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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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One Book Every Young Child

Ledyard is one of twelve libraries in southeastern Connecticut that is participating in a new program called "One Book, Every Young Child," which is aimed at highlighting the importance of early literacy development



Similar to Eastern Connecticut's "One Book, One Region" program and based on the award-winning "Pennsylvania One Book, Every Young Child" program, a single picture book was chosen as the inspiration for a series of events to be held from November 2009 through February 2010 with the goal of encouraging parents and other adult caregivers to read early and often to their preschool children. *The Big Storm* by Nancy Tafuri was selected as the feature book.

According to the American Library Association's *Parent Guide to Early Literacy for Early Talkers: Birth to Two-Year-Olds*, "Early literacy is what children know about reading and writing *before* they can actually read and write." Research has identified six pre-reading skills children can start learning from birth: print motivation, print awareness, letter knowledge, vocabulary, phonological awareness, and narrative skills. ALA's guide also lists simple steps parents can take to help develop each of these skills.

Through the selection of one picture book that will be shared in library and other programs, it is the goal of the One Book, Every Young Child program to emphasize to parents and other adults who care or work with preschool children the importance of helping children develop pre-reading skills and to model ways they can do so. To learn more about this program and the events being held in area libraries visit the website at <http://obeycct.org/>

This program has been made possible by the generous funding of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut as part of their "Love Our Libraries" initiative.

Children's Programs



Registration for Story times at the Ledyard Public Libraries will begin **Monday, January 4, 2010**. You may call the library where the program is being offered anytime **after 9:30 a.m.**

We follow the Ledyard Public Schools Kindergarten schedule for weather-related closings. If there is no a.m. Kindergarten, story times will be cancelled.

Infant/Toddler

Infants (6-15 mos.)

GF Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. Jan. 19 – Feb. 23

Toddlers (16 – 24 mos.)

Bill Mondays 9:30 a.m. Jan. 25 – Mar. 1

Terrific Twos

Bill Mondays 9:30 a.m. Mar. 15 – May 3

GF Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. Mar. 16 – May 4

Threes and Fours

Bill Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. Feb. 3 – May 5

Three to Fives

GF Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. Feb. 2 – May 4

Four to Sixes

B Thursdays 1:00 p.m. Feb. 4 – May 6

Vacation Programs

Where Do Animals Go When It Rains?

Tuesday, December 29 10:00 a.m.

Bill Library All Ages

Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center staff will help participants learn where different creatures hide, from the tiny ladybug to the great horned owl. This event ties into the "One Book Every Young Child" initiative. There will be a drawing at the end of the program for a copy of the featured book *The Big Storm*. Funding for this program is made possible by the Friends of Ledyard Libraries.

Snowflakes, Snowflakes!

Wednesday, December 30 10:00 a.m.

Gales Ferry Library Grades K- 4

Let's make snowflakes! There will be several different kinds of snowflakes to create. Join us in this fun wintertime activity. Make one, or several ... how much snow are we going to have this winter?? Please Register!



Wild About Weather - Keith Michael Johnson

Tuesday, February 16 10:00 a.m.

Ledyard Center School All Ages

Have you ever seen how an air cannon, a tornado generator, or a hot air balloon works? There will be funny demonstrations and lots of audience participation in this great show for the whole family. This event ties into the "One Book Every Young Child" initiative and will include a drawing for a copy of *The Big Storm* by Nancy Tafuri.

Adult Programs

Book Discussions

Join our monthly book discussion on Wednesday evenings at Bill Library at 7:00 p.m. We always welcome new participants and provide evening refreshments courtesy of the Friends of Ledyard Libraries. We have created a book mark listing all the books we plan to discuss in 2010. Pick-up your laminated copy the next time you are in the library and start reading. We hope you will consider joining us for one of these book discussions.



January 20, 2010: *A Short History of Women* by Kate Walbert – Walbert's third novel traces a family's five generations of women. The first, Dorothy Trevor Townsend, is an ardent British suffragette with two children who ends up starving herself for her cause. Her children, Evelyn and Thomas, are separated after her death, though both eventually end up in America. Evelyn becomes a college professor in New York. Thomas names his daughter after his mother. This Dorothy marries a former World War II POW and finds her calling as an activist after the death of her son. Dorothy's two daughters, Caroline and Liz, are baffled by their mother's decision to divorce after decades of marriage. Dorothy Barrett asks, pondering her grandmother's plight as well as her own, "Is freedom actually more elusive when dying for it has become outdated?" ...Walbert explores the ways women's priorities and freedoms have evolved even as their yearnings have stayed remarkably constant. (Booklist.)

