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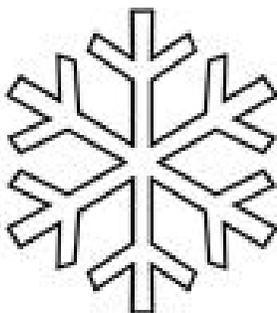
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The Ledyard Libraries support and encourage the freedom to read, learn and discover in a welcoming environment. We provide friendly, knowledgeable service and free access to a diversity of ideas, resources and experiences. We strive to enhance the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

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Mobile Technology @ your Library

Libraries everywhere strive hard to stay on the cutting edge of new technology and Ledyard is no exception. As a member of the LION consortium we find that keeping up with new developments is a common goal and trying things as a group is more cost effective. This is in fact a good example of regionalization with resources and costs shared among our 20+ libraries. Downloadable audio and E-books are available from the library website, the libraries online catalog may be accessed from your smart phone and we continue to explore options for other technology.



We offer free audio and electronic book downloads for your portable devices. For those of you who have electronic book readers on your Christmas list this year we have increased the holdings of electronic books to over 700 titles including the latest best sellers. The books may be downloaded to your PC or Mac and then to a portable reader such as a Sony, Nook, Literari, pandigital or Kobo device where they remain for two weeks. Once the loan period is over they disappear unless renewed just like any other library book. They are not compatible with a Kindle which is strictly an Amazon product and not meant for libraries. They may also be downloaded directly to your iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch or Android and Apps are available to format it for the smaller screen.



The library also offers a version of its catalog that is designed specifically for smart phones. With the mobile catalog you can search for books, check your account, place holds and renew items that you have borrowed. The mobile catalog is available through the web browser on your phone or as an app on an iPhone or an Android phone. To access it from your phone web browser, go to catalog.lioninc.org and a popup directs you to the mobile site. The next time you hear about a book that sounds interesting check your mobile catalog and request it from your library.

Children's Programs

Registration for Story times at the Ledyard Public Libraries will begin Monday, January 10, 2011. You may call in to the library where the program is being offered anytime after 10:00 am.

Toddler (ages 9 – 24 months)

Bill Mondays 10:15 am Jan. 24 – Feb. 28
(no ST 2/21)

Terrific Twos

Bill Mondays 10:15 am Mar. 14 – May 9
(no ST 4/18)

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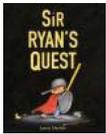
Bill Wednesdays 10:15 am Feb. 2 – May 11
(no ST 2/23, 3/9, 4/20)

GF Tuesdays 10:15 am Feb. 1 – May 10
(no ST 2/22, 3/8, 4/19)

Four - Sixes

Bill Thursdays 1:00 pm Feb. 3 – May 12
(no ST 2/24, 3/10, 4/21)

February Vacation Programs



Our "One Book Every Young Child" for this winter is *Sir Ryan's Quest* by Southeastern CT author Jason Deeble. We have planned several medieval programs including a visit from Jason, a Lego castle building contest,

Medieval crafts, and other fun programs. There will be a flyer posted in January about times and dates for these programs.



Amistad (Friendship) Club 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Thursdays Grades K - 6
Bill Library

Space is still available for after school help. Adult and student mentors provide homework help, reading and math activities and the opportunity to socialize. Registration forms are available at Bill Library. Sponsored by the Friends of Ledyard Libraries, all are welcome.



Please register for programs with this symbol.

Adult Programs

Book Discussions

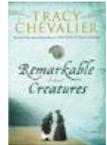
Join our monthly book discussions on Wednesday evenings at Bill Library at 7:00 p.m. We always welcome new participants and provide evening refreshments.

January 19: *So Much For That* by Lionel Shriver. If you want ripped-from-the-headlines relevance in your fiction, Lionel Shriver's outraged and occasionally outrageous ninth novel takes on our hurting health care system with a story that gives life to the issues. Shriver's hero is about to quit his

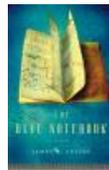


detested job and retire to a less expensive Third World country when his wife, an artist who works in metal, announces she has deadly mesothelioma and needs his health insurance. He hunkers down and dedicates himself to her care, but soon learns how inadequate their insurance is. At the same time, his father needs to be moved into a nursing home, and his best friend, whose teenage daughter suffers horribly from a rare degenerative disease, succumbs to a vanity procedure that goes wildly awry. There's plenty to discuss here, beginning with penetrating questions about the value of a human life and government's role in health care.

