



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.

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A book on every bed



Family Reading Partnership

Start a new tradition this holiday season with a book on every bed! The Family Reading Partnership encourages families to include books and reading in your holiday celebrations. After the children have fallen asleep on a winter holiday's eve, place a special gift-wrapped book at the foot of each child's bed. The children will awake to find a present they can open right away, beginning a special reading tradition they will love. Plus, it'll keep them in bed just a bit longer!

The Ledyard Public Libraries are pleased to promote the Family Reading Partnership an organization that serves to encourage literacy through family reading activities. This non-profit community organization promotes early literacy in a unique and fun way. As the partnership states literacy -- the ability to read, write and communicate clearly -- will define a child's future success in school and in life. We also know that literacy development, the process that brings children to reading, begins in the first years of life at home. Long before children enter school, early experiences with books build a strong foundation for learning.

The goals of this organization are in keeping with the libraries mission to encourage lifelong learning and a love of reading. We encourage families in our reading area to become familiar with this group and participate in some of their activities. For more information about the group visit their website at www.familyreading.org and find ways to enjoy reading together with your family.

Children's Programs



Registration for Story times at the Ledyard Public Libraries will begin Monday, January 7. You may call in to the library where the program is being offered anytime after 9:30 am.

Toddler (ages 9 – 24 months)

Bill Mondays 9:30 am Jan. 14 – Feb. 25

Terrific Twos

Bill Mondays 9:30 am Mar. 4 – May 6

Three - Fives

Bill Wednesdays 9:30 am Feb. 6 – May 8

GF Tuesdays 9:30 am Feb. 5 – May 7

Four - Sixes

Bill Thursdays 1:00 pm Feb. 7 – May 9

Youth Writing Workshop

Wednesday, January 30

Grades 4, 5 and 6

10 - 11:30 am
Bill Library

Lisa Saunders, author of the children's novel, *Ride a Horse Not An Elevator*, and the recently released book, *Mystic Seafarer's Trail*, will offer advice to young writers on how to find their "voice" or personality in their work, in addition to how to get published. Students will have a chance to share their work in an "Open Mic" format.



Students are encouraged to bring a writing sample to share along with some paper and a pencil/pen. Ms. Saunders will ask students to write additional short pieces in the hour and half workshop and to critique each other's work in an atmosphere of support and encouragement. Students will have a chance to read their work aloud and learn about the publishing process.

Lisa Saunders is an award-winning writer and speaker living in Mystic, Connecticut, with her husband and beagle/basset hound. A graduate of Cornell University, she works as a part-time history interpreter at Mystic Seaport. To see her work, visit: www.authorlisaanders.com

Admission is free, but space is limited and reservations are required. Call Bill Library to register.

"Take Your Child to the Library Day" Saturday, Feb. 2 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Bring your children or grandchildren to the library and they will receive a small gift and have some fun! Watch for signs in the library about special programs planned for that day.



Amistad (Friendship) Club

Thursdays
Bill Library

3:30-4:30 pm
Grades K - 6

The Amistad Club meets every Thursday with adult and student mentors who will 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.

Adult Programs

Book Discussions

Join our monthly book discussions on the third Wednesday of the month at Bill Library at 7:00 p.m. We always welcome new participants and provide refreshments. As a Christmas gift & shopping assistant for those who enjoy the Bill Book Discussion picks, bookmarks listing all titles for 2013 book discussions will be available at both libraries.



January 16: *Code Name Verity* by Elizabeth Wein. - Oct. 11th, 1943- A British spy plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France. Its pilot and passenger are best friends. One of the girls has a chance at survival. The other has lost the game before it's barely begun. When "Verity" is arrested by the Gestapo, she's sure she doesn't stand a chance. As a secret agent captured in enemy territory, she's living a spy's worst nightmare. Her Nazi interrogators give her a simple choice: reveal her mission or face a grisly execution. As she intricately weaves her confession, Verity uncovers her past, how she became friends with the pilot Maddie, and why she left Maddie in the wrecked fuselage of their plane. On each new scrap of paper, Verity battles for her life, confronting her views on courage and failure and her desperate hope to make it home. Strong young women in a realistic, different and enthralling book of historical fiction. (Amazon reviews, Nancy Pearl recommendation.)

