



# BOOKS AND BEYOND...

## NEWS OF THE LEDYARD LIBRARIES

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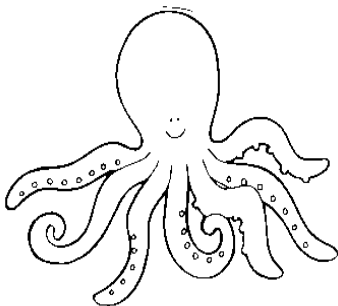
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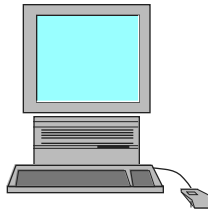
The Ledyard Libraries support and encourage the freedom to read, learn and discover in a welcoming environment. We provide friendly, knowledgeable service and free access to a diversity of ideas, resources and experiences. We strive to enhance the quality of life in our community, encourage lifelong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

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### Links to Learning



Links to learning comes to Ledyard Libraries. This computer-based multimedia tutorial provides beginning and advanced training in the Windows operating system and the popular Microsoft Office Suite. Both visual and voice instruction walk patrons through twenty minute lessons from introducing Windows 95 through Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access. Users can skip around the lessons and exit at any point.

Library staff members have found the program very helpful and extremely "user friendly". The program can be used by anyone wishing to learn how to use these programs. Students may find it useful for learning how to make a PowerPoint presentation for class. Adults can learn how to use more of the features in Word or Excel.

To access these tutorials simply register at the Bill and Gales Ferry Library to get your password. The program is available via the Internet on the public access workstations.

The program was developed by Eastern Connecticut State University funded by a \$90,000 grant from SNET. For more information contact either library.

## Children's Programs



Grab your seabag and snorkel to depart on the Nautilus with Captain Nemo. Our summer reading program is a mystery this year called "2000 Reads Under the Sea." **Registration begins on Monday June 12th.** Registration is at the library where the program is being offered. Walk-in registration begins at 9:00 am and call-in registration begins at 10:00 am. Please call Bill Library

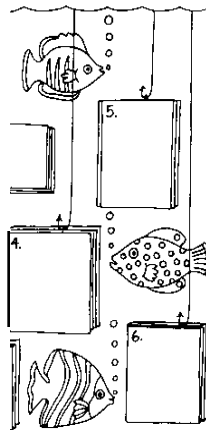
at 464-9912 and Gales Ferry Library at 464-6943. Gallup Hill School Library will also be open for playing the summer reading games on Wednesdays starting June 28th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. All programs are free and open to the public.

### Read to me Summer Reading Program June 19 - August 25

Children turning 4 years old this year up through entering 1st grade may register for this program and will receive a coloring sheet with 10 pictures. For each book read independently (or read to them) the child colors in one picture and writes the title on the back of the sheet. After all 10 pictures are colored and every title recorded, return the sheet to Bill or Gales Ferry library or Gallup Hill School (where the child is registered) for a prize. If the child completes 5 sheets, they will win a paperback book! *Last date to return READ TO ME sheets is August 25.*

### 2000 Reads Under the Sea! June 19 - August 5

Children entering 2nd grade and up are eligible for our 2000 READS program. This program is based on the number of minutes read, rather than the number of books read. After reading for 30 minutes, participants will receive a game sheet (beginning June 19) and may start playing. Library books are preferred and they should



not have been read before. Books chosen should be at the child's normal reading level. There will be pictures on the back of your game sheet to color for each 15 min. read. For each shell read, (for entering grades 2 - 3) or 2 shells (for children entering grades 4 and up), the child rolls a die and proceeds around our game board. Every space they land on they will receive an ocean fact. There will be prizes and activity sheets given at various times during the game. If they can solve the mystery of who stole the periscope from Captain Nemo's submarine, they will also win another prize. A more detailed description of the game will be included with the child's game sheet. *The last date to play is August 5!*

### Governor's Summer Reading Challenge June 14 - August 25

Those children entering 2nd grade and up, will be given a Reading Record on which to write the titles of the books they read this summer. We will use the Read to Me sheets for the younger children's records. The reading records can be returned when finished to any of the sites for the summer reading programs. For every sheet that is completed the child will be able to choose a small prize. Participants can fill as many sheets as they want. Even if an entire sheet is not filled, please return it so we can count all the books read this summer. These numbers go to the state, and there will be points given to each school for their participation.

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

### Rainbow Fish's Storytime

**Tuesdays** July 11 - Aug. 1  
9:30 - 10:00 Gales Ferry Library  
(ages 3-6)

Join us for summer stories, songs and special stuff. Please register at the Gales Ferry Library.

### Sidewalk Art Contest

Thursday, June 29 (rain date June 30)  
10:00 a.m. ages 6 - 10  
Come and show us your skill and decorate one of the sections of sidewalk outside the Bill Library. There will be judging and prizes for all. Bring your own sidewalk chalk if you have it. Please register at Bill Library.