February 16: *Remarkable Creatures* by Tracy Chevalier. The discoveries of fossils on the beaches of Lyme Regis, England, in the 19th century rocked the world and opened the minds of scientists to the planet's unimaginable age and the extinction of species. Chevalier wraps the history with a tale of the friendship between Mary and Elizabeth Philpot, a gentlewoman also fascinated by the creatures of stone, in a time when women were thought to be ill-suited to the work or incapable of understanding the scope of their finds.



March 16: *The Blue Notebook* by James Levine.



Levine, a doctor at the Mayo clinic, was inspired to write this heartbreaking and terrifying novel when he was interviewing homeless children in Mumbai as part of his medical research. In the "Street of Cages" where child prostitutes ply their trade, literally encaged by their neglectful and abusive overseers (who pocket all the profits), Levine was struck by the sight of a young girl sitting outside her cage writing in a notebook. Batuk is a 15 year old girl who was sold to Mamaki Briila by her father when she was 9. Forced to service up to ten men a day from her "nest," and subject to deplorable treatment by the men who pay for her services, she's even abused by the doctor who examines her. Batuk tells her story matter-of-factly, in a voice reminiscent of *The Color Purple*. While painful to read, Batuk's story puts a face on the mistreatment and disregard for children worldwide, as well as a testament to the hopefulness and power of literacy. All U.S. proceeds from the book will be donated to helping exploited children.

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. Bimonthly we

select a book for the group to read and discuss. At the other monthly meeting, Mary Ellen presents a variety of books and leads a discussion of books the members have recently read. Please contact Mary Ellen if you would like a copy of the discussion book.

Upcoming dates:

December 22, 2010: Cancelled

January 26, 2011: *In the Bleak Midwinter*
by Julia Spencer-Fleming

February 23, 2011: Book Talk

March 23, 2011: *Firefly Lane* by Kristin Hannah

Mad Hatters/ Stitch and Dish



The Mad Hatters were pleased to provide hats, scarves and mittens to nearly 100 children in Ledyard this holiday season. More "warm and fuzzies" will be distributed to area shelters over the winter. We are very grateful to the many crafters who provided us with the items. We will continue to accept donations through January.

Beginning in February, we will start a new project. This time we will focus on items for the military and veteran's hospitals. Suggestions include balaclavas, lap robes and wheelchair totes. Patterns will be available at both libraries in February.

Stitch and Dish, our knitting group, continues to meet at Gales Ferry Library on the 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. and the 4th 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.

Winter Programs

A variety of events have been scheduled for the coming months and we hope you will join us for some or all of them. Spend some time knitting or beading, take a hike, visit Africa, learn about digital photography or how to start searching your genealogy and more. The hikes are part of our popular Family Fitness Series and children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult and while we love dogs we must ask that they be left at home. Refreshments will be available at Bill Library after each hike compliments of the Friends of the Ledyard Libraries.

All events are free and open to the public.



Sunday, January 16 2 p.m. Travels to the Roof of Africa: Adventures from the Mountains to the Sea

Bill Library

All Ages

Marie Barnett will discuss her travels in East Africa, through Uganda, Tanzania, Zanzibar and Kenya. From a 7-day hike to Mount Kilimanjaro's 19,300 foot summit, spice tours in Zanzibar, wildlife safari, painting an elementary school and playing with children at an orphanage, the East African's rich culture has much to experience and see. Marie Barnett, the granddaughter of Ledyard's Janet Barnett and daughter of David Barnett, is currently a first-year Clinical Psychology Ph.D candidate at the Derner Institute of Advanced Psychological Studies (Adelphi University) in Garden City, New York. A graduate from Oberlin College, Marie enjoys travel, art, and music, and is an avid runner.



Sponsored by the Friends of the Ledyard Libraries

Saturday, January 22 1 p.m.

Hoffman Evergreen Preserve, Rte. 201, Stonington,



This hike will take us to a new location at this Avalonia Land Conservancy trail. Mike Goodwin, head of Ledyard's branch of Avalonia will lead us. Mike will surprise us with points of interest about this beautiful preserved area. A sign will mark the trail head on Rte 201. Parking on both sides of the road should be fine, but be careful when crossing. **Wednesday, February 9 7 p.m.**

Demystifying Digital Photography Bill Library



Megapixels, Optical Zoom, tiny numbers printed on the front of a lens, ISO, A, Tv, S, M, Image Stabilized.... What do they mean? Why does it matter? Are all 12MP cameras equal? Learn the answers to these questions and more. And learn how you can use this information to not only select the right camera equipment but to take the photographs you want. Straightforward explanations of F stop, focal length, exposure, depth of field and more will be covered with examples. Connie Burianek is a local graphic artist/web designer and avid photography enthusiast. Suitable for all levels of photography experience.

