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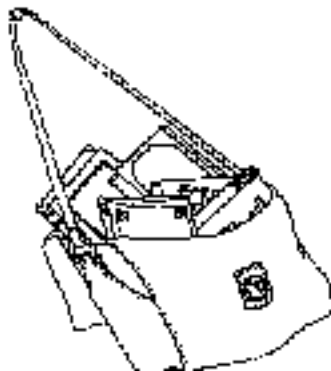
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The Ledyard Libraries support and encourage the freedom to read, learn and discover in a welcoming environment. We provide friendly, knowledgeable service and free access to a diversity of ideas, resources and experiences. We strive to enhance the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

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Bill Library Association Inc.

The Bill Library Association has been frequently mentioned lately and we thought we would give you some background about the organization and the role it plays with the library.

The Bill Library Association Inc. was incorporated in May 1867 by an act of the Connecticut General Assembly to formalize Mr. Henry Bill's gift of \$1,000 cash and 500 books to maintain a library for the citizens of the Town of Ledyard, CT. This Association was created for the benefit of the town, but separate from the town governmental organization. Over the past 133 years additional gifts, including a parcel of land and funds to build a library building were received.

The Association's original membership were named in the act of incorporation. Today, the membership is comprised of the maximum of 21 members, which are nominated and elected by the current membership.

Until 1971 the Association was responsible for the operation of the library including hiring librarians, buying new books, and all maintenance of the Bill Library building. In 1971 the Town of Ledyard established a Library Commission and entered into a formal lease for use of the Bill Library building with the Association. Since then the Town of Ledyard has maintained responsibility for the day to day operation of the library, and paid a small rent to the Association.

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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. 11, 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. 19 - Oct. 17

Toddlers (16-24 mos)

Bill Wed. 9:30 - 10:15 Sept. 20 - Oct. 18

Terrific Twos

Bill Wed 9:30 - 10:15 Nov. 1-Dec. 6

GF Tues. 9:30 - 10:15 Nov. 7 - Dec. 12

Tremendous Threes

Bill Mon. 9:30 - 10:00 Oct. 2- Dec. 11
(No ST Oct. 9)

GF Tues. 10:30 - 11:00 Oct. 3 - Dec. 5

Fabulous Fours and Fives

Bill Thurs. 9:30 - 10:15 Oct. 5 - Dec. 14
(No ST on Nov. 23)

GF Tues. 1:30 - 2:15 Oct. 3 - Dec. 5



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Children's Book Week

The National Children's Book Week is November 13 - 19th this year. All children checking books out that week will receive a special bookmark. Come into the library the

week before and pick up a reading list form, read a book everyday to your child, during Book Week. When you return the form to the library, your child will get to choose a prize from the prize box. This is a great week to get in the habit of reading!

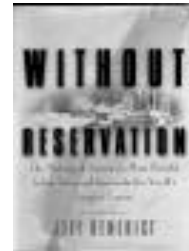
Adult Programs

Meet the Author

Tuesday, September 19

7 p.m.

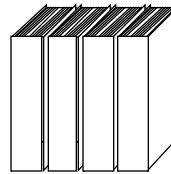
Ledyard High School



Jeff Benedict, the critically acclaimed author will speak about his latest book

Without Reservation. The book delivers an eye-opening look at how an Indian tribe was resurrected, rose to power, and battled to operate the world's largest casino in Ledyard. Jeff has a Law Degree from the New England School of Law and a Masters Degree in Political Science from Northeastern University. He is also the author of the bestselling *Pros and Cons: The Criminals who play in the NFL*. For more information or to register for the program call the library at 464-9912.

Book Discussions



Book discussions continue to be held on the third Wednesday of each month at Bill Library. Copies of the books will be available at both branches and new participants are always welcome.

September 20: *Shadows on the Rock* by Willa Cather, described as a "fine novel that deserves a wider audience", is set in late seventeenth century urban Quebec, a departure from her more well-known Midwest pioneer sagas.

October 18: *Blind Man's Bluff*, the epic history of submarine espionage missions over the last 50 years is of particular interest to residents of Southeastern Connecticut. This work by investigative reporters Sherry

Sontag and Christopher Drew reads like a spy thriller and has been very popular since its publication in 1998.

