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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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The Bill Library
View of Main Entrance

Bill Library Addition Project moves forward!

The Bill Library addition project gained some forward momentum last month when the Ledyard Town Council took the first step in getting the project to a referendum. The referendum is scheduled to take place in February and will allow the voters decide if the addition should be built.

The Bill Library Addition Building Committee proposes to expand the Bill Library with a 14,368 square foot addition on the south side of the existing 6,184 square foot building. The design features a two level addition and moves the lobby onto the ground level for better accessibility. A half flight of stairs and an elevator will lead up to an expanded adult area and down to a completely new children's area and meeting room. This addition will benefit every Ledyard citizen with increased shelving for books, adequate room for technology, quiet reading areas, a separate young adult area, an additional conference room, an ADA compliant building and more.

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$4.5 million dollars. The Building Committee has committed to raising \$2 million through grants and fundraising activities with the town providing \$2.5 million. As of September of this year, \$750,000 has been raised. The fundraising thermometer will be changed to reflect the new goal of the committee.



Children's Programs

Registration for Story times at the Ledyard Public Libraries will begin Tuesday, September 7, 2004. You may call in to the library where the program is being offered anytime after 9:30 am.

Infant/Toddler

Infants (6-15 mos.)

GF Tuesdays 9:30 am Sept. 21– Oct. 19

Toddlers (16 – 24 mos.)

Bill Mondays 9:30 am Sept. 20 – Oct. 25
(no S.T. 10/4, 10/11)

Terrific Twos

Bill Mondays 9:30 am Nov. 1 – Dec. 6

GF Tuesdays 9:30 am Nov. 2 – Dec. 7

Tremendous Threes

Bill Wednesdays 9:30 – 10:00 am Oct. 6 – Dec. 8

GF Tuesdays 10:30 – 11:00 am Oct. 5 – Dec. 7

Fabulous Fours and Fives

Bill Thursdays 9:30–10:15 am Sept. 30– Dec. 9
(no ST 11/11, 11/25)

GF Tuesdays 1:00 – 1:45 pm Oct. 5 – Dec. 7

Mad Science Presents Bubbling Potions!

Thursday, September 16th 10:00 am

Gales Ferry Grades 1 – 6.

Please Register!

If you like Science, you'll love this presentation using all kinds of fun things to create potions that bubble and froth! There is no school on Sept. 16th, so come join us for an enjoyable program. Limited seating, so please register.

Summer Wrap up

We had a great time on our safari through Africa this summer. There were 316 players in the older program (grades 2-6) and 124 players in the Read to Me program (ages 4 – grade 1) for a total of 440 children who participated at both Bill and Gales Ferry Libraries. The older children read 241,750 minutes and the younger children read 5540 books! We had a contest this summer in each of the elementary schools. Whichever grade read the most minutes, would get to choose what color they would spray Mrs. Brewer's hair! In Gales Ferry School, the 2nd grade won, Gallup Hill, the 2nd grade, Juliet Long, the 3rd grade, and Ledyard Center, the 3rd grade won. This will mean 2 days of blue hair and 2 days of green hair for Mrs. B! In addition to the reading programs, we had a Sidewalk Chalk Contest, Preschool Story time, African artifacts presentation,

Elephant's Trunk Tales, Sand crafts, Lego contest, and a super Baba David Coleman, African Drums for our finale.

Teen Programs

Fri. Sept. 17th Revolutionary Teens Ice Cream Social & Awards Presentation.

Gales Ferry 6:30 p.m.

Join us for the annual Ice Cream Social, where certificates will be handed out and Prizes awarded for the most volunteer hours worked and most books read including the Top 10 Readers. After the Social, the results



will be posted in the library and on the website. Please register, at either library, by the 15th, so that we know how much ice cream to get!

Teen Summer Reading: Revolutionary Wrap-up

Over 85 teens participated in "Revolution @ your library" this summer. Bill teens read 462 books and volunteered for 473 hours, while Gales Ferry teens read 436 books, and volunteered 265 hours. This gave us grand totals of 898 books and 738 hours, which averaged 13.8 books per reader and 11.9 hours per volunteer. The volunteers were a terrific help to the staff, as they did the bulk of the record keeping and awarded prizes for the "Adventure Africa" program.

