book One Region Book Discussion title will feature guest book discussion leader Susan Topping, Professor of Humanities, Three Rivers Community College. Meet Oskar Schell, an inventor, Francophile, tambourine player, Shakespearean actor, jeweler, pacifist. He is nine years old. And he is on an urgent, secret search through the five boroughs of New York. His mission is to find the lock that fits a mysterious key belonging to his father, who died in the attack on the World Trade Center. An inspired creation, Oskar is alternately endearing, exasperating, and hilarious as he careens from Central Park to Coney Island to Harlem on his search. Along the way he is always dreaming up inventions to keep those he loves safe from harm. As Oskar roams New York, he encounters a motley assortment of characters who are all survivors in their own way. *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* boldly approaches history and tragedy with humor, tenderness, and awe.



September 21: *Room* by Emma Donoghue. Five-year-old Jack and his Ma live and eat and play and sleep in one room--an 11x11-foot space that is their prison--captives of the terrifying man Jack calls Old Nick. But as Jack grows older and more curious, it becomes clear that the room will not be able to hold him and Ma forever. Worried about his curiosity and her own desperation, his mother reveals to Jack that the Outside is real and that they must escape. She tells him that she was kidnapped by Old Nick and has been held secluded in the room for seven years. Jack is brave enough to carry out their plan, and the two of them are compelled to adjust to life "outside," with its bright lights and noise and people touching. What is reconnection for his mother is discovery for Jack,

who is soon overwhelmed by the changes in his mother and a world coming at him fast and furiously. (*Booklist* review.)

Senior Center Book Discussion

Mary Ellen Osborne, from the Gales Ferry Library, conducts a monthly book discussion at the Ledyard Senior Center. Anyone 55 years of age or older is eligible to participate. The group meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 10:30 am. Upcoming books are distributed monthly at the discussion. Please contact Mary Ellen if you would like a copy of the book.

Upcoming dates:

June 22, 2011: *The History of Love* by Nicole Krauss

July 27, 2011: *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova

August 24, 2011: *Luncheon of the Boating Party* by Susan Vreeland

September 28, 2011: *Half Broke Horses* by Jeannette Walls

One Book One Region 2011

This is the 10th year that librarians, educators and community members have gathered with one "simple" assignment – pick one book that 500,000 or so people who live east of the Connecticut River can read and talk about. For more information about the One Book One Region organization please go to <http://www.onebookoneregion.org>. The 2011 title for this summer is *Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close* by Jonathan Safran Foer. This book tells the story of Oskar, a young boy who is trying to get on with his life after his father dies as the Twin Towers collapse in the 9/11 tragedy. Please join us for a discussion at Bill Library on August 17 along with several movies scheduled throughout the summer that tie into the theme.



Movies:

Wednesday, July 6
"Man On Wire"

7 pm
Bill Library

A look at tightrope walker Philippe Petit's daring, but illegal, high-wire routine performed between New York City's World Trade Center's twin towers in 1974, what some consider, "the artistic crime of the century." (94 mins.)

Wednesday, July 13 **7 pm**
“102 Minutes that Changed America” Bill Library

The morning of September 11, 2001 is shown through multiple video cameras in and around New York City, from the moment the first WTC tower is hit until after both towers collapse. (102 mins.)

Wednesday, July 27, **7 pm**
“9/11- The Film Makers Commemorative Edition” Bill Library

A real life documentary following the events of September 11 from an insider's view, through the lens of two French filmmakers who were in Manhattan that one day

Wednesday, August 3 **7 pm**
“Parallel Lines” Bill Library



Filmmaker Nina Davenport is working in California the day the World Trade Center is destroyed. Trying to understand that she won't be able to see the familiar building from her apartment in New York anymore

and afraid of getting on a plane, she sets off for a road trip that is therapy and art performance in one. She has six weeks to get back to New York. She spends them driving through a country in shock talking to people she meets along the way. They share a strange sadness about the attacks and a surprising willingness to open their hearts and lives to this young woman with a camera. (98 mins.)

Wednesday, August 10 **6:30 pm**
“Reign Over Me” Bill Library

A man who lost his family in the September 11 attack on New York City runs into his old college roommate. Rekindling the friendship is the one thing that appears able to help the man recover from his grief. This fictional account stars Adam Sandler, Don Cheadle and Jada Pinkett Smith. (124 mins.)