February 17, 2010: *The Forgotten Garden* by Kate Morton. In 1913, a little girl arrives in Brisbane, Australia, and is taken in by a dockmaster and his wife. She doesn't know her name, and the only clue to her identity is a book of fairy tales tucked inside a white suitcase. When the girl, called Nell, grows up, she starts to piece together bits of her story, but just as she's on the verge of going to England to trace the mystery to its source, her granddaughter, Cassandra, is left in her care. When Nell dies, Cassandra finds herself the owner of a cottage in Cornwall, and makes the journey to England to finally solve the

puzzle of Nell's origins. Shifting back and forth over a span of nearly 100 years, this is a sprawling, old-fashioned novel, as well-cushioned as a Victorian country house, replete with family secrets, stories-within-stories, even a maze and a Dickensian rag-and-bone shop...it's a satisfying read overall, just the thing for readers who like multigenerational sagas with a touch of mystery (Booklist)

March 17, 2010: *Half the Sky* by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. *Times* columnist Kristof and his wife, WuDunn, a former *Times* reporter, make a brilliantly argued case for investing in the health and autonomy of women worldwide. More girls have been killed in the last fifty years, precisely because they were girls, than men were killed in all the wars of the twentieth century, they write, detailing the rampant gendercide in the developing world, particularly in India and Pakistan. These Pulitzer Prize-winning authors see the treatment of women in developing countries as the great story of this century, a moral issue, sure, but also as an economic one. What if by oppressing half their population, countries in Africa, Asia and the Middle East have been shooting themselves in their collective foot? "Women hold up half the sky," the Chinese saying goes, and in fact – the authors argue – one of the reasons China has emerged as such an impressive power in the past decades may be because of the "Girl Effect," the millions of girls who have flocked to factories, sparking a revolution in that country. (Washington Post)

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 fourth Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. Bimonthly we select a book for the group to read and discuss. On alternate months, Mary Ellen presents a variety of books and leads a discussion of books the members have recently read.

January 27, 2010: *Home: A Memoir of My Early Years* by Julie Andrews

February 24, 2010: Book talk and discussion

March 24, 2010: Book discussion book to be determined

Winter Programs

Back by popular demand, the Friends of Ledyard Libraries will once again sponsor family-friendly hikes on local trails. Get outside and do something



fun this winter and spring as we travel through woods, fields and roads discovering all there is to see. Children must be accompanied by an adult and while we love dogs we must ask that they be left behind. Rain/snow dates will be the corresponding Sundays of the hike weekend. If unable to attend, please call to cancel. To sign up for one or more of these hikes, please call either library.

If you prefer to stay inside during the cold months the adult winter reading program, Uniquely Ledyard, may be more to your liking. We are offering a variety of programs by talented residents or former residents of our town. We will not be holding our weekly raffles this year, but would be glad to bring them back next year if there is a popular demand. The Friends will also be sponsoring some programs on our behalf.



Please register for programs with this symbol.



Saturday January 23 1:00 P.M.
Avery Preserve

Avalonia's Ledyard Director Mike Goodwin will be our guide as we revisit the Avery Preserve West Tract. Mike and Tom Worthley, director of UCONN's Coverts Program, part of the University's Center for Land Use Education and Research (CLEAR), will discuss forest stewardship. There is ample parking at Pfizer Field – behind Avery Stoddard Cemetery, Rt 214. Hikers are invited back to Bill Library after the hike for refreshments courtesy of the Friends of Ledyard Libraries.



Saturday February 13 1:00 p.m.
Stoddard Hill State Park – Rt 12 Gales Ferry

Andy Jensen with the Ledyard Conservation Commission will be our guide and will highlight key historical points on this trail. This state park is one we have not visited. Please come for refreshments after the hike at Gales Ferry Library courtesy of the Friends of Ledyard Libraries.



Sunday February 28 2:00 p.m.
Easy as Pie
Congregational Church Fellowship Hall

Ledyard is the home to several orchards. Andrea Buka, our favorite local foodie, will lead us through the process of making five different kinds of pie. Ten lucky people will get to join in the demonstration. The rest of us will be the audience and taste testers. If you want the hands-on experience, be sure to sign up to demonstrate. If you only want to eat, sign up for the audience. Funding for this program is made possible by the Friends of Ledyard Libraries.





