



# BOOKS AND BEYOND...

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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.

### Building Communities

The end of the year is fast approaching and it characteristically surrounds us with thoughts of home, family, friends and cherished memories. Often, it is the unlikely moments that wind up as family history and favorite stories. Your town library has historically been and will continue to play host to you and yours as the heart of the town. Traditions carry on and the library is able to keep those traditions of our cultural heritage alive for future generations. Whether you have been away for a few days or years, we continue to draw people for introspection, inspiration, a sense of belonging, and soon at our Gales Ferry Library, the Library Friends will offer coffee!

Contemplating travel or just returning? Prepare for your travel at the library and upon your return, like many others, contemplate how much you truly appreciate your home town. Let us know if you have collections from your travels to share. We can display them at Bill Library.

The time has come to relax, enjoy the company of family and friends. Look to your library for friendships, new and old, and news. Are you a visitor, new to the area or returning home? Enjoy the comfort, familiarity, and warmth of friends, books and movies @ your Ledyard Libraries. Small town with big city capabilities is the mood expressed within these walls.

Finally, as the year turns to 2006 we continue to be trail blazers, daily establishing useful trails through enormous amounts of information, and as spring creeps up, we will head outside to enjoy Ledyard's vast trail system.

Ledyard Libraries: Building communities for all.

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## Children's Programs

Registration for Story times at the Ledyard Public Libraries will begin Monday, January 9, 2006. You may call the library where the program is being offered anytime after 9:30 am.

### Bill Library Programs (464-9912)

#### Toddlers (16-24 mos.)

Mondays 9:30 am Jan. 23 – Feb 27

#### Twos

Mondays 9:30 am Mar. 13 – May 1

#### Threes

Wednesdays 9:30 am Feb. 8 – May 3

#### Fours & Fives

Thursdays 1:00 pm Feb. 9 – May 4

### Gales Ferry Programs (464-6943)

#### Infants (6 – 15 mos.)

Tuesdays 9:30 am Jan. 17 – Feb. 14

#### Twos

Tuesdays 9:30 am Mar. 14 – May 2

#### Three to Fives

Tuesdays 10:30 am Feb. 7 – May 2

### **Special Event**

#### **February Vacation Storyteller**

Watch for fliers in the library about a storyteller coming on February 21<sup>st</sup>!

## Adult Programs

### **Winter Reading 2006 "Through the Years"**

It's time again for the annual winter reading program for adults. This year we will be traveling from the 50's to the 00's. During our trip we will discover the food, fads, music, movies, books, and television shows of each decade. A weekly quiz will determine the entrants for the raffles done each week at both Bill and Gales Ferry Libraries. The program will run from January 22 to March 4. Be sure to stop by either library each week to take the quiz. Correct entries will be entered in the weekly drawing. See below for the weekly schedule.



- Week 1: January 22 – 28  
The 50's Fad Week
- Week 2: January 29 – February 4  
The 60's Food Week
- Week 3: February 5 – 11  
The 70's Music Week

- Week 4: February 12-18  
The 80's Book Week
- Week 5: February 19 – 25  
The 90's TV Week
- Week 6: February 26 – March 4  
The 00's Movie Week

### **Special Event**

#### **Sunday, January 29 Sixties Supper & Snacks Bill Library 2:00 P.M.**

Andrea Buka will present a sampler of 60's era food. Please register.

### **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.

**January 18, 2006:** Bring in your favorite titles read over the last two months. Many members of the book discussion group look forward to this event when we share the best of our reads from over the holidays. The seasonal rush is over, and the long winter nights are here when you can curl up with what others have found rewarding or fascinating. Come with a list of what you've read and leave space on your book shelves for those you'll need to remember to read.

**February 15, 2006:** *A Confederacy of Dunces* by John Kennedy Toole - In conjunction with the Winter Reading program. Published 10 years after the author's death, this book won the 1981 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. John Kennedy Toole's hero is one, "huge, obese, fractious, fastidious, a latter-day Gargantua, a Don Quixote of the French Quarter. His story bursts with wholly original characters, denizens of New Orleans' lower depths, incredibly true-to-life dialogue, and the zaniest series of high and low comic adventures" (Henry Kisor, Chicago Sun-Times). Ignatius J. Reilly is a flatulent frustrated scholar deeply learned in medieval philosophy and American junk food, a brainy mammoth misfit imprisoned in a trashy world of Greyhound Buses and Doris Day movies. He is in violent revolt against the entire modern age.