February 20: *Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Book Store* by Robin Sloan - With irresistible brio and dazzling intelligence, Robin Sloan has crafted a literary adventure story for the twenty-first century, evoking

both the fairy-tale charm of Haruki Murakami and the enthusiastic novel-of-ideas wizardry of Neal Stephenson or a young Umberto Eco, but with a unique and feisty sensibility that's rare to the world of literary fiction. *Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore* is exactly what it sounds like: an establishment you have to enter and will never want to leave, a modern-day cabinet of wonders ready to give a jolt of energy to every curious reader, no matter the time of day.

March 20: *Eight Girls Taking Pictures* by Whitney Otto. This captivating novel opens in 1917 as Cymbeline Kelley surveys the charred remains of her photography studio, destroyed in a fire started by a woman hired to help take care of the house while Cymbeline pursued her photography career. This tension—between wanting and needing to be two places at once; between domestic duty and ambition; between public and private life; between what's seen and what's hidden from view—echoes in the stories of the other seven women in the book.

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. All books chosen are available in large print and audio, as well as, regular versions. Please contact Mary Ellen if you would like a copy of the book.

Upcoming dates:

January 23: *The Painted Drum* by Louise Erdrich

February 27: *As Husbands Go* by Susan Isaacs

March 27: *The Girl Who Fell From the Sky* by Heidi Durrow

April 24: *The Orchid Thief* by Susan Orlean

Other Programs



A variety of programs and events have been scheduled for the coming months and we hope you will be able to join us for some of them. Learn about the Florence Griswold Museum; hear about a recent visit to China from Mayor Rodolico and his wife, or a lighthearted history of valentines and join us at the Senior Center for a musical production of "Leading Ladies" with Patty Carver. Classes have been scheduled to introduce

you to the many features of E-Readers or tablets. The focus for all classes will be on downloading books from Overdrive, but use of switches and buttons will also be explained. Learn how to access games, books, magazines and newspapers on the various devices and then see what's available for books and apps! If you feel more adventurous and enjoy the outdoors we have scheduled a series of winter hikes. The following day is a back-up date for the hikes due to inclement weather conditions and will be changed only if conditions are intolerable. We encourage all participants to wear a sturdy hiking shoe/boot, use a walking/ hiking stick, and dress in layers as conditions vary at various venues planned. 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 provided after the hikes by the Friends of Ledyard Libraries.

Registration is required for the programs with the following symbol. Call the library to register.



Please register for programs with this symbol.

The Florence Griswold Museum from A to Z
Thursday, January 10 (Snow Date, Jan 15)
Bill Library **7 pm**



David D. J. Rau, Director of Education and Outreach will provide an alphabetical introduction to the Florence Griswold Museum in Old

Lyme CT. The museum offers year-round exhibitions of American art and interprets the historic Florence Griswold House, a boardinghouse for artists circa 1910. David Rau has been with the museum since 1998 and most recently played a key role in the reinterpretation of the boardinghouse as well as the Museum's new triad of on-line learning resources. He will offer an illustrated tour of the museum, tell of specifics in store for 2013 and answer your questions relating to the museum and Lyme Art Colony.



Using Your Nook E-Reader
Saturday, January 19 **2 pm**
Gales Ferry Library

This introduction to the Nook E-Reader will focus on how to download books from the library website. We will also discuss purchasing books from Barnes and Noble and navigating your e-reader. Bring your fully charged nook and USB cable.

A Visit to China
Thursday, January 24
Bill Library

7 pm



Mayor Rodolico and his wife Joyce travelled to China in October for what was planned to be a 9 day tour. They visited the cities of Beijing, Shanghai, Hangzhou, and Suzhou. Join them as they relate their impressions of the history, culture, government and economy of the world's most populous nation. Also hear about their experience in watching Super storm Sandy from halfway around the world.



Pequot Trail/Rose Hill Segment Jaunt
Saturday, January 26
Preston, CT

1-3 pm

Anne Roberts-Pierson of Avalonia Land Conservancy, <http://avalonialandconservancy.org/>, will once again be our fearless guide.

If you have an interest in local history, agriculture, state land conservation, as well as unexpected viewscapes, this is a hike for you. This CT Forest and Park Association's blue-blazed trail is the Rose Hill section on the Pequot Trail. The two mile round trip jaunt climbs gradually through private and state owned properties. Consider this an easy/moderate hike but always be aware of winter conditions. Tail-gate goodies after hike will be offered –provided by Friends of Ledyard Libraries. Parking and start point: Preston Plains Park, Rte. 117, Preston.



Using your iPad
January 29
Bill Library

7:30 pm

Please specify which version (iPad, iPad 2, 3rd Generation) you'll be bringing to this introductory overview. We can help you learn how to download books, music, or sync your calendar with your PC or Apple computer. Learn how to choose from all the apps out there (and when paying a few dollars for an app might be a good idea!)