Saturday March 6 1 p.m.
Morgan Reservoir and Dam – Signs of Spring – Sandy Hollow Road

Karl Acimovic will lead this hike that will encompass the North-West side of Morgan Reservoir (the old Rosemond Lake Area), a former game farm. Winter is almost over but spring is not quite here, and you never know what you will find. Hikers are invited to Bill Library for refreshments after the hike courtesy of the Friends of Ledyard Libraries.



Wednesday March 17 & 24 6 - 8 p.m.
Pearl Knotting for Beginners Gales Ferry Library

Gail Marceau, local jewelry designer, will instruct the group in the art of pearl knotting. Supplies will be provided. Participants will complete their own piece of jewelry in the two session program. Registration is limited to ten participants. Funding for this program is made possible by the Friends of Ledyard Libraries.



Friday, March 19 7 p.m.
This Old Hat – Patriots of Liberty Congregational Church Ages 8 to adult

Patty Carver, a former Ledyard resident performs this original musical that brings women of American History to life: Betsy Ross, Deborah Sampson, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Amelia Earhart. This program is sponsored and paid for by the Friends of Ledyard Libraries.



Sunday, March 28 Bill Library
Poetry Reading 2 p.m.

Lisa (Silverberg) Starr, poet laureate of Rhode Island, grew up in Ledyard. She will read from her works in a Sunday afternoon program in late March. More information will be in our spring newsletter. Funding for this program is made possible by the Friends of Ledyard Libraries.



Thursday April 22 Bill Library
Square Foot Gardening 7 p.m.



To celebrate Earth Day, Jean Scialabba, a local resident, will present a program on an interesting concept of gardening, based on the book by Mel Bartholomew and she will share her knowledge of composting. Mark this date on your calendar, as we look forward to the spring gardening season. Funding for this program is made possible by the Friends of Ledyard Libraries.



Saturday April 24 Gales Ferry Village
Sheds, Privies, & Mysterious Hideaways 1 p.m.

Historians Kit Foster and Carol Bacon will guide us through the streets of Gales Ferry Village with their

emphasis on Privies, Sheds and carriage houses still in existence throughout the village. Meet at Gales Ferry Community Center Parking Lot. Please join us at Gales Ferry Library after the walk for refreshments courtesy of the Friends of Ledyard Libraries.



Stitch and Dish/ Mad Hatters



Stitch and Dish, the library's knitting group, continues to meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays at the Gales Ferry Library. The meeting on the second Wednesday is at 7:00 pm and on the fourth Wednesday it is at 3:00 pm. New members and drop-ins are always welcome. Stop by to work on an ongoing project or to get started knitting or crocheting.

The Mad Hatters will be collecting hand knit or crocheted scarves, hats, mittens, and socks through February. All sizes and patterns will be accepted. Patterns, if needed, are available from the Gales Ferry and Bill Libraries. If you have any questions, please call the Gales Ferry Library.

Photo Restoration



The photo restoration project at Bill Library is finished and we are pleased to have the framed photos back on the wall in the Janice W. Bell Historical Research Room. The fourteen photos of the original Bill Trustees were fading and showing other signs of deterioration. The photos were digitized and the digital images enhanced to correct the deterioration. The original photos are now stored in a way that will prevent further deterioration. Each frame was meticulously restored by Lee Cornett of Lee Art Framers in Gales Ferry. A digital copy of each photo has been rematted and mounted in its original frame. Funding for this project was made possible with grants from The Dime Bank, The Putnam Savings Bank, the Ledyard Library Friends, and the Bill Library Association. To see the restored photos, ask a staff member at Bill Library to take you into the room.

Consumer Reports Online

Ledyard Libraries recently added *Consumer Reports* to their list of online resources. All databases may be accessed in the library or from home by entering your Ledyard Library card barcode number. Other databases include Testing and Education, Chilton's Auto Manuals, Price It Now, USA Legal, JobNow, iConn Magazine and Newspaper Search, and ReQuest book searches. Please call or email either library if you have any problems accessing these databases.