**March 15, 2006:** *Wild Life* by Molly Gloss. It is the early 1900s and Charlotte Bridger Drummond is a thoroughly modern woman. The sole provider for her five young boys, Charlotte is a fiercely independent, freethinking woman of the West who fully embraces the scientific spirit that is sweeping the nation at the dawn of the industrial age. Thumbing her nose at convention,

she dresses in men's clothes, avoids housework whenever possible, and proudly supports her family by writing popular women's adventure stories. Ready to show off her knowledge of the local flora and fauna and have an adventure of her own, Charlotte joins a search party for a child who has disappeared in the deep wood wilderness on the border between Oregon and Washington. But when she gets lost herself, she is thrust into a mysterious world that not only tests her courage, but also challenges her entire concept of reality.

**April 19, 2006:** *The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafón. This story provokes such thoughts because it is a long novel that will remind readers of a good many other novels. This isn't meant as criticism but as an indication of the story's richness and architectonic intricacy. Before everything else, Carlos Ruiz Zafón's European bestseller is a book about a mysterious book, and its even more mysterious author. Try to imagine a blend of Grand Guignol thriller, historical fiction, occasional farce, existential mystery and passionate love story; then double it. If that's too hard to do, let me put it another way: If you love A.S. Byatt's *Possession*, García Márquez's *One Hundred Years of Solitude*, the short stories of Borges, Umberto Eco's *The Name of the Rose*, Arturo Pérez-Reverte's *The Club Dumas* or Paul Auster's "New York" trilogy, not to mention Victor Hugo's *Hunchback of Notre Dame* and William Hjortsberg's *Falling Angel*, then you will love *The Shadow of the Wind*. (From the Washington Post review.)

### Family Fitness Fun @ your Library



The family fitness fun series continues this winter with monthly hikes at various locations in town co-sponsored by Ledyard Library Friends and the Ledyard Conservation Commission. We invite you to do something fun with your family this winter and join us as we enjoy the outdoors and learn about wildlife, letterboxing, and glaciers. Please note that some of these hikes are more strenuous than others. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Parking is limited at Whitehall Park and Avery Preserve so we suggest meeting at Bill Library for the first two hikes and carpooling to the trail head. Be sure to dress warm. Call either library to sign up for one or more of these hikes.

### Saturday, January 28 **Wildlife in winter** **White Hall Park and Forest 1:00 p.m.** **(Meet at Bill Library)**

Bob DeWire from Naturescapes will join us on this hike and talk about animal and plant life in winter. The trail is located on the East Side of Shewville Road and consists of rocky uplands, fields and two ponds as well as open field areas.



### Saturday, February 25 **A Winter Hike** **Avery Preserve 1:00 P.M.** **(Meet at Bill Library)**

Join us for a winter walk through this preserve which offers woodlands, brook, glacial boulder deposits, and the Avery sheep wash. The trail head is located on Avery Hill Road. Feel free to wear your snowshoes if there is snow on the ground.



### Saturday, March 25 **Letterboxing** **Nathan Lester House Trails 1:00 p.m.**

Scott Buka will lead us through the trails on the grounds of Nathan Lester House for a letterboxing hike. Letterboxing combines hiking with a treasure hunt and is a great way to enjoy a walk in the woods! The object is to find the hidden box which contains a notebook with comments from previous hikers and a stamp. Rudimentary letterboxing kits will be available the day of the hike, or you are encouraged to assemble your own! All you need is a rubber stamp of your choice, (which some people carve from an art eraser), or a token, a stamp pad, a notebook and writing implement. Use the stamp in the box on your notebook and add your stamp or token with your comments to the notebook in the box. For more information about letterboxing, logon to [www.letterboxing.org](http://www.letterboxing.org). Park in the lot on the entrance road to the Lester House, and meet at the front of the House.



### Saturday, April 22 **Glacial History** **Glacial Park 1: 00 p.m.**

Doug Thompson, a Geology professor at Connecticut College will lead hikers through Glacier Park and describe the glacial history of the area. The hike will begin at the Recessional Moraine site on Whalehead Road. Hikers will have the option of continuing to the Kettlehole trail on Avery Hill

Extension. Ledyard has a Boulder train and several kettleholes left by the Wisconsin glacier 12,000 years ago. The “moraine consists of huge boulders tumbled 3 or 4 deep in places, and extending for several miles.” **Note:** The main trail requires scrambling over rocks and boulders and may not be within the capability of all hikers. An alternate trail follows the edge of the boulder moraine with side trips in to view and explore the boulders.

