

Children's Programs



Registration for Story times at the Ledyard Public Libraries will begin Monday, January 5, 2009. You may call in to the library where the program is being offered anytime after 9:30 am. Your child must be the correct age by 2 weeks from the start date of the session.

Infants (6-15 mos.)

GF Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. Jan. 13 – Feb. 10

Toddlers (16 – 24 mos.)

Bill Mondays 9:30 a.m. Jan. 12 – Feb. 23

Terrific Twos

Bill Mondays 9:30 a.m. Mar. 16 – May 4

GF Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. Mar. 17 – May 5

Three to Fives

Bill Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. Feb. 4 – May 6

GF Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. Feb. 3 – May 5

Four to Sixes

B Thursdays 1:00 p.m. Feb. 5 – May 7

February Vacation Program

Join us for a great program at Bill Library on February 17. Check our website for details as they become available.

Adult Programs

Book Discussions

Join our monthly book discussions on Wednesday evenings at Bill Library at 7 P.M. We always welcome new participants and provide evening refreshments.



December 17, 2008: No Book Discussion - Happy Holidays

January 21, 2009: Best Books Read over the Holiday Season. Please come and bring your favorite reads from the past few months to share and discuss with other members. This is an annual event where many of us have learned to come with paper and pen to create long lists of future reads for ourselves. This is truly one of our most popular evenings of the year as we get to hear of many new books, and book discussion members are usually very enthusiastic about what they've read!

February 18, 2009: *Dirty Water* by Mary-Ann Tirone Smith and Jere Smith
What is a baby, lightly drugged but otherwise healthy, doing abandoned in the players' chapel at

Boston's Fenway Park? Meanwhile, the girlfriend of a player on the Red Sox's Portland, Maine, farm team is found beaten and drowned in Boston. Rocky Patel, a Boston PD homicide detective, catches both cases and quickly pieces together the connections between the two. But as good as Patel is, there's a blogger out there who always seems just a half step ahead of him and ultimately may be critical to solving the case. Baseball fans (citizens of Red Sox Nation in particular) will enjoy this one thoroughly. The authors use real players as characters and incorporate the best aspects of their public personas into the story. The plot unfolds intelligently, and Rocky Patel is a good guide through the proceedings. A solid contribution to the growing subgenre of baseball mysteries. (*Booklist* review.)

March 18, 2009: *The Good Thief* by Hannah Tinti
This striking debut novel is a homage to old-fashioned boys-own adventure stories, and unfolds like a Robert Louis Stevenson tale retold amid the hardscrabble squalor of Colonial New England. The sheer strangeness of the story is beguiling: A one-handed boy, tainted by his upbringing in a Catholic orphanage and with little to offer but a head full of lice, is adopted by a con artist, and enters an underworld of ruthless mousetrap-manufacturing barons, feisty chimney-dwelling dwarves, and, perhaps most terrifying of all, black-market dentists. In keeping with the gothic tradition, Tinti writes with an arch, almost camp sensibility. While on a nocturnal grave-digging excursion to procure bodies for a crazy scientist, for instance, the pair encounters an assassin, who tells the twelve-year-old hero that he was made for killing. Will the boy ever discover the truth of his past? Its good fun watching him find out. (*New Yorker* review.)

Family Fitness Fun @ your Library

The Library Friends will once again sponsor monthly hikes this winter and invite you to join us. Children must be accompanied by an adult and while we love dogs we must ask that they be left behind. Call either library to sign up for one of these hikes.



Saturday, January 10

Morgan Reservoir

1:00 p.m.

Karl Acimovic will lead a 3 mile moderate hike on the West side of the reservoir off Sandy Hollow Road. We will look for signs of winter wildlife and Mr. Acimovic will point out some old foundations and talk about their history. Limited parking is available in the Scenic pull out area and hikers are encouraged to carpool.

Sunday, February 1 (Snow date Feb 8)
Preston Nature Preserve 1:00 p.m.