November 15: *Helen Keller: a Life*, is a fascinating biography of this amazing woman, revealing her very soul as author Dorothy Herrmann studies strong willed Helen's relationship with others, especially her companion, Annie Sullivan.

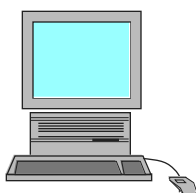
December 20: This will be a "Reader's Choice" evening when participants will be free to discuss and recommend any books. Take a break from holiday preparations and join in.



Internet Workshops

A series of basic tutorial workshops on searching the Internet with Netscape will resume at Bill Library this fall. Learn how to sign on, what to expect when you are on and how to use search engines to find information. Class size will be limited. More workshops will be added as needed.

Wed.	Sept 13	7:00 p.m.
Sun	Oct. 1	2:30 p.m.
Wed.	Oct. 11	7:00 p.m.
Sun.	Oct. 29	2:30 p.m.
Wed.	Nov. 8	7:00 p.m.
Wed.	Nov. 15	7:00 p.m.



WebPAC

An enhanced Java based WebPAC for Ledyard Libraries is now available via the Internet. This new WebPAC offers improved

access to Ledyard's holdings, community information, and to a patron's own borrowing record to renew and reserve items.

To access type

<http://webpac.lioninc.org/webpacj/ledyard.html>.

or you may click on the WebPAC link from the library's Home Page.

This will replace the library's dialPAC account, which will be phased out some time this year.

From the Children's Room

Summer Wrap Up

We had an exciting adventure with "2000 Reads Under the Sea" this summer. The suspect who stole Captain Nemo's periscope was Clam N.



CLAM N. TYNE
Tight-lipped shell with secrets
lost and gone forever

Tyne. Including both Bill and Gales Ferry Libraries and Gallup Hill School, there were 441 players in our older program and 151 players in our Read to Me program for a total of 592 children who participated. The older children read over 6248 hours (374,880 minutes) in their program. In addition to the reading programs, we had a sidewalk chalk contest, ocean crafts, visits from the Science Center, a marine animal show and a great singer /storyteller. T-Bone performed his Tropical Adventure Program to a great audience. Following his performance the winners of the reading program were selected. Megan Marmand won the camera kit, Christine Briere won a cassette player and Kristen Juskiwicz won a T-Bone CD. Congratulations to all of them.

Science Center of Eastern Connecticut Museum Pass available

A pass to the Science Center of Eastern Connecticut is now available at the library. The pass may be borrowed for two days and entitles one family (two adults and up to 4 children under 18) free admission to The Science Center.



In addition to The Science Center the library has passes to The Children's Museum in Niantic, Peabody Museum in New Haven and the Mystic Aquarium.* The passes are made available by the Friends of the Library. (* The Mystic Aquarium Pass provides reduced admission to the Aquarium from September - June)

Bill Library Association

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In 1974 the town and Association jointly funded an expansion of the library, with the town contributing \$12,900 and the Association providing \$25,171. Again in 1982 a much larger expansion was built - costing \$399,512 and increasing the size of the library



to its current size of 6,184 square feet. All funding for this second expansion was provided by a town bond, as part of a new 99 year lease agreement with the Association. As a result the Association works with the Town of Ledyard Library Commission as the landlord of the Bill Library building that is used to house and operate the library.

The Association in 1998 expanded its chartered purpose to include management of additional monetary gifts supporting the advancement of public education, life long learning, technology and the improvement and maintenance of the Bill Library in partnership with the Town of Ledyard Library Commission and affiliated volunteer organizations.

In parallel with the Association's expanded charter, the Town established a Library Building Committee in January 1999. This committee consists of Association members, Library Commission members and volunteers from the general public. With \$20,000 from donations and a town appropriation the committee has hired an architect to conduct a feasibility study. Together the Association and Building Committee are providing a forum for all interested parties to discuss the issues, determine what is needed, and resolve the best approach to coordinate a community wide consensus for construction and execution of an improved library and information center. In order to minimize the direct cost to the Town of Ledyard, the Association is working with a

fund raising task force to solicit individual and corporate sponsors to help finance the construction effort. As a non-profit organization, contributions to the Association are tax exempt.