### Health Series

Ledyard Libraries will sponsor a series of health lectures at Bill Library this winter with Leon S. Harris, DAc. Dr. Harris is certified as a Diplomat of Acupuncture and Chinese Herbology by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) and is currently licensed to practice in Connecticut and Rhode Island. He currently practices in Gales Ferry with Dr. Robert Barnett at the Holistic Health Center where they provide safe and drug-free alternatives to their patient’s health issues. The programs will begin at 7:00 P.M. For more information call the Bill Library.



**Tuesday, January 17**  
**Health and Stress**

**Tuesday, February 21**  
**Balancing Hormones Naturally**

**Tuesday, March 21**  
**Understanding Fibromyalgia**

### Art Lecture

The Connecticut Homeschool Network is sponsoring a talk by Dan Strunk (a former Fitch High School teacher) on the artist John Singer Sargent. The event is open to the public and refreshments will be served.

**Monday, January 23**      **John Singer Sargent**  
**3-5 P.M.**                      **Bill Library**

### Local Artists and Writers Take Note



The Ledyard Libraries is sponsoring an Open House on April 9<sup>th</sup> for local artists and writers to showcase their work. Let the community see what you do. Call or email Andrea Buka to reserve a space. (464-9912 or [bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto:bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org)) If you

know someone who may wish to participate, encourage them to do so.

### Suggestion Box

The following suggestions were recently found in the suggestion box.

1. *When you call to say we have a book can you tell us the title?*

**Answer:** The library staff does not mention the name of the book being held for privacy reasons unless they know they are speaking to the person who requested it.

2. *Place a metal post or hand rail at the curb where the newspaper box is, for grasping when getting up or down from the library steps to the street level.*

**Answer:** We are trying to have this done.

3. *Please purchase the following teen magazines; Ellegirl, Cosmogirl and Teen Vogue.*

**Answer:** We will consider adding one or more of those magazines.

Thank you for your suggestions and words of praise.

### Dottie Estes Reading Area



Gales Ferry Library has created a reading area in memory of a long time library patron, Dottie Estes, who passed away last spring.

Dottie spent several hours sitting in the library, enjoying a magazine or book and with a

generous donation from her husband, Paul Estes, we have created this area. Two elegant wing chairs and a storage cabinet currently grace the area and more improvements are coming, including a coffee bar. Several of Dottie’s friends and family members also made contributions to purchase books for the Gales Ferry Library in her name and we are in the process of choosing the books. We will hold a dedication of the area this winter.

### Coffee @ your Library

Coffee and Tea will soon be available at the Gales Ferry Library. Patrons may sip their favorite hot beverage while reading the daily newspaper, checking the latest stock rating, or enjoying the current issue of a magazine. We will always appreciate a donation to defray the cost of the coffee and supplies. Take a few moments out of your busy day to relax in your friendly neighborhood library.



## Giving Tree Report

Thank you so much to all our generous patrons who donated books and funds for the Giving Tree. You have helped to make some child's Christmas a happier one!



Jeanne Allyn	Mary Juber
Lynda Anderson	Cindy Juskiewicz
Nancy Avery	Pam Kalinowski
Jessie Baker	Pat Kelly
Marilyn Baseler	Tina Kilby
Priscilla Bauman	Joy Lane
Nancy Brewer	Christine LaPine
Lisa Briere	Jody Lees
Kathy Bruckner	Laura Lightle
Buckley Family	Joan Lynch
Angela Buckley	Lori McCarthy
Andrea Buka	Sue Migliozi
Jonathan Burianek	Ernest Joyce
Sharon Butler	Gail Milroy
Linda Campanaro-Glover	Claire Murphy
Susan Cardona	Rita Nason
Barbara Chapman	Carolyn Nelson
Stephanie Coffing	Mary Ellen Osborne
Mary Coish	Pealer Family
Julie Craig	Beth Peterson
Joyce Davis	Mary Phillips
Ellie Davis	Laurie Roediger
Jan Dawson	Joan Ruest
Carolyn Demaio	Mary Schwab
Sarah Desormier	Sandy & Jim Seaton
Doughty family	Ben Shafer
Marie Fowler	Terri Shea
Sarah Ganong	Sherry Storms
Carol Ganz	Michelle Sweatland
Tina Gralton	Danette Thornton
Sherry Gruszkowski	Linda Tilton
Eleanor Gustavel	Judy Toth
Cay Haffey	Vorbach Family
Ammy Hanson	Diana Wall
Linda Hardie	Alice Wester
Marty Hubbard	Kathy Wieland
Natalie Jensen	Laurel Wiers
Shelia Jordan	Ellen Young

