



BOOKS AND BEYOND...

NEWS OF THE LEDYARD LIBRARIES

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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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Outreach Services for Older Adults and the homebound

The Ledyard Public Libraries recently received approval for an LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) grant in the amount of \$11,000 to offer outreach programs to older adults. This is a federally funded program that is administered through the Connecticut State Library. The Ledyard Library will provide a 25% match in the amount of \$3,772, which will come from the libraries budget and in-kind services.

The funds will be used to purchase books and other materials including large print books, audio books and videos along with the supplies needed to provide library services to the homebound. The library will also purchase portable tape players and CD players that will be available for loan. We will work with the visiting nurses, the Meals on Wheels drivers and other volunteers to deliver materials to interested residents who cannot get to the library. In addition we will expand our rotating collection at the Senior Center to include videos and audio books and we plan to provide some kind of programming at the Senior Center.

If you or someone you know may be interested in receiving homebound delivery of library materials or if you wish to volunteer to deliver materials please call Mary Ellen Osborne at Gales Ferry Library.

Valerie Roberts walks her dog Audra through an obstacle course during a dog demonstration. (Left)

Children's Programs

It's time for Fall Registration again and we have a great selection of storytimes for you to choose from. Call-In Registration will begin on Monday, Sept. 9, starting 9:30 am at the library in which the program is being offered. All programs are free and open to Ledyard residents first and all others on a space available basis. For further information call 464-9912.

Infant/Toddler

Infants (6 - 15 mos)

GF Tues. 9:30 - 10:15 Sept. 17 - Oct. 15

Toddlers (16-24 mos)

Bill Wed. 9:30 - 10:15 Sept. 18 - Oct. 16

Terrific Twos

Bill Wed. 9:30 - 10:15 Oct. 30 - Dec. 4

GF Tues. 9:30 - 10:15 Oct. 29 - Dec. 3

Tremendous Threes

Bill Mon. 9:30 - 10:00 Sept. 30 - Dec. 9
(No ST Oct. 14, Nov 11)

GF Tues. 10:30 - 11:00 Oct. 1 - Dec. 3

Fabulous Fours and Fives

Bill Thurs. 9:30 - 10:15 Oct. 3 - Dec. 5
(No ST on Nov. 28)

GF Tues. 1:00 - 1:45 Oct. 1 - Dec. 3

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Ice Cream Social

Wed. Sept. 25 6 - 8 p.m.

Gales Ferry Library

All volunteers who helped with the summer reading programs are invited to join us for ice cream. Please let us know if you are coming.

Chess Club

Wed. Oct 23 7 p.m.
Bill Library Grades 4 - 12

The library will sponsor a chess club this fall to interested students. Come to this organizational meeting or let us know if you are interested. Learn how to play or how to improve your game.

Children's Book Week

The National Children's Book Week is November 18-24 this year. All children checking out books that week will receive a special bookmark. Come into the library the week before and pick up a reading list form. Read for 15 minutes or more, every day to your children during Book Week. When you return the form to the library, your children will get to choose a prize from the prize box. This is a great week to get in the habit of reading together!

Mother/Daughter Book Discussion

The Ledyard Libraries is pleased to sponsor a Mother/Daughter book discussion for home schooled girls grades 7 - 12 and their moms. Come and get to know other home schooled girls your age in the area! The program will be held at the Gales Ferry Library on the 3rd Monday of the month starting in Oct. There will be no childcare available. To register, please call Sherry Gruszkowski at 464-5111. There are a limited number of spaces so call now!

Monday, October 21 2:00 P.M.

The Breadwinner - by Deborah Ellis.

This is a great book about a girl living in Afghanistan during the Taliban regime.

Monday, November 18, and December 16

Future books will be chosen by the group.

Adult Programs

Book Discussions

Our monthly book discussions will continue this fall at Bill Library beginning at 7 P.M.

Books to be considered in the next

months are:

Wednesday September 25th *Acorn Academy* by Ursula McCafferty. Beth Bruno who visited us last September with *Wild Tulips* and her friend, Ursula McCafferty will be here to speak about Ursula's book and writing your own personal memoirs. They will also entertain comments about our book from last month *Losing My Mind* and discuss the ins and outs of writing and publishing your own memoirs. Please join us for this out of the ordinary book discussion!