Association Activities:

1. The Association provides the continuity of ownership of the core library. Although the Association only meets formally on an annual basis, its members are actively involved with the Library Commission and other activities that directly support the library.
2. Annually the Association provides book awards to two middle school and four high school students for individual research and literary achievement.
3. The Association provides additional new books to the library collection through a special memorial fund.
4. The Association has sponsored minor fund raising activities such as selling baskets and coffee mugs to help defray the cost of the book awards and special book purchases.
5. The Association is supporting a major fund raising effort for expansion of the Bill Library.

Officers of the Association are Marie Olson, President; Jeanne Allyn, Vice Pres; Thomas Olson, Secretary; and Nancy Avery, Treasurer



Mary Phillips to Retire!



After over 17 years of dedicated service to Gales Ferry Library and the Town of Ledyard Mary Phillips is going to retire.

Mary began her career as a Library Aide in 1983 moving up to Assistant Librarian in 1985. During that time she has given outstanding service to the patrons of Gales Ferry Library and she will be greatly missed. Her last day to work is September 30th. All library patrons are invited to stop in and say farewell to Mary before she leaves.

SUGGESTION BOX

A suggestion box is now available at each library. We value your opinions and want to know what you think. We will print your suggestions along with our response in each issue of the newsletter.



1. Could videos circulate for 3 days instead of 2?
Answer: Some of the videos we have are part of a cooperative plan from Eastern Connecticut Libraries. We have a package of videos for 1 month and to allow more people the opportunity to view them ECL requires us to circulate them for two days. To be consistent we have all entertainment videos circulate for two day s.
2. Purchase more videos.
Answer: We are trying to build up our collection of videos. Last year we replaced several videos that had circulated numerous times. This year we will continue to add to the collection.
3. Organize music CD's. (Gales Ferry)
Answer: We are in the process of rearranging furniture at Gales Ferry to accommodate a cabinet that will be used to

display CD's in a more organized fashion.

4. Place outlet covers on all electrical outlets in the library, even in the adult room and under the brass circular plates.
Answer: Good suggestion. We will take care of that.
5. The Bill Library bicycle rack might be used more if it were moved closer to the building by the handicap ramp where it would have more protection and better lighting.
Answer: Unfortunately there is no space near the ramp to put the bicycle rack without it being in the way. This is something we will consider in the new addition.

6. The Bill addition should have automatic sliding front doors.

Answer: Automatic doors are in the plans.

7. The library should sell copies of the books on the school summer reading lists.

Answer: The library is not in a position to sell books. We try to have multiple copies of summer reading list books available for patrons to borrow. If a book is not available we are able to borrow it from another library and generally can get it within a couple of days

8. Purchase the Muzzy language tape in German.

Answer: We have purchased it.

9. The library should have a larger collection of science fiction/fantasy books.

Answer: We will work on this. We are also happy to add specific requests for books we may not have.

Thank you for the suggestions!

Holiday Hours

Monday	Oct. 9	Columbus Day
Saturday	Nov. 11	Veterans Day
Wednesday	Nov. 22	Close at 5 PM
Thursday	Nov. 23	Thanksgiving Day
Friday	Nov. 24	Day after Thanksgiving

Read the Newsletter on the Web

Books and Beyond is now available for you to read on the web. It may be accessed on the Internet from the library home page at <http://www.lioninc.org/ledyard>.

Click on the link for Library newsletter and choose the issue you wish to read. A copy of acrobat reader is required to open the file. This may be downloaded from the Internet by going to the acrobat reader site.

Display Case

The following items will be on display at Bill Library this fall. If you have an interesting or unusual collection you would like to share we will be happy to book the display case for you. For more information call Ann King at Bill Library .

September	Fall Hiking
October	Stamps (National Stamp Collection Month)
November	Minerals, rocks & fossils Thames Valley Rock Hounds
December	Toys - old and new

Bill Library Addition Building Committee

The plans for a Bill Library addition are creating a stir around town. The Fund raising Task Force of the building committee is writing grant proposals, designing a campaign to solicit individual and corporate donations, and planning some special events to build support for the addition. In order to raise a substantial amount of money, the Task Force is going to need many volunteers. Friends and other library supporters will be needed for jobs large and small. If you would like to help plan an event, write thank you notes, donate baked goods, or help in some other way, please fill out a volunteer form when you come to the Friends book sale.