## Mistletoe Craft & Bake Sale

We had a great response to the 5th Annual Mistletoe Crafts & Bake Sale and Silent Auction! We made about \$5,000. Thank you to all who helped, especially my co-chair Diana Wall. Other helpers included Sheila Jordan, Publicity; Sue Davis & Linda

DeRose, Silent Auction Calls & Donation Pick-up; Pam Kalinoski, Book sale & general help; Marie Engelman, Set-up & Greeter; Dave Engelman, Silent Auction Certificates; Ellen Seeman, Silent Auction Reconciliation; Jim Seaton, Greeter; Marion Cutler, Set-up & Crafts Chair; Jessie Baker, Craft Workshop & Book sale set-up; Jennifer Pietras & Marilyn Baseler, Craft Workshops.

Teen Friends who helped include, Adam Strickland, Book sale; Katie & Michael Pietras, Crafts Workshops; Richard Puccino, Crafts Workshops; Heather Skinner, Crafts Workshops; Michelle Wang, Crafts Workshops; Gary Baker, Book Sale set-up; Bridget Curtin, Cashier & Clean-up; Britta Kunkemoeller, Cashier & Clean-up; Chelsea Leverette, Cashier & Clean-up; Kali & Kourtney Batson, Reminder calls.

I would also like to thank all of you who donated crafts and baked goods for Mistletoe! I especially want to acknowledge Diana Wall, who filled an entire table with her hard work, and the Gallen family who went into production mode and made about 25 dozen cinnamon rolls for our baked goods table! Our thanks also go to: Mary Jo Sadosky, Claire Strickland's Junior Girl Scout Troop 3285, Mary Ellen Osborne, her sister and mother, Laurie Rodiger, Jessie Baker, Mary Phillips, Charlotte Lougee, Janie Schulz, Jackie Bacon, Claire Bolduc, Marie Engelman, Heather Skinner, Ellen Seeman, Angela Buckley, Danielle Blais, Heidi Gallen, Nancy Brewer, Carol Ganz, Jennifer Finlayson, Patricia Forrest, Sharon Butler, Joan Lynch, Christine Schlichting, Marie fowler, Marilyn & Bob Baseler, Kathy Olsen, Jan Dawson, Gale Bradbury, Mary Phillips, Marion Cutler, Carole Krajec, Kathy Bruckner, Sheila Jordan, and Linda DeRose. And those are just the ones who we got to fill out a slip! I know there were more of you, so please accept my thanks!

Many thanks also to the merchants and patrons who donated Silent Auction items. You all make this happen each year and we are grateful for your generous support!

Andrea Buka, co-chair

## Holiday Hours

December 24	Christmas Eve	Closed
December 25	Christmas	Closed
December 26	Christmas	Closed
December 31	New Year's Eve	Close at 1
January 1	New Year's Day	Closed
January 2	New Year's Day	Closed
January 16	Martin Luther King	Closed
February 20	President's Day	Closed

### Friends News

Ledyard Library Friends held their annual meeting on November 15, 2005. The meeting was well attended. A big thank you to all who attended. New officers were installed. They are:

President - Diana Wall  
Secretary - Jessie Baker  
Treasurer - Nancy Hall

The wish list for the Ledyard Libraries was presented and approved with over \$16,000 given to the Library for such items as museum passes, programs, computers, shelving, and a telephone system.

The Library Friends are glad to be able to support our libraries in this way. Please consider becoming a member of this terrific group. Dues start at only \$5.

# Happy Holidays!

From Ledyard Library Staff

## LIBRARY HOURS

### BILL

464-9912

Monday – Thursday 9-9  
Friday - Saturday 9-5  
Sunday 1-5  
email: [bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto:bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org)

### GALES FERRY

464-6943

Monday – Thursday 9-8  
Friday - Saturday 9-5  
Sunday 1-5  
email: [gf-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto:gf-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org)

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