(Note: this hike is on a Sunday)



Margaret Gibson with the Preston Branch of the Avalonia Land Conservancy will lead this one-hour hike. She will read poems depicting winter and winter wildlife in memory of Joyce Steffensen. Ample parking will be available. Take Rt 2 to Rt 164, first left after intersection of Rts 164/165 to Krug Road, Go ½ mile to Preston Nature Preserve.

Saturday, March 14 (Snow date Mar 15)
Pine Swamp Wildlife Corridor 1:00 p.m.

Mike Goodwin with Avalonia Land Conservancy will lead us on a 2 ½-mile hike through this trail at 113 Whalehead Road, Gales Ferry. Parking is very limited so please plan to car pool from Bill Library @ 12:30PM Other parking is available across from trailhead on Stone Court.

Saturday, April 18
Earth Day at Morgan Reservoir 1:00 p.m.

Hikers will return to Morgan Reservoir this time to explore the Northern area. Karl Acimovic will be with us and will talk about Earth Day and its impact on the reservoir.



Special Events @ your Library

Bill Library has some special programs lined up in January and hope you can join us. Please call the library to register for one or all of the sessions.

Sunday January 25
Islam from an American Perspective: A Travelogue with authentic Malaysian Cuisine
Bill Library 2:00 p.m -4:00 p.m.



Fulbright scholar and Ledyard native Leonard Salter returns to Connecticut with photos and stories from Southeast Asia. As an English teacher in a rural Malaysian secondary school, Mr. Salter was fully immersed in the Malaysian brand of conservative Islam, culture, language, and tradition. Come for an afternoon of discussion, shared experiences, and authentic Malaysian cuisine from Len Salter and Andrea Buka.

Saturday January 24 & 31
Enneagram of Personality: What is your Type?
Bill Library 10a.m.- Noon

(Other dates to be determined)

The Enneagram is a powerful and dynamic personality system that describes nine distinct and



fundamentally different patterns of thinking, feeling and acting. Enneagrams provide us with a way of understanding our own core “type” and the perspective that other “types” have for dealing with the world around them. Darlene McNaughton, a Certified Enneagram Instructor, will lead multiple sessions to help individuals identify their type, the types of others, and what makes each of us unique. .

Tuesday January 27 (Snow Date January 28)
Digital TV

Bill Library 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Are you ready for digital TV? On February 17, 2009, all television broadcast networks will switch over to digital-only broadcasting. Gary Paul from Paul’s TV in Groton will be at Bill Library to demonstrate what digital TV will look like. He will also discuss what is needed to receive the digital only signal on your TV. In addition, Gary will have a High Definition TV so that individuals can understand the difference between DTV and HDTV.

Adult Winter Reading Program: Spring Training @ Your Library

Spring Training is right around the corner. Spring Training @ Your Library that is. Starting February 15, we will have a fun six weeks of baseball-related activities, as we and the players, prepare for the 2009 baseball season. All adults are encouraged to participate, whether you are a Red Sox or Yankee fan, or not even a baseball fan. We have something for everyone.



Two winners every week! Raffle drawing at each library every Saturday. Enter the drawing by filling out a favorite team slip at either library. Enter every time you visit the library between February 15 and March 28. Fun prizes!

Sunday Series
Sunday February 22 Baseball Over the Years
Bill Library 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Lewis Randall, an NFA graduate, former baseball player and retired educator, will present his perspective on how baseball has changed. Dr. Randall played in the Cleveland Indians and Washington Senator systems.

Sunday March 1 Haunted Baseball
Bill Library 2:00 p.m.

Dan Gordon, the co-author of *Haunted Baseball: Ghosts, Legends & Eerie Events*, will entertain Red Sox and Yankee fans alike with tales of strange happenings from the world of baseball. Bank Square Books will have copies of the book available for purchase. Bill Library owns a copy of the book if you would like to check it out before the program.