Using your Kindle Fire
February 5
Bill Library

7:30 pm

All the functions of an e-reader, plus apps galore. Please join us with your Kindle Fire to view the basics in how to purchase and download books, download free books through Overdrive and how to use some of the other apps available!

Valentines through the Ages
Wednesday, February 6 (Snow date Feb 13)
Bill Library

7 pm



Sheila Jordan will present a lighthearted journey of Valentines through the Ages. Her power point presentation will provide an introduction and development of Valentines throughout history with examples of some creative designs. Valentines have indeed endured and continue to flourish today. They are presented to express tender feelings to someone special. Let us celebrate Valentines together!



Using your Kindle E-reader
February 12
Bill Library

7:30 pm

(Kindle, Kindle Paperwhite, Kindle Keyboard 3G, Kindle DX,) A class to help get you started with your Kindle in hand! Download Kindle books, download free books from Overdrive, or discover other free sites for ebooks and more!



Morgan Reservoir Hike
Saturday, February 23
Ledyard, CT

1-3 pm

Signs of Winter Wildlife will be the theme on this protected property. Karl Acimovic, consulting engineer for Groton Utilities will guide us down gravel patrol roads overlooking the Rosemund Lake section of the reservoir. This three mile loop can be considered an easy hike but again be aware of winter conditions as well. Bring your binoculars or any bird watching gear. Please park at the overlook parking area on the North Side of Sandy Hollow Road. Be aware parking is somewhat limited and you may need to park on Sandy Hollow Road. Car pooling may be advised if registration numbers are high. Tail-gate refreshments following the hike.



This Old Hat, Leading Ladies
Sunday, March 3
Ledyard Senior Center

2 pm
Ages 8 - Adult

For those who loved her first program in 2010, and for those who missed it, please join us for Ledyard native Patty Carver's performance of "This Old Hat, Leading Ladies, Part II". This original, historically accurate musical presentation will showcase famous women in American history: Dolly Madison, Elizabeth Blackwell (first woman doctor), Nellie Bly, Belva Lockwood (first woman to run for President) and Eleanor Roosevelt. This program is jointly sponsored by the Friends of Ledyard Library and the Ledyard Historical Society.



**“CSI” of Sea Glass
Thursday, March 14
Bill Library**

7 pm

Local artist Lori McClain will discuss how to classify sea glass and look into its past by determining age and other characteristics which identify what kind of vessel it was from. She will also explain how to differentiate between naturally produced specimens and those intentionally tumbled by manufacture. Creative use of sea glass will be demonstrated, and Lori's jewelry and other artistic creations will be available for purchase. Attendees may bring in one piece for help with identification.



**Candlewood Ridge Property Hike
Saturday, March 23
Groton, CT**

1-3 pm

This 91 acre property is planned for acquisition by the Groton Open Space Association (GOSA) <http://gosaonline.org/> and will be a prime conservation site that we will explore with Sue Sutherland of GOSA. Signs of spring will be the focus as we hike by a series of unusual vernal pools and ancient bogs in the Haley Brook watershed. This new area on Lambtown Rd. /Gold Star Highway connects to undeveloped land in Ledyard. Entrance is on a road (Comrie Street) between 1740 and 1784 Gold Star Highway where the highway barrier ends by a small pond. Parking is at the end of the Comrie Street. Please be aware of weather conditions as always. Tail-gate refreshments post hike offered.

**Artist and Writers Showcase – Call for Entries
April 6 – May 5
Bill Library**

Entries are limited to three per visual artist, and must be submitted by Wednesday, April 3rd to the Bill Library. There is no limit for written pieces. Please fill out an entry form to include with your submission, and mark all pieces with your name & contact information. Entry forms are available on our website and at either library: <http://www.ledyard.lioninc.org/Documents/A%20&%20W%20entry%20form%2012.doc>, and at both branches. You are encouraged to bring business cards or brochures to display, and to sell your artwork at the opening reception. Entries will need to be picked up before May 11th.



**Edible Books Contest
Saturday, April 6**

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

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.



Also on exhibit will be the Exquisite Project, which is already in progress. Artists & writers participating in this project are also encouraged to submit to the Showcase as well.

Please contact Andrea Buka at teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org or leave a message at either library if you have any questions. I am looking forward to seeing all the wonderful creativity you have to offer!