Several programs were offered including an altered books workshop, a tour of the Nathan Lester House with a cooking demo in the hearth and wood fired oven, a letterboxing hike on the grounds of the Nathan Lester house and a marathon read aloud of *The Pearl*, a book recommended on the high school summer reading list.

The teens also tried their hand at reading stories by helping Mrs. Brewer with the story hour at Gales Ferry. In addition, they ran a Lullaby story hour & Teddy Bear Sleepover.

Weekly raffles were held with two winners at each library. The prizes ranged from artist supplies to a basic tool collection. The most popular being the candy baskets! The winners were:

Bill Library: Paulo Rouquayrol, Sarah Ganong, Tara Fowler, Sam McFall, Joel Cardona, Kaitlin Start, Rachel Gallen, Rebecca Lantleme, Eva Renski, Sarah Gimbatt, Emily Brawner, Zak Davis, Stephanie Fowler and Haley Jensen.

Gales Ferry Library: Michael Pietras, Sarah Adams, Nathanael Maloney, Michelle Wang, Andrew Carlson, Jessica Liang, Amy Penrose, Alison Mueller, Heather Skinner, Alison Smith, Ashleigh Van Metre, Rebecca Sindel, Anita Chandrasakaran, and Sarah Butler.

Teddy Bear Mischief @ the Library



On July 8th, at the Gales Ferry Library, Teddy Bears and other Stuffed Friends had a sleepover after their owners departed from a Lullaby Story Hour. Following the story hour

Mrs. Brewer provided “pillows” for the stuffed friends who were staying. The bears had a great time, playing with the bead play-set, reading books, doing



gymnastics, eating cookies, putting together puzzles, and getting into other mischief! Their owners picked them up the next day. The stuffies were heard saying how much fun they had, and how they're looking forward to the next Teddy Bear



Sleepover!

Adult Programs

Local Author Book Signing

Tuesday, Sept. 21 7:00 p.m. Bill Library

Kit Foster, President of the Ledyard Historical Society, has authored a new book in the “Images of America” series. The book *Images of America; Ledyard and Gales Ferry* highlights local history, with many wonderful pictures from the Society’s collection, which is housed in the Historical Research Room at the Bill Library.

Kit will present a slide show of other pictures, which he was not able to include in the book. These pictures were taken in the mid 20th century, and will be familiar to many of you. Even if you are a recent resident, it is an interesting presentation. Kit will be happy to autograph copies of the book which will be available to purchase.

Informed Voting

Tuesday, Oct. 5 6:30 p.m. Bill Library

Mary McGrattan, former State Representative and Mayor of Ledyard, will present a program on voter education for teens and adults. Ledyard residents aged 17 or older, (as long as you will be 18 by the election), may also register to vote. Practice voting with the demonstration machine from the Registrar of Voters, and learn how to gather information on the candidates to make an informed decision. All teens who attend will be able to vote in a mock Presidential Election.

Home schooling your Child

Wednesday, Oct. 13 7 p.m. Bill Library

Ask questions and get answers about how home schooling can work for you. Come hear parent Bill Gill talk about his experiences in home schooling his two children who are now both grown and in college and beyond. Hear about what worked and what didn't work, start thinking about how your child learns best, and how to approach working with the school system to document home schooling. Bill will display some of the projects that his children completed as home schoolers.

Connecticut in Song with Mike Kachuba

Wednesday, Oct. 27 7 p.m. Bill Library

Join us for a performance of unusual people, places and events in Connecticut history. Mike Kachuba sings about Connecticut heroes, thinkers and special events that have made up the state's long history. In 1996 he was given the honored title of “Connecticut State Troubadour.”

Book Discussions

Monthly book discussions are held on Wednesday evenings at Bill Library, except for September, beginning at 7 P.M. We always welcome new participants and evening refreshments are provided.

September 15th *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini

(at Gales Ferry Library) This year's choice for the One Book-One Region, the book tells the story of a young boy, Amir, growing up in Afghanistan in the 1960's. His life is intricately intertwined with the son of his father's servant. The two boys, born within weeks of each other grow up like brothers (despite the fact that they are from vastly different social classes) until a crisis occurs that changes life for both boys forever. Later Amir and his father move to the US where life and Afghani social customs are sometimes maintained and sometimes ignored. Amir returns to Afghanistan as an adult and deals with the war, political power, and the faces of good and evil.