“Wishes For Our World”
An Ongoing Project for 2011 OBOR -



3000 people died in the 9/11 tragedy. In their honor we ask you to share your wishes and dreams for the world on one of our paper hands. The goal is to have 3,000 “hands” on display throughout the region in libraries, schools and Bank Square Books. The cover of *Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close* features a handprint with words on each finger. Write your wish on the fingers or on the palm.

Mad Hatters/ Stitch and Dish

Thank you to our Mad Hatters for the helmet liners and lap robes. The lap robes were gratefully accepted at the VA hospital in Newington and the helmet liners will go to the Marine Corps in Quantico, VA. We will now turn our attention to warm and fuzzies (hats, scarves, mittens, etc.) for the winter.



Stitch and Dish, our knitting group, continues to meet at Gales Ferry Library on the second Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. and the fourth Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. Experienced knitters or those just interested in getting started are welcome to attend.

Jewelry Night @ the Library

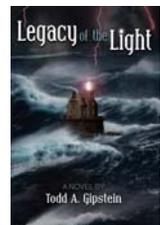
The jewelry group meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Gales Ferry Library from 6-8 p.m. All beaders and jewelry designers are welcome. Bring your current project to work on. The group may be able to answer questions, or assist with different stitch patterns.

Summer Programs

A variety of other events have been scheduled for the coming months and we hope you will join us for some or all of them. All events are free and open to the public.

Author Todd Gipstein *Legacy of the Light* -
A Connecticut Author Trail Event
Wednesday, July 20 **7 pm**
Bill Library

Join us for a lively presentation with Todd Gipstein discussing his new novel. *Legacy of the Light* is a historical thriller about two generations of lighthouse keepers at Race Rock Lighthouse off the shore of New London, Connecticut. “Legacy” is a story of how the past influences the present, of fathers and sons, failure, guilt, love, and redemption. The story begins in 1907 and continues in 1938, when the hurricane of the century bears down on this man-made island in the middle of the sea. Those trapped at Race Rock – the keeper, his fiancée, and a mysterious stranger – must fight the forces of nature and the demons within that threaten to destroy them. *Legacy of the Light* draws readers into a fast-paced story full of twists and turns.



Todd Gipstein has been working as a photographer, writer, producer and lecturer for almost 40 years. He studied writing and film at Harvard University, where he graduated with honors in 1974. After working for Time-Life Multi-Media in

New York, he started Gipstein Multi-Media in Boston in 1975. There he created numerous multi-image shows for museums and corporate clients. His writing included scripts, magazine articles and columns. He also travelled extensively as a photographer.

In 1989, he moved to Washington, D.C. to work full-time as the Director of Multi-Image / Executive Producer for the National Geographic Society. His work for National Geographic included writing and producing shows about geography, history, nature, cultures, photography, environmental issues and the Geographic. His work provided him opportunities for travels around the world as a photographer and lecturer. He also worked with Vice-President Al Gore on media related to environmental issues.

The 'Exquisite' Project Planning Session
Tuesday, August 16 **7 pm**
Bill Library

We are trying an experiment in art and writing based on *The Exquisite Book* by Julia Rothman, Jenny Volvovski & Matt Lamothe. The final project will be featured in the Artists & Writer's Showcase at the Bill Library next April.



The first person creates a work (visual art or written work) based on a theme, and then passes it on to the second person. The second person will then create a work that connects to the previous one in some way. Then, their work is passed on to the next person, and so on. The catch is you only get to see the work of the person immediately before you, until the project is revealed at the opening reception. The works will be displayed consecutively, so the viewer may see the "story" as it unfolded. This is a form of the classic 'Exquisite Corpse' game. Writers will be contributing to a poem or short story. Visual artists will be creating works that contain a certain visual element. We will begin organizing in August, so sign up to find out more! Join the fun!

Genealogy Research Online
Wednesday, September 29 **7 pm**
Bill Library

We will be starting a new support group for genealogists who want help using online resources to find information about their ancestors. The "Ledyard Libraries Computer Genealogy Group" (COGG) will meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at Bill Library. We will begin with some basic administrative information and then Carol Ganz from the Connecticut State Library will speak briefly and answer questions about resources for German ancestors. Please sign up in advance and know that computers will not be necessary at this first meeting.