Mad Hatters/ Stitch and Dish



Ledyard's Mad Hatters recently created two exceptional afghans to donate to the Ledyard Senior Center and The Center for the Blind in New

London. However, when Super Storm Sandy forced the cancelation of the Senior Center bazaar, that afghan was sold by the Friends to benefit the Ledyard Libraries. The Center for the Blind will be raffling their afghan on December 20. Check the library for details.

These gorgeous afghans drew rave reviews while on display at each library. These many compliments and the Spirit of the Season prompted our desire to acknowledge the fine work and generosity of the knitters and crocheters who created not only the afghan squares, but also the hats, scarves, helmet liners, chemo caps, lap robes, baby items, and mittens for Mad Hatter projects over the years.

Our thanks go to:

Adele, Agnes, Alexis, Alice S., Alice W., Barbara, Bett, Betty, Carol B., Carol T., Colleen, Gale, Georgianna, Ginny, Gladys, Heather, Jessie, Johanna, Julie, Laurie, Mackie, Marilyn, Marjorie, Mary Ellen, Michelle, Patricia, Sally, Sandra, Sandy, Sarah, Sue, Valerie, Wen Jen and the many who dropped off donations anonymously.

The Mad Hatters will continue to collect winter items at the Bill and Gales Ferry Libraries through February. Check the libraries for updates on our next projects.

Stitch and Dish, our knitting group, meets on the 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. and the 4th Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. at the Gales Ferry Library.

Jewelry Night @ the Library

Jewelry Night is the second Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Gales Ferry Library. Bring your current jewelry project to work on, share ideas, and enjoy the company of fellow beaders.

Computer Genealogy Group @ the Library



The Computer Genealogy Group meets at Bill Library on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. At each meeting we save time for individuals to share their exciting finds and how they got there, as well as any specific “brick walls” attendees may be dealing with. We are all inspired and led to new information when we share with each other. New members of the group are always welcome! (We have wi-fi so bring your laptop or tablet if you wish.) And keep a look out for our new subscription to *Family Tree Magazine*.

January 23: Backing up your records

We will look at some options for backing up your files including off-site backups, the cloud, Memory Sticks, external hard drives etc. Please come with some knowledge of what size records you need to save.

February 27: Shared Trees

We will focus on sharing info, debating your information with others on line, and keeping your own records and documentation. Web sites for Genealogy public debate will be discussed.

March 27: Ancestry.com

“Top ten reviews.com” lists *Ancestry.com* as their top pick for 2013 websites. What does Ancestry do well? What does it not do well? Any individuals who would like to share unusual sites they have uncovered from Ancestry can give us a summary of their findings.

New Book Preview

The following books will be out in the coming months. Reserve your copy now for your winter reading.

Cook, Robin	Nano	Jan
Evanovich, Janet	The Husband List	Jan
Griffin, W.E.B.	Empire and Honor	Jan
Krentz, Jayne	Dream Eyes	Jan
Meltzer, Brad	The Fifth Assassin	Jan
Woods, Stuart	Collateral Damage	Jan
Chiaverini, Jennifer	Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker	Feb
Collins, Jackie	The Power Trip	Feb
Kellerman, Jonathan	Guilt	Feb
Picoult, Jodi	The Storyteller	Feb
Robb, J.D.	Calculated in Death	Feb
Archer, Jeffrey	Best Kept Secret	Mar
Brooks, Terry	Bloodfire Quest	Mar
Card, Orson Scott	The Gate Thief	Mar
Cussler, Clive	The Striker	Mar
Koontz, Dean	Deeply Odd	Mar

Online Databases

The library offers information for our patrons 24/7 with many of our online databases which may be accessed remotely. Are you looking to purchase a new or used car, or perhaps you need a new appliance



for your home or maybe a digital camera.

Check out *Consumer Reports Cars Plus* edition which includes all of the reviews in the print copies and more. For the do-it yourself auto mechanic *ChiltonLibrary.com* may be of use. Other databases include *Testing & Education Reference Center* (a Petersons database that has study guides for SAT's, GRE's , and assorted other tests and exams as well as college catalogs, and resume templates), *Legal USA* (Legal forms specifically for CT), and *PriceIt* (for evaluating antiques). *Job Now* is a resource that provides live job assistance whether it is help with writing a resume or acing the interview.



We also offer the state provided iConn suite of databases that contains resources for students, indexing and full text of magazine, newspaper and journal articles, health and science resources, along with history, biography and genealogy resources.