**Sunday March 22 Apple Pie and Baseball
Ledyard Congregational Church Fellowship Hall
2:00 p.m.**

Andrea Buka and Jennifer Finlayson return with one of their popular food programs highlighting regional American cuisine from baseball cities around the country. If you have attended one of Andrea and Jen's programs before you know you are in for a treat. If this is your first time, make sure you sign up early and come with an appetite. Seating is limited, call Bill Library to register.

Stitch and Dish

Stitch and Dish knitting group continues to meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays at Gales Ferry Library. The second Wednesday group meets in the evening at 7:00 p.m. and the fourth Wednesday knitters come in the afternoon at 3:00 p.m. These are drop-in groups, who welcome anyone who knits, crochets, or just wants to sit around and watch people knit and crochet.

Mad Hatters

The knitting and crochet needles were flying this fall as eleven lap robes were made for veterans at two Connecticut Veterans' Homes on very short notice. We were very pleased so many people stepped up to fill this need. We plan to continue our association with the veterans, so look for related projects in the future.



We are currently assembling our holiday bundles of hats, scarves and mittens for Ledyard Social Services and the Women's Center. Our generous donors have provided us with dozens and dozens of warm and fuzzy packages of holiday cheer. Enjoy your well-deserved long winter's nap and time with family and friends - but not too long, because the need continues after the holidays. We will be collecting winter items for distribution to various social service agencies through February.

Donations

We have recently received donations to purchase books for Bill Library in memory of:

Liberty Grace Hewes
Wesley J. Johnson, Jr.

The Glenwoods Book club also recently donated several books to Gales Ferry Library.

Giving Tree Report



Thank you to all who generously participated in our "Give a Child a Book" program this Christmas season. Thank you also to all who gave anonymously. The parents were thrilled with the beautiful books they were able to choose for their children!

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| Jeanne Allyn | Meghan Harris |
| Samuel Almeida | Chris Hausmann |
| Lynda Anderson | Ruth Heasley |
| Judy Applegate | Mary Hooper |
| Sheila Bairstow | Marty Hubbard |
| Jesse Baker | Michelle Hughes |
| Marilyn Baseler | Sheila Jordan |
| Maureen Beaver | Sarah Karpinski |
| Gale Bradbury | Amy Kirvan |
| Kerry Breton | Annmarie Kowalczyk |
| Nancy Brewer | Lipman Family |
| Nicole Brownson | Joan Lynch |
| Kathy Bruckner | Mathis Family |
| Andrea Buka | Gail Milroy |
| Jonathan Burianek | Lynn Nelson |
| Sharon Butler | Laura Norcia |
| Diana Champagne | Mary Ellen Osborne |
| Donna Coen | Pealer Family |
| Khrystal Coish | Joyce Perdue |
| Kathi Craig | Rebecca Pfaefflin |
| Sheila Daugherty | Mary Phillips |
| Ellie Davis | Marcia Pillsbury |
| Sue Davis | Ledyard Center Nursery School |
| Corinne Diaz | Mary Schwab |
| Pamela Dinger | Amy Sindel |
| Judy Dolphin | Nancy Strawderman |
| Doughty Family | Joyce Tamer |
| Duplantier Family | Pat Tessier |
| Quinn Duwelius | Allison Tynan |
| Janis Fields | Kris Viviano |
| Robin Franklin | Diana Wall |
| Noah Freeman | Pamela Weed |
| Sarah Ganong | Alice Wester |
| Carol Ganz | Gayle Wilson |
| Joan Goras | Ellen Young |
| Grenger Family | Karen Ysewyn |
| Cay Haffey | |

Display Case

The Bill Library Association display case at Bill Library will showcase some local collections for your viewing. This is the rectangular wooden case in front of the magazine area. Bill Library Association members Sandy and Jim Seaton have volunteered to find items of interest to put on display. If you are interested in displaying a collection, contact Sandy or Jim at Bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org. The following displays may be seen in the coming months:

January – February Wood carvings -George Elliott
 March-April Button collection -Mary Butler

Photo restoration grant

The library was recently awarded a grant from the Dime Savings Bank Foundation to help with a restoration project in the Janice Bell Local History Room. Original photos of the first Bill Library Trustees that hang in the room have deteriorated over time. The funds will be used to digitize and restore the photos and replace the originals in the frames with the digitized image. The originals will then be stored to prevent further deterioration. We are awaiting word on a second grant that will pay to clean and repair the original frames.