### **Ocean Crafts**

Thursday, July 6                      Gales Ferry Library  
Fish Windsocks  
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.                      entering K - 1  
Fishing Frenzy Game  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.              entering 2 - 3  
Reflective SeaScapes  
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.                      entering 4 - 6

### **Food Chains in the Ocean**

with the Science Center of Eastern CT  
Thursday, July 13                      10:00 a.m.  
Bill Library                              entering Gr 3 - 5  
(Please register)

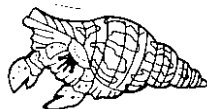
Who lives in the ocean and how do they depend on each other? We will construct a food chain or web with the plants and animals that live in the ocean ecosystem.

### **Ocean Treasures with Kate Potter**

Thursday, July 20                      Bill Library  
Fishy Facts  
11:00 a.m.                              entering K - 2  
Learn about colorful fish and make a Japanese fish kite!  
Whaling Industry and Scrimshaw  
1:00 pm                                  entering 3 - 5  
Become a whaler and create a piece of scrimshaw!

### **Children's Museum of Southeastern Connecticut**

Thursday, July 27                      Gales Ferry Library  
Please register  
Rainbow Shells  
9:30 a.m.                              entering K - 1  
Learn about shells and take home a rainbow shell project.  
Explore the Shore  
11:00 a.m.                              entering 2 - 4  
Learn about animals in shells and take home a shell surprise.



### **Cedar Island Marina Animal Show**

Thursday, Aug. 3                      10:00 a.m.  
Bill Library                              all ages  
Please register  
See and touch a group of live marine animals that live in Long Island Sound. A fascinating program with some cool animals!

### **Tropical Adventure! with T-Bone**

Thursday, Aug. 24                      11:00 a.m.  
Ledyard Center School  
A fantastic singer who will take us away to that tropical island out in the middle of the ocean. T-Bone will tickle your funny bone! Don't miss this great wrap up to our summer program! We will also draw the winners of our two grand prizes from the "2000 Reads Under the Sea" summer reading program.

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## **Adult Programs**

### **Master Gardening Series**

Thanks to Linda DeRose, who has recently completed master gardening requirements, the library is pleased to offer a series of programs featuring a variety of gardening topics. All sessions, presented by Certified Master Gardeners, are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. at Bill Library. Registration is not necessary for these free talks. If you missed the first sessions be sure to plan to attend the others. Refreshments will be provided.

#### **Monday, June 12                      *Water Gardens***

Ellen Bothamly of Bothamly's Botanicals will offer a slide presentation focusing on her topic.

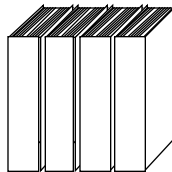
#### **Thursday, June 22                      *Growing Vegetables***

Burton Turner will discuss Growing Vegetables.

#### **Monday, June 26                      *Container Gardening***

Melissa Smith will demonstrate Container Gardening.

### **Book Discussions**



Titles have been chosen for the informal discussions held every third Wednesday evening at Bill Library. Copies of the books will be available at both Bill and Gales Ferry branches each month. New participants are always welcome.

June 21: *The Country of the Pointed Firs*, Maine author Sarah Orne Jewett's best known work celebrates small town life.

July 19: *The Farming of Bones* is Haiti born author Edwidge Danticat's moving novel of one of the survivors of the 1937 massacre of Haitians by troops of the Dominican Republic. The beautiful prose discloses unspeakable violence while celebrating the unbending courage and strength of individuals.

August 16: *Midwives* by Chris Bohjalian was chosen by Publishers Weekly as among the best fiction of 1997, "a superbly crafted and astonishingly powerful novel." The action centers on the trial of an experienced midwife, charged with involuntary manslaughter, and the inevitable conflict between midwifery and traditional medicine.

September 20: *Shadows on the Rock* by Willa Cather, set in late seventeenth century urban Quebec, is a departure from her more well-known midwest pioneer sagas. However, as in her other works, this novel has autobiographical aspects, specifically the tender relationship between the father and daughter which reflects Cather's heartache at the recent death of her own father.

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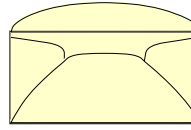
### Signs of Spring at Gales Ferry Library

Gales Ferry Library has been beautified this spring with a refurbished garden and new library sign.

Kedric Bartsch, a member of Boy Scout Troop 12 of Gales Ferry, refurbished the garden in front of the library as his Eagle Scout Project. The plan for the plantings was designed by retired library staff member, Viola Leonard, Master Gardener. Funding for the plants was provided by the Ledyard Garden Club. Kedric organized his helpers, cleaned, planted and mulched the area. Library patrons and neighbors will be able to enjoy his project. Thank you to everyone involved.

We also have a new sign in front of the library with the library name and hours on it. The sign was designed by Mary Phillips and Sandy Seaton and made by Ledyard sign maker Roland Foster. Funding for the sign was provided with the Walter Simon Memorial Fund.