These include CT Consumer Health Information, Health and Wellness Resource Center, CT History.org,

Heritagequest (genealogy), American Civil War Resources and much more. In addition we have the state supported ReQuest Catalog that indexes the collections in public and academic libraries across the state.

To access the databases go to the library webpage (www.ledyard.lioninc.org) and click an ikon on the left side of the page, or click the “database” book at the top for a complete list. You'll be prompted to enter your library card barcode number (all fourteen digits without any letters or spaces) to gain entrance for some of these.

Call us at either library if you need assistance at accessing these materials.

Donations

We recently received donations for the purchase of books for the libraries.

In Memory of

- Lance Rockefeller
- Betty Maynard

In Honor of

- Katherine Williams

Giving Tree



were able to choose for their children!

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 parent's were thrilled with the beautiful books they

Marge Anderson	Carol Bacon
Sheila Bairstow	Baseler Family
Maureen Beaver	Greg Booth
Gale Bradbury	Nancy Brewer
Kathy Bruckner	Andrea Buka
Candace Bukley	Sharon Butler
Donna Coen	Stephanie Coffing
Lisa Curtis	Joyce Davis
Aiden Davis	Jan Dawson
Sarah Desormier	Pamela Dinger
Lara Dolphin	Judy Dolphin
Jan Fields	Robin Franklin
Gonzalez Family	Joan Goras
Brooke Grant	Ellen Grenger
Wendy Gustavel	Kim Hargrave
Marty Hubbard	Sheila Jordan
Evelyn Kennedy	Barbara Kil
Olivia Koepp	Susan Kopplin
Ledyard Center Nursery School	
Jody Lees	Viola Leonard
Roberta Levandowsky	Machost Family
Utopia Manning	Sarah Minzy-Prokop
John Morrison	Claire Murphy
Laura Norcia	Judy Owsley
Mary Phillips	Pohlman Family
Valerie Rehberg	Naomi Rodriguez
Kit Schonbrun	Mary Scott
Sandy Seaton	Aline Senior
Sue Sexton	Laurel Skinner
Nancy Strawderman	Mary Swab
Betsy Swan	Barbara Swezey
Joyce Tamer	Pat Tessier
Alexis Turner	Diana Wall
Susan Warren	Nancy Weissmuller
Alice Wester	Sarah Wester
Gayle Wilson	

Holiday Hours

December 23	Closed
December 24 Christmas Eve	Closed
December 25 Christmas Day	Closed
December 31 New Year's Eve	Closed
January 1 New Year's Day	Closed
January 21 MLK Day	Closed
February 18 President's Day	Closed

A Word from the Ledyard Library Friends

Friends Winter Meeting Wednesday, January 23 Gales Ferry Library

7:00 pm

Join us at our winter meeting as we plan activities for the coming year. We always welcome new members to join our team of volunteers. The Friends meet 4 times a year. We'd love to meet you. And bring a friend!

The Library Friends had a successful Book Sale in September raising \$4,420. Special thanks to Garrett Donovan who was the chairman for the sale, Dave Engelman, Bill Fain and so many others. Thanks to all of you who sorted books, set up, cleaned up, cashiered, and provided publicity. Thanks also to those who came to buy books. We couldn't have done it without all of you.



We also held a holiday "Books and More" sale in November. This sale featured gift quality books, a bake sale, craft items and a silent auction. We raised \$ 1,360. All of the funds raised through book sales and other events are used to support the libraries. Thanks to all who baked, set up, cleaned up, donated craft items and silent auction items, cashiered and did publicity. Special thanks to Sue Davis and Marion Cutler. Feedback from this sale has been positive and we plan to make it an annual event.

We have some changes in the works for the ongoing book sale at Gales Ferry Library. The sale will be expanding to include the books in the lobby and those in the Friends area of the basement. Volunteers are currently working to organize the collections in the basement and put them on shelves. We hope to have it ready for the public sometime this winter. The sale will be open during library hours whenever the basement meeting room is not in use.

We are currently in need of a chair person or co-chairs to co-ordinate the Bill Library Book Sale. There are several people willing to help with aspects of the sale but there needs to be one or two people to oversee the work. Would anyone consider it? We have wonderful notes, a great timeline to follow and lots of helpers.

Please contact me at cantiquer2000@yahoo.com.
Linda DeRose, President

Happy Holidays From Ledyard Library Staff



LIBRARY HOURS

BILL

860-464-9912

Monday – Thursday 9-9

Friday - Saturday 9-5

Sunday 1-5

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Sunday Closed

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