New Carpet at Bill



As you read this newsletter or soon after, Bill Library will have new carpet installed to complete our clean, fresh look. The library will close the week of December 15 while the old carpet is removed and the new carpet installed. If all goes well the library will reopen on Friday, December 19 at 9:00 a.m. Gales Ferry Library will be open during that time. We apologize for the inconvenience but hope you will like our new look.

Holiday Hours

December 24	Christmas Eve	Close at 1
December 25	Christmas Day	Closed
December 26		Closed
December 31	New Year's Eve	Close at 1
January 1	New Year's Day	Closed
January 2		Closed
January 19	Martin Luther King Day	Closed
February 16	President's Day	Closed

New Book Preview

McCullough, Colleen	<i>The Independence of Miss Mary Bennet</i>	Dec
Plain, Belva	<i>Crossroads</i>	Dec
Cannell, Stephen	<i>On the Grin:</i>	Jan
Evanovich, Janet	<i>Plum Spooky</i>	Jan
Grisham, John	<i>The Associate</i>	Jan
Binchy, Maeve	<i>Heart and Soul</i>	Feb
Higgins, Jack	<i>A Darker Place</i>	Feb
Parker, Robert	<i>Night and Day</i>	Feb
Rice, Luanne	<i>The Geometry of Sisters</i>	Feb
Robb, J.D.	<i>Promises in Death</i>	Feb
Steel, Danielle	<i>One Day at a Time</i>	Feb
Archer, Jeffrey	<i>Paths of Glory</i>	Mar
Cussler, Clive	<i>Corsai</i>	Mar
Keillor, Garrison	<i>The Keillor Reader</i>	Mar
Kellerman, Jonathan	<i>True Detectives</i>	Mar
Patterson, James	<i>Maximum Ride # 5</i>	Mar
Picoult, Jodi	<i>Handle with Care</i>	Mar

Friends News

The Friends annual meeting was held in October and funds were disbursed to benefit the libraries with programs, museum passes, equipment, and more. Some of the items funded include a scanner, motorized movie screen, signage, DVD player for Bill, and a laptop computer, newspaper rack, and PAC table for Gales Ferry. In addition they funded the refinishing of Nancy Brewer's antique desk. The following new officers were elected for the coming year.



President	Betsy Shafer
Secretary	Diana Wall
Treasurer	Dave Engleman
Membership	Karen Davies
Bill book sale	Marie Engleman
Gales Ferry book sale	Jessie Baker
Ongoing book sales	Pam Kalinoski

Pam Kalinoski reports that in addition to the ongoing book sale in the meeting room at Bill Library the friends have some special-priced books for sale in the round glass display case. If you see something you would like to look at or to purchase just ask the librarians at the desk.



Coming soon – Homemade muffins! The Friends have brought you coffee or tea @ your library and beginning January 5th will now provide Muffins on Monday and Wednesday at Henry's Café in Bill Library. Stop in for coffee and a muffin while you read the paper.

Wes Johnson, a Good Friend

The staff of the Ledyard Public Libraries would like to offer our deep condolences and sympathy to the family of Wesley J. Johnson, Sr. Wes was a great supporter of the library and both he and his wife, Ann, were regular customers. We always knew Wes would give us a good laugh with his observations and comments. Our lives were touched by his presence and we will miss him greatly.



LIBRARY HOURS

BILL

464-9912

Monday – Thursday 9-9

Friday - Saturday 9-5

Sunday 1-5

email: bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org

GALES FERRY

464-6943

Monday – Thursday 9-8

Friday - Saturday 9-5

Sunday 1-5

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