Wednesday October 16th: *Back When We Were Grown Ups* by Anne Tyler. Library Assistant, Jennifer Pietras will lead the discussion about a 53-year-old woman who has "grown into the wrong person" and decides to remake herself. This is the story of her second chance.

Wednesday November 20th: *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant. This New York Times Best Seller is Diamant's novel version of the biblical story of Dinah. This book gives a woman's perspective of biblical times and a woman's place in that society.

Wednesday, December 18th: *Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd. A wonderfully eccentric novel about mothers, daughters and those who make up a girl's real loving family.

Wednesday, January 22nd: This will be our second annual "The best book I read over the holidays," event. This was so popular last year that we ended our discussion well after the library closed! Please come and share the title and story line of the best book you've read over the holidays. Bring your book journal or notepaper too. There will be too many wonderful book titles and authors to just keep in your mind!

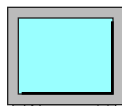
Mistletoe Craft and Bake Sale and Silent Auction

Saturday, November 23 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Bill Library

Come and enjoy complimentary refreshments and make your holiday gift purchases, while supporting your library! Bidding for the silent auction items will begin November 1st and end at 4 p.m Nov. 23rd. Watch the library webpage for a list of items in the silent auction. All proceeds will benefit the Bill Library Building Fund.

Library Survey to be conducted



The Ledyard Libraries are using a touch-screen computer to survey people about why they visit the library and what things the library might offer. The Library Commission will use the results to help them plan for the future. They will share survey results with town officials to

show how well the library meets citizen's needs.

Sandra Seaton, Library Commission Chairman says that using the touch-screen computer allows residents to answer questions about the library easily, whether or not they are regular library users. "Its important for us to know why people don't use the library too," she says. If the collection is inadequate or the building is too small, we need to reconsider what we are doing. The computer will be available from September 16th - September 29th at the libraries as well as off-site in order to get input from people who may not use the library.

Bill Library: Mon, 9/16 - Wed, 9/18; Thurs, 9/26-Sun, 9/29 Library Hours

Better Val U, Gales Ferry: Thurs, 9/19 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Gales Ferry Library: Fri, 9/20 - Tues, 9/24 Library Hours

Ledyard Town Hall: Wed, 9/25 9 a.m. -3 p.m.

Colonel Ledyard Park: Sat. 9/28 12 - 4 p.m.

Seventeen questions appear on the survey, about the libraries books and materials, computers, story hours and other programs. There is also a question about the libraries proposed expansion project. The survey takes less than three minutes on average to complete and participants are encouraged to write out any comments they would like to have included, as well.

From the Stacks

In our attempts to fairly distribute materials between the two branches of Ledyard Public Libraries, we have shifted the location of The Children's Museum pass. That pass will now reside at Gales Ferry Library. Patrons from both libraries may take advantage of this 4 person pass for free entry to The Children's Museum in East Lyme.

We hope that patrons have noticed and will take advantage of our swaps of popular videos between Bill and Gales Ferry Libraries. Late in the summer we did an even swap of 50 VHS and DVD videos between the two libraries. So far, patrons seem to be pleased with our refreshed selections.

In mid-September we will have a comparable swap of 50 audio books on tape. For those of you who have listened to all that your branch has to offer, look again. There will be some new and different titles to check out. Please let us know how you like these temporary swaps.

From the Children's Room Summer Wrap up

We had a wonderful adventure this summer **Booking Across America!** Including both Bill and Gales Ferry Libraries, there were 310 players in our older program (grades 2-6) and 138 players in our Read to Me program (age 4 - grade 1) for a total of 445 children who participated. The older children read 3365 hours and the younger children read (or were read to) over 5270 books! In addition to the reading programs, we had a sidewalk chalk contest, preschool storytime, a Fun with Flight paper airplanes, Americana Crafts, Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center, Star Spangled Storytellers and a fantastic finale with Song and Dance in America.

The first ever young adult summer reading program, "Jammin' @ your Library" was also a fantastic success. 124 enthusiastic participants read 760 books and volunteered over 470 hours to help with the younger reading program. Thanks to these and other dedicated young adult volunteers, the summer reading programs ran very smoothly this year. As a special thank you, all young adult volunteers are invited to an ice cream social at Gales Ferry Library.