Saturday, February 19 1 p.m.

Morgan Reservoir, Sandy Hollow Rd.



Karl Acimovic, consulting engineer for Groton Utilities will lead this hike. The hike will begin just past the dam on Gales Ferry Rd. Coming from Rte. 117, look for a small white house as a marker. Ample parking is available at this site.



Tuesday, February 22 6 p.m.
Using Microsoft Word 2007 or 2010
Bill Library (Snow date February 23)



Microsoft Office continues to upgrade and make changes to their software. This class will focus on the changes made to the 2007 and 2010 versions of Word. Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops with whatever version of word they are using. The library has a limited number of laptops available with the 2007 or the 2010 version. Please register and indicate if you have your own laptop or if you wish to use one of ours.

Thursday, February 24 7 p.m.
The Stories behind the Stories of Children's
Author Fred Neff Bill Library

Mystic author Fred Neff will discuss the background of his series of *Calvin and Dad* books which chronicle ordinary adventures of a child with his father.



I hope Calvin and Dad stories inspire parents everywhere to invest time doing simple things in life with their kids (or any kids for that matter) to draw out the extraordinary love that children are just waiting to give in return for their time. This is what creates precious moments and wonderful memories. I try to bring to you, the reader, and the listener, the joys of fatherhood—with a twist—as seen through the eyes of a child.

Fred has also written several other children's books which will be available for purchase. Children are welcome at this event.



Saturday, March 5 1 p.m.
Avery Preserve, West Tract, Avery Hill Rd.

Signs of Early Spring and Bird Watching will be theme of this hike. Bob Dewire with Naturescapes will be our leader. He encourages all bird watching enthusiasts to bring their gear to see what may be up in this area. We may discover many early indicators that spring is in the air.



Park at Pfizer Field located behind Avery Stoddard Cemetery, Rt. 214, path to Avery Hill Rd and trail head runs behind the cemetery.

Sunday, March 6 2 p.m.
Getting Started in Genealogy Bill Library

Ledyard resident Carol Ganz who has been a librarian with the State of Connecticut History and Genealogy Department will discuss tracing one's roots using a variety of resources. Specific examples will be demonstrated.



Wednesday, March 16 6 p.m.
Pearl Knotting Class Gales Ferry Library

Local jewelry maker, Gail Marceau, returns. Learn how to knot a pearl necklace. Fresh water pearls and all materials will be supplied. This program is sponsored by The Friends of Ledyard Libraries.



Sunday, March 20 2 p.m.
Young Henry's Supper: New England Food in 1836 Ledyard Senior Center

Ages 16 and up

In celebration of the town's 175th birthday in 2011, Andrea Buka & Jennifer Finlayson will be presenting an early 19th century menu, based around the food that Henry Bill might have eaten as the 12-year-old he was the year Ledyard was incorporated. Come hungry and plan to spend the afternoon enjoying the tastes of yesteryear. Register by March 16. This program is co-sponsored by the Friends of Ledyard Libraries and the Ledyard Historical Society.

Monday, March 28 7 p.m.
Understanding Glaciers Bill Library



Douglas M. Thompson, Director of the Goodwin-Niering Center for the Environment and Professor of Geology at Connecticut College will present "The Life of a Glacier," focusing on how glaciers form, move and evolve through time. The talk will include a history of past climatic periods in Connecticut preserved in glacial landforms.

Artists & Writers Showcase Call for Entries
April 2 – May 1 Bill Library

Entries are limited to three per visual artist, and must be submitted by Wednesday, March 30th to the Bill Library. There is no limit for written pieces. Please fill out an entry form and mark all pieces with your name & contact information. Entry forms are available on our website: www.lioninc.org/ledyard, and at both branches. An opening reception will be held Saturday, April 2, 2011 from 1-5 p.m. You are welcome to bring business cards or brochures to display, and to sell your artwork on that day.

Edible Books Contest
Saturday, April 2 Bill Library

In conjunction with the opening reception for artist and writers an Edible Books Contest will feature edible treats based on a book title or theme. Entries for the contest may be submitted from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. They will be on display until 3:00, and then served to the public. Beverages will be provided by the Friends of the Ledyard Libraries. Please contact Andrea Buka at abuka@ledyard.lioninc.org or leave a message at either library.