Giving Tree

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 | Mary Juber |
| Anonymous Givers | Kaitlin Kearney |
| Archibald Family | Melissa Kearney |
| Jackie Bacon | Ledyard Center Nursery School |
| Marilyn Baseler | Jody Lees |
| Maureen Beaver | Lipman Family |
| Kerry Breton | Joan Lynch |
| Nancy Brewer | Al Manter |
| Ryan, Jonah and Jacob Brownson | Claire Murphy |
| Kathy Bruckner | John Nelson |
| Andrea Buka | Aaron, Meghan and Laura Norcia |
| Jon Burianek | Mary Ellen Osborne |
| Sharon Butler | Daniel Pealer |
| Barbara Chapman | Sharon Pealer |
| Kristin Clark | Mary Ellen Robeson |
| Stephanie Coffing | Megan Robinson |
| Elisabeth Craig | Laurie Roediger |
| Joyce Davis | Patricia Salmon |
| Ellie Davis | Mary Schwab |
| Catherine Davis | Sandy Seaton |
| Pamela Dinger | Norma Sokolski |
| Sharon, Anna, and Rachael Finlayson | Nancy Straudermann |
| Robin Franklin | Joyce Tamer |
| Carol Ganz | Diana Wall |
| John Goras | Pam Weed |
| Dena Grant | Alice Wester |
| Linda Hardie | Gayle Wilson |
| Marty Hubbard | Ellen Young |

Donations

We recently received donations to purchase Books in memory of:

- June Hall
- Frances Allyn

Books in honor of:

- William F. Holton

General donation for the library

- M. Holcome Allen
- Etta Jenks

Our sincere thanks go to the donors.

Holiday Hours

December 24	Christmas Eve	Close at 1
December 25	Christmas Day	Closed
December 31	New Year's Eve	Close at 1
January 1	New Year's Day	Closed
January 18	Martin Luther King Day	Closed
February 15	Presidents' Day	Closed

News from the Friends of Ledyard Libraries



This has been an exciting year for the Friends. With the passing of the new By-Laws on November 4th, the door was opened for the organization, newly named the Friends of the Ledyard Libraries (formerly the Ledyard Library Friends) to become incorporated (December 7, 2009) and well on the way to non-profit status. This will allow the Friends more flexibility in fundraising and is long overdue. Many thanks to all those who have helped along the way, and especially to John Bolduc for his invaluable advice, time, and hard work in getting us on the right track and finalizing the incorporation of the group.

There are so many people who have done so much throughout the year, a year in which we have accomplished so much. Thanks to all for time, ideas, heavy lifting of books, paperwork, and donations in all shapes, sizes, and forms.

We had great success at our two annual book sales and at the ongoing book sale, showing record profits, while running smoothly and efficiently throughout. Many thanks to Chairpersons Jessie Baker (Gales Ferry) and Marie Engelman (Bill), and to the many, many volunteers who showed up and made it all work-the organizers, the book-movers, the cashiers, re-stockers, and the clean up crew. Thanks also to Pam Kalinoski for working all year on the ongoing book sale. Everyone who contributed throughout the year and at the sales has much to be proud of in raising money to help support our wonderful local libraries. The Friends are now accepting books at both Libraries that are in good condition (clean, no mildew, and no structural damage).

Several purchases have already been made with the funds, including a flag for the meeting room at Bill, and a partition for the downstairs area at Gales Ferry, which allows the librarians to block off space for activities, staff lunches, and for their needs, and which has already received very positive feedback from library employees and the community members using the space.

Our new programming committee is hard at work researching ideas and planning programs that will be of interest to adults and children in the community. In March the Friends will sponsor "Women in History," in honor of women's history month. We hope this is just the first of many wonderful program ideas as the committee explores all the possibilities. If you have ideas for programs you might like to see, or know of a contact person for an interesting program, please contact Claire Bolduc. Thanks to Claire Bolduc, Sara Holdridge, and Janet Barnett for your time and great ideas.

After Christmas Sale!!

The Christmas Sale portion of the ongoing book sale has been a great success. Soon it will be time for the bargains! On December 26 we will be following

the tradition of the malls, and the books will be half price! Start your shopping for next year the day after Christmas, or buy that special book as a gift for yourself, a little pampering after all the Christmas hustle and bustle.

We at the Friends wish you a wonderful holiday season.

I want all members of the Friends to remember *this is your organization*----the good things the Friends do could not happen without the participation of its membership. The Friends are growing and changing but we need to know what you, as members, want to see happen in our group. If you have comments, feedback, concerns, or ideas, please feel free to email me (bshafr@aol.com) or call 860-536-6008.

Betsy Shafer, President

LIBRARY HOURS

BILL

860-464-9912

Monday – Thursday 9-9

Friday - Saturday 9-5

Sunday 1-5

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GALES FERRY

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Monday – Thursday 9-8

Friday - Saturday 9-5

Sunday Closed

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