The Ledyard Friends of the Library donated prizes that were given each week at both libraries. Participants could enter their name in the raffle for every book read and every 2 hour shift volunteered. The winners were:



Jean Scialabba talks with Colson Egli as Daisy, a guide dog in training looks on during the dog demonstration program

- Week 1 Brittenie Sarpu
Jillian Bensko
- Week 2 Caleb Egli
Cassie Trobaugh
- Week 3 Brittany Banning
Patrick Wall
- Week 4 Brittany Carvalho
Anita Chandrasekaran
- Week 5 Kelly Ford
Britta Kunkemoeller
- Week 6 Kevin Baker
Jessica Liang

Donations Needed

The second annual Mistletoe Craft and Bake Sale is coming in November and we need your help. We are asking for donations of crafted items, individually wrapped baked goods, candies, food gifts, etc., and any items suitable for a Silent Auction. We will also have a table for Attic Treasures, with a limit of 2 items per donor, due to space limitations.



Please drop off your donations of non-edibles November 4th through the 21th at either library branch. Baked goods and other edibles can be delivered to the Bill branch from 9:00-5:00 on Friday, the 22nd, and 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. on the morning of the sale. If you are able to donate any items, please call Andrea Buka at Bill Library, 464-9912.

Suggestion Box

The following suggestions were recently found in the suggestion box.

1. Please get more Mary Kate and Ashley movies.
Answer: We recently purchased 4 new Mary Kate & Ashley movies.
2. There should be a larger selection of books for teens. They should include many styles of writing and newer books.
Answer: We agree with this suggestion and are limited by the space we have in the library. The proposed addition will



have a larger area for young adults. We are always open to suggestions for specific titles to purchase.

3. The library should have more “growing up too fast” books.

Answer: We recently purchased *The Hurried Child*.

4. Kids videos should be checked out for 1 week. It is too hard to get back.

Answer: For the sake of consistency we try to limit the number of different check out times. We will give this consideration.



Friends News

The Friends of the Library Book sale was held the weekend of Ledyard Fair. Books, books and more books were sold during the weekend. The sale continues through Friday, September 13th.

The next meeting of the Friends will be held at Bill Library on Wednesday, October 9, at 7:00 p.m. Library Director Gale Bradbury will present her Wish List, and the membership will decide how to spend the funds we have raised with our hard work. All are welcome!

Book Preview



New titles due out this fall. Get your reserves on them early.

Barry, Dave	Tricky Business	Sept
Grimes, Martha	The Grave Maurice	Sept
Vidal, Gore	Creation	Sept
Binchy, Maeve	Quentins	Oct
Brown, Sandra	The Crush	Oct
Conroy, Pat	My Losing Season	Oct
Connelly, Michael	Chasing the Dime	Oct
Grafton, Sue	Q is for Quarry	Oct
Keillor, Garrison	Good Poems	Oct
Ludlum, Robert	The Janson Directive	Oct
Rice, Anne	Blackwood Farm:	Oct
Smith, Martin C.	December 6	Oct
Brown, Rita Mae	Hotspur	Nov
Patterson, James	Four Blind Mice	Nov
Roberts, Nora	Chesapeake Blue	Nov
Truman, Margaret	Murder at Ford's Theater	Nov
Updike, John	Seek my Face	Nov
Cussler, Clive	The Sea Hunters II	
Follett, Ken	Hornet Flight	Dec
McCullough, Colleen	The October Horse	Dec

Holiday Hours

Monday	Oct. 14	Columbus Day
Monday	Nov. 11	Veterans Day
Wednesday	Nov. 27	Close at 5 PM
Thursday	Nov. 28	Thanksgiving Day
Friday	Nov. 29	Day after Thanksgiving

The Ledyard Library Friends is the support group for the Ledyard Libraries, both the Bill and Gales Ferry Libraries. Won't you join us?

Please check one: Individual Member \$5.00 per year
 Family Member \$10.00 per year
 Supporting Member \$25.00 per year

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Please fill in information and return this form along with membership dues to either library and welcome to our family of Friends!!

LIBRARY HOURS

BILL

464-9912

Mon - Thurs 9-9

Fri - Sat 9-5

Sunday 1-5

e-mail:

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GALES FERRY

464-6943

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Fri - Sat 9-5

Sunday 1-5

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