Giving Tree

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

Jeanne Allyn	Marty Hubbard
Anonymous Friends	Heather Johnston
G. Leon Archibold	Sheila Jordan
Jackie Bacon	Mary Juber
Sheila Birstow	Cindy Juszkiewicz
Emily & Sherry Baseler	Pam Kalinowski
Gale Bradbury	Jill & Sherry Lambing
Nancy Brewer	Hailey & Sherry Lambing
Pamela Briggs	Ledyard Center Nursery School
Ryan, Jonah & Jacob Brownson	Viola Leonard
Kathy Bruckner	Gail Milroy
Andrea Buka	Kathy Moore
Jonathon Burianek	Melody Muolo
Sharon Butler	Claire Murphy
Dianna Champagne	Mary Ellen Osborne
Donna Coen	John Pfafflin
Megan & Stephanie Correia	Mary Ellen Robeson
Julie Craig	Chance Rubin
Ellie Davis	Mary Schwab
Joyce Davis	Sandy Seaton
Jan Dawson	Sue Sexton
Sarah Desormier	Joyce Tamer
Lara Dolphin	Pat Tessier
Quinn Duwelius	Torres Family
Jan Erhart	Sally Van Dyke
Robin Franklin	Cynthia Vaphiades
Kathryn Gironimi	Sydney Welles
Hilary Golembeski	Alice Wester
Ellen Grenger	Gayle Wilson
Cay Haffey	Emmi, Lanie, Maddie, Nate
Carolyn Hanover	Wymer
Linda Hardie	Shannon Wymer
Valerie Hazlin	Stacie Yocum

Tumble Book Library



The Friends of the Ledyard Libraries recently funded a subscription to TumbleBookLibrary an online collection of TumbleBooks – animated, talking picture books which teach kids the joy of reading in a format they'll love. TumbleBooks are created by adding animation, sound, music and narration to existing picture books in order to produce an electronic picture book which you can read, or have read to you. For independent readers chapter books are available along with a collection of non-fiction titles. For each book there is a

corresponding link to puzzles and games that reinforce the learning experience. The TumbleBook Library includes several children's favorites such as *The Paper Bag Princess* by Robert Munsch, *Red is a Dragon*, *Franklin goes to School*, *Jack and the Beanstalk*, *Old Mother Hubbard*, and many more. This fun, interactive storybook program is available online from the children's page on the library website. Click on the TumbleBooks icon for hours of entertainment with your children.

A Word from the Ledyard Library Friends

A Celebration of Volunteers

Monday, January 31 7 p.m. Bill Library

Join us at the January meeting for a celebration of our volunteers. This is an opportunity to share some refreshments, meet fellow Friends and volunteers, and celebrate the success of the work done throughout the year. We hope that everyone will come. This is also a wonderful time for those interested in membership to come and meet us. The Friends recently approved a \$22,000 budget for 2010-2011 that included funding for a state of the art audio visual system to enhance Library and Friends programs, movies, and other events throughout the year. This exciting purchase is already making a huge difference in the quality and ease of presentations at the library. Also included in the budget was funding for online services, programs, giving tree, new style library cards, shelving for Gales Ferry, and more. We are so excited to be able to support the library and are grateful for the many ways our members help to make this happen. If you would like to find out more about how you can become a member or how you can help out, pick up a flyer at either library, or ask your librarian for more information.

A meeting of the Book Sale Committee was held in December and ideas were shared and explored on the future of the book sales. At this time we are taking donations of books and are seeking volunteer sorters for both libraries. Volunteers work at the library about an hour a week but individuals can work weekly, biweekly or monthly on the sorting schedule, so it can easily be adjusted to your convenience. If you have an hour or two a month and can help out, please contact Carl Nelson at cnelson18@comcast.net.

We hope everyone is enjoying the holiday season. Make sure and check out the Ongoing Book sale for special finds for gifts and for reading by the fireside on a chilly night.

Betsy Shafer

Holiday Hours

December 24	Christmas Eve	Closed
December 25	Christmas Day	Closed
December 26	Day after Christmas	Closed
December 31	New Year's Eve	Closed
January 1	New Year's Day	Closed
January 17	Martin Luther King Day	Closed
February 21	President's Day	Closed

Donations

We recently received donations for the purchase of books for Bill and Gales Ferry Library from

PFLAG

In Memory of

Frances Joyce Hubbard

Our sincere thanks go to the donors.



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BILL

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Friday - Saturday 10-5

Sunday 1-5

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