### New Email Server



Libraries Online (LION) recently installed a new email server for member libraries. This resulted in new email address for the libraries and a slight change to the library's web address. The web address now requires the use of "www" in the address. To connect to the library Home Page type:

<http://www.lioninc.org/ledyard>

The new email addresses for the libraries are:

Bill: [bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto:bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org)

Gales Ferry: [gf-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto:gf-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org)

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### Bill Library Addition Building Committee

The Building Committee has finalized the plans for an addition to Bill Library. They propose to expand the 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 with the main entrance into a lobby on ground level. A half flight of stairs and an elevator will lead up to an expanded adult area or down to a completely new children's area and meeting room. An expanded parking area will be provided. The addition echoes the style of the original building that was constructed in 1893, and contours of the site have been utilized to create a facade which when seen from 117 is a gateway to Ledyard.

This project will benefit every citizen in Ledyard by providing:

- Expanded children's room
- Adequate room for technology
- Increased shelving for books
- Quiet reading areas
- Separate young adult area
- More space for local history collection
- Small conference room
- Expanded community meeting room
- Improved entrance on ground level
- ADA compliant building

The Committee expects construction to begin in Spring 2002 and be completed in Spring 2003.

## Friends News

A very successful book sale was held at the Gales Ferry Library from June 2 - 9. The sale raised over \$1500 to benefit the Ledyard Libraries. This is an annual event held by the Ledyard Library Friends the first weekend in June. Mary Ellen Osborne organized the sale, with help from Linda DeRose.

Thank you to the people who worked at the book sale and to the staff of Gales Ferry Library for their assistance and cooperation.

The Bill Library basement is full! The Friends of the Ledyard Libraries appreciate all donated books but are unable to accept any more donations until Oct. 1, 2000. Please continue to purchase books from our continuing book sale in the meeting room.

The September booksale is coming. Opening at 9 a.m. on Thursday, September 7th, we have thousands of hard and soft bound books. Categories include: fiction, romance, art, music, classics, biography, computer materials, business, crafts, childrens, young adult and much more.

Prices:	Hardcover -	2.00
	Softcover -	1.00
Hours:	Thursday, Sept. 7	9 - 9
	Friday, Sept. 8	9 - 9
	Saturday, Sept. 9	9 - 9
	Sunday, Sept. 10	12 - 6
	Mon - Fri	Library hours

## Book Awards

The Bill Library Association's annual Book Award was presented to five freshman English students from Ledyard High School at the school's recent awards ceremony. The recipients are Michael Torres, Yvonne Chu, Victoria Brockway, Jerry Watkins, and Samantha Hans. Each student received a copy of Rogets International Thesaurus. In addition this group also awarded a book award to two 8th grade students. The recipients are Jaclyn Sheltry and Karl Yetter. They each received a copy of the American Heritage Dictionary. All recipients were chosen for their outstanding skill in using library resources. Congratulations to all of them.

## Lions Club Donation

The Ledyard Lions Club has once again given a generous donation for large print books and books on tape for the libraries. We are grateful to this organization for their continued support of the libraries.

## Book Preview



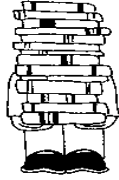
Looking for a good book to read? The following new titles are due out soon.

Binchy, Maeve	Aches and Pains	June
Collins, Jackie	Lethal Seduction	July
Coulter, Catherine	Riptide	July
Greeley, Andrew	The Bishop & the Missing L Train	July
Griffin, W.E.B	The Fighting Agents	July
Howatch, Susan	The High Flyer	July
Robinson, Patrick	U.S.S. Seawolf	July
Siddons, Anne R	Nora, Nora	July
Straub, Peter	Magic Terror	July
Truman, Margaret	Murder in Foggy Bottom	July
Clancy, Tom	The Bear & the Dragon	Aug
Kellerman, Faye	Stalker	Aug
Pronzini, Bill	Crazy Bone	Aug
Sanders, Lawrence	McNally's Folly	Aug
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
Pincher, Rosamund	Winter Solstice	Sept
Parker, Robert	Perish Twice	Sept
Sheldon, Sidney	The Sky is Falling	Sept

## HOLIDAY HOURS

Tuesday	July 4	Closed Independence Day
Monday	Sept. 4	Closed Labor Day
Saturday	Sept. 9	Closed Bill Library Ledyard Fair

# LEDYARD FAIR BOOKSALE



September 7-15 at Bill Library

Interesting books and great buys -  
Mark you calendar now!

## SUMMER HOURS

### BILL

464-9912

Mon - Thurs 9-9  
Fri 9-5  
Sat. 9-1  
Sunday Closed  
e-mail:  
bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org

### GALES FERRY

464-6943

Mon - Thurs 9-8  
Fri 9-5  
Sat. 9-1  
Sunday Closed  
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