October 20th *The Captain's Wife* by Douglas Kelley.

Based on the true story of Mary Patten, the story begins as Mary sails with her husband on a clipper ship from New York City to San Francisco via Cape Horn. When her husband falls ill, Mary takes over command of the ship, deals with a mutinous First Mate, uses her newly learned navigation skills and nurses her husband back to health.

November 17th *Night Crossing* by Jon J. Snyder

Compared to a Hitchcock thriller, this fast paced novel takes place in 1998. Starting in suburban

Boston, Nora is pregnant when she discovers her husband is involved with another woman. She flees to Northern Ireland to contemplate an abortion and winds up in a clinic when a bomb goes off in the street nearby. Rushing to the aid of a wounded British soldier, her life becomes immediately and dangerously enmeshed with his.

December- No book discussion

January 19th 2005 Come share your best reads of the holiday season. Let us know what you've read and liked over the holiday season. Bring a reading list, as you may hear about many books to add to your new year's reading musts!

Mistletoe Craft and Bake Sale & Silent Auction



The Bill Library Association and Ledyard Library Friends are sponsoring the 4th Annual Mistletoe Craft & Bake Sale and Silent Auction at the Bill Library on

Saturday, November 20, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Bidding for the Silent Auction items will begin November 1st. All proceeds benefit the Bill Library Building Fund. Enjoy complimentary cider and make your holiday gift purchases while supporting your library!

We are also asking for donations of crafted items, individually wrapped baked goods, candies, food gifts, etc., and any items suitable for the Silent Auction. Items for the attic treasures table are also welcome with some limitations due to space restrictions.

Drop off your donations of non-edibles November 1st through the 18th at either library branch. Baked goods and other edibles can be delivered to the Bill branch from 9:00-5:00 on Friday, the 19th, and 8:00-9:00 a.m. on the day of the sale (the 20th). If you are able to donate any items, please call Andrea Buka or sign up, at either library. We do appreciate your generous donations these past three years!

The Mistletoe Committee will meet on Sept. 17th, 2:00 p.m. at Bill Library. If you would like to help in any way you are welcome to attend and give us your ideas.

Yule Tea at the Lester House

The Ledyard Library Friends and the Ledyard Historical Society are co-sponsors of a fundraiser to be held on Saturday and Sunday,



December 4th & 5th 1:00-4:00 p.m. each day, at the Nathan Lester House in Gales Ferry. The house will be decorated for the holidays, and entertainment will be featured. After touring the house and viewing the decorations enjoy a cup of tea in the Keeping Room. Donations benefiting the Friends & the Society will be accepted at the door.

Anyone who would like to contribute time or food items suitable for the tea, please contact Andrea Buka at either library, or at home, 464-8540. We appreciate your help!

Library Card Sign-Up Month

September is Library Card Sign-up Month! A library card can be your free ticket to adventure... Use it often!! The goals of Library Card Sign-up month are two-fold: to encourage new users of our libraries and to remind existing library users of how valuable your library card is and the services that your library card entitles you to not just in Ledyard, but throughout the state. For instance, did you know...?

- ❖ **Videos and DVD's:** You can borrow recent video releases on VHS or DVD for 1 week at a time. There are no limits on how many videos you can take out at one time and there are no charges to borrow these. We also loan non-fiction videos (including exercise videos) for 3 weeks at a time.
- ❖ **Music CD's:** We have a wide collection of music CDs including jazz, classical, pop music, sound tracks and Broadway Shows, rock, folk, country western, and Children's music. We are happy to take suggestions for purchase and will try to fill them when possible.
- ❖ **Books, Books on tape, and Books on CD.** If we don't own a particular title, we'll try to borrow it for you through our LION consortium or through ReQuest.
- ❖ **ICONN Access:** Use your card for home access to ICONN the online index to articles in magazines, newspapers, reference books and more. The database includes full text of many of the articles.
- ❖ **Programs:** Both libraries offer a variety of programs for children, teens and adults including story hours, reading incentive programs, cooking demos, book discussions and author visits.
- ❖ **Computers, Fax machines and copiers:** The libraries have computers available for public use. They can be used to check e-mail, do internet research or to create Microsoft Office

documents. In addition we can send your faxes for \$1.00 a page and receive faxes for you for free. Photocopying machines are also available.