Donations

We recently received donations for the purchase of books for the libraries. We are grateful for their support.

- Glenwoods Book Club

In Memory of:

- John Eck
- Lance Rockefeller
- Dick Norman
- Ronnie Robeson
- Levi Masalin

Summer Reading

The following books will be out this summer. Reserve your copy now for your leisure reading.

Baldacci, David	One Summer	June
Cussler, Clive	The Kingdom:...	June
Evanovich, Janet	Smokin' Seventeen	June
Hilderbrand, Erin	Silver Girl	June
Martini, Steve	Trader of the Secrets	June
Coulter, Catherine	Split Second	July
Delinsky, Barbara	Escape	July
Gerritsen, Tess	The Silent Girl	July
Siddons, Anne Rivers	Burnt Mountain	July
Steele, Danielle	Happy Birthday	July
Garwood, Julie	The Ideal Man	August
Griffin, W.E.B.	The Spymasters	August
Jance, J.A.	Betrayal of Trust	August
Patterson, James	Kill me if you can	August

Holiday Hours

July 2, 3, 4	Independence Day	Closed
September 5	Labor Day	Closed
September 11	Ledyard Fair	
	Bill Library	Closed

Summer Hours

The libraries will open at 9 a.m. Monday – Saturday beginning July 5 until Labor Day, September 5. Saturdays we will close at 1 and on Sundays the libraries will be closed.



A Word from the Ledyard Library Friends

Quarterly Meeting

Monday, July 25 7 p.m. Gales Ferry Library

We would love to have you join us as we plan for the September book sale, one of our biggest fundraisers! If you have any program ideas or have a few hours to spare and would like to support your local library please let me know.

Bill Library Book Sale September 7-17



Mark your calendars now for the Bill book sale. Members only are entitled to early admission on September 7 beginning at 6 pm.

The friends have been busy the last few months. At our meeting on April 25, 2011 we elected a new slate of officers as follows:

Linda DeRose - President
Carl Nelson - Vice President
Marion Cutler - Treasurer
Dave Engleman - Secretary

Also elected were Jessie Baker, Catherine Hiller, Lori Shaw, and Sarah Desormier as Members-at Large. Congratulations to all of you.

Special Thanks goes to our outgoing President Betsy Shafer for the outstanding job she did the past 2 years! Her enthusiasm and leadership will be missed.

Thanks to Claire Bolduc for the wonderful programs that we sponsored including Atticus Finch and Todd Gipstein speaking about the Ledge Lighthouse. Mr. Gipstein will return on July 20 as part of the Connecticut Authors Trail to discuss his new fiction book based on life in a lighthouse. Please join us!

The Gales Ferry Library Book sale was held June 8-18. Carl Nelson was the Chairman and put in many, many hours of hard work. We couldn't have done it without him. Thank you Carl! It takes many people working together for a successful book sale. There are members that sort books months ahead of the sale, a publicity person, someone putting up and taking down signs, scheduling cashiers to work the sale, setting up the library, cleaning up the library and cashiers collecting money during the sale. We couldn't have a successful sale without all of you. Thanks to everyone who contributed.



The Friends of the Ledyard Libraries is a community membership organization that supports the Bill and Gales Ferry Libraries. The Friends use funds raised through book and coffee sales, special events and dues to support programs, purchase equipment, museum passes and other items that benefit all library patrons. Friends enjoy early, members-only admission to book sales and dues are fully tax deductible as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes. Use the form below to join today and help support your public library.

Please check membership level and enclose a check payable to "Friends of the Ledyard Libraries" in the amount shown:

_____ Individual Member	\$5.00 per year
_____ Family/Household Member	\$10.00 per year
_____ Supporting Member	\$25.00 per year

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

I am willing to help with: _____ Bill Library Book sale _____ Gales Ferry Library Book Sale
_____ Special Events _____ Library Volunteer

Complete this form and return it with your annual dues to either library or mail it to:
Friends of the Ledyard Libraries, P.O. Box 225, Ledyard, CT 06339

Friends Annual Bill Library Book Sale

September 7-17, 2011



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



SUMMER LIBRARY HOURS

BILL

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Friday 9-5
Saturday 9-1
Sunday Closed
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Saturday 9-1
Sunday Closed
email: gf-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org

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