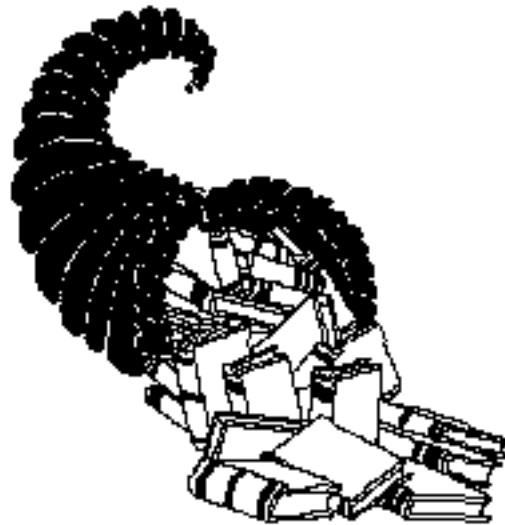
Looking for that perfect gift idea?....



How about a contribution to the Bill Library Building Fund in honor of someone's special day or event! By making such a donation, you will be giving the gift that "keeps on giving". The proposed addition to the Bill Library has been designed so as to provide Ledyard with the library services it so deserves for the next twenty years. Your gift will not only celebrate the person in whose name your donation is being made, but will also be appreciated by many in the years to come.

The possibilities are endless..... whether it's a birthday, anniversary, birth of a child, promotion, graduation or just simply a special day! A gift to the library, in the form of a memorial, is also a very meaningful way to remember a loved one who has passed away. Monetary contributions of any amount will be sincerely appreciated and will help ensure the realization of a beautiful new Bill Library,

Checks can be made out to the Bill Library Association, inc. and given to the librarians at either the Bill or Gales Ferry branch. Please be sure to indicate on the check, or with a note, the person in whose name the donation is being made and the occasion or reason. All donations will be acknowledged and are tax deductible.



Friends News



Things are bustling at the Bill Library where the Friends are getting everything in place for our annual Ledyard Fair Book Sale. We have thousands of books to choose from, as well as an assortment of CDs, records, music tapes, audio books, videos, and more. The sale will run from Thursday, September 7, through Friday, September 15. Prices start low (\$2 for hardcover

books, \$1 for softcover and children's books) and get progressively lower as the sale continues. From Monday, September 11, through Friday, September 15, you can scoop up a Bag of Books for a Buck. At Ledyard Fair time, the motto of dedicated bibliophiles is Shop Early and Shop Often!

Whenever sale time comes around, people wonder whether we can use more donations. The basement is too full at the moment to accept any more. But please save those boxes and bags of books until October 1, when we will have the room to accept them.

Book Preview



Looking for a good book to read? The following new titles are due out soon.

Brooks, Terry	Voyage of the Jerle Shanara Ilse Witch	Sept
Buchwald, Art	Stella in Heaven	Sept
Coonts, Stephen	Hong Kong	Sept
Leonard, Elmore	Pagan Babies	Sept
McCullough, Colleen	Morgan's Run	Sept
Parker, Robert	Perish Twice	Sept
Sheldon, Sidney	The Sky is Falling	Sept
Barry, Dave	Dave Barry is not Taking this sitting down	Oct
Deveraux, Jude	Temptation	Oct
Ludlam, Robert	The Prometheus Deception	Oct
Sandford, John	The devil's code	Oct
Clark, Mary H.	Deck the Halls	Nov
Patterson, James	Roses are Red	Nov
Steel, Daniel	Journey	Nov
Cook, Robin	Shock	Dec
Follett, Ken	Code to Zero	Dec
Kellerman, Jonathan	Dr. Death	Dec

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!!

LEDYARD FAIR BOOKSALE



September 7-15 at Bill Library

Interesting books and great buys -
Mark you calendar now!

LIBRARY HOURS

BILL

464-9912

Mon - Thurs 9-9

Fri - Sat 9-5

Sunday 1-5

e-mail:

bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org

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Sunday 1-5

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