- ❖ **Visit other libraries:** Use your current Ledyard Library Card at any public library in the state.
- ❖ **Other services:** We provide many other services including placing holds on books and other materials, maintaining a Favorite Authors List, Homebound Delivery, Sheet Music, a great collection of newspapers and magazines to peruse or check out. You can even register to vote at your public library.

Come into either library to apply for your new library card if you've never had one in Ledyard before. If you already have a card, come in and take advantage of all the great resources that are yours for the asking!

From the Reference Desk

Literary Lifelines This is a 10 volume Grolier publication with portraits of international authors from Chaucer to Patricia Cornwell. Each entry includes two or three paragraphs about the author's life, a list of works, a list of similar authors in time or style and a timeline of world events during the author's lifetime. This is a good resource for literary criticism papers for High School English classes.



Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Published by Bernan for the U.S. General Services Administration, this is a two volume index of the grants, loans and scholarships available from the US government for a wide variety of purposes. Monies are available for individuals, non-profit organizations, small businesses and educational and research programs. The basic requirements, amounts of money available, contact names and addresses and deadline information are listed along with similar government programs and types of funding. Two different indexes and several cross-reference lists indicate the types of grants and applicants.

Suggestion Box

The following suggestions were recently found in the suggestion box.

1. *Get new movies- DVD's*

Answer: New movies are ordered on a regular basis for both libraries. If you have a specific request please let us know and we will try to get it for you.

2. *Add stuffed animals to borrow.*

Answer: There is a small collection of toys to borrow at Bill Library. The toys are stored in the workroom and a notebook in the children's room shows the toys available.

3. *It would be nice if DVD's could be sent from other libraries.*

Answer: This policy varies from library to library but some are willing to loan their DVD's. If you have a specific request that we do not own let us know and we will try to get a copy for you.

4. *More movies based on stories by M. Night Shalamalan.*

Answer: There are four movies available – Signs, Sixth Sense, Unbreakable and Wide Awake. We own the first two and will try to get the other two.

5. *I would like the "Date of Return" (due date) stamped on my books. I do not like the receipt system – I lose the receipt etc.*

Answer: The receipt printers allow for a faster more streamlined checkout procedure at the desk meaning less time in line for you. For those patrons who check out several books it provides a list of all the books they have taken. We recommend the list be put on your refrigerator or some other prominent location where books may be checked off as they are returned.

6. *I really like what you have planned so far with the addition at Bill Library.*

Response: Thank you!

Thank you for your suggestions and words of praise.


Friends News

Please join us for the annual wish list meeting of the Ledyard Library Friends. This year we will hold a potluck supper on Sunday, October 17, at Bill Library. The supper will begin at 6:00 p.m., with a business meeting to follow. This is your opportunity to participate in the distribution of funds in various areas of library support. Members of the Planning Committee will speak about the ongoing activities of the Friends. New members of the Friends are always welcome.

Holiday Hours

October 11	Columbus Day	Closed
November 11	Veterans Day	Closed
November 24	Thanksgiving Eve	Close at 5
November 25	Thanksgiving	Closed
November 26	Day after Thanksgiving	Closed

*Mark your Calendars Now for the
Mistletoe Craft and Bake Sale
And Silent Auction*



*Saturday, November 20, 2004
9 a.m. 3:30 p.m. Bill Library*

Bidding for the Silent Auction begins November 1st

LIBRARY HOURS

<p>BILL 464-9912</p> <p>Monday – Thursday 9-9 Friday - Saturday 9-5 Sunday 1-5*</p> <p>email: bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org</p> <p>*Sunday hours will begin Sept. 19th</p>	<p>GALES FERRY 464-6943</p> <p>Monday – Thursday 9-8 Friday - Saturday 9-5 Sunday 1-5*</p> <p>email: gf-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org</p>
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