

# 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.

### Bill Library Addition Delayed

The Ledyard Town Council voted down a request last month to let the voters decide on the Bill Library Addition project causing yet another delay. In spite of this vote the Building Committee reaffirmed their commitment to the project and will continue to work towards making it happen. The need is there and the community has shown their support for the project.

Meanwhile fundraising activities for the project will continue. Planning for the third annual Mistletoe Craft and Bake Sale is underway and volunteers continue to look for other fund raising ideas. Donations from the public appeal challenge are still coming in and the numbers are climbing. We have met 25% of the goal to raise \$100,000 for this year's challenge. Bill Holton has been

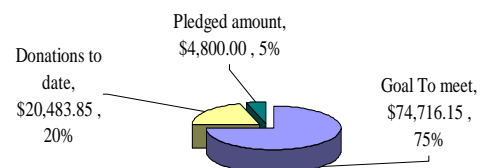
faithfully matching donations that come in and wants to be able to give the full amount. It's not too late to give. I encourage you to do your part in meeting this challenge. No amount is too small. Remember too if your employer has a matching fund program your donation will be tripled.

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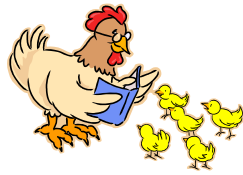


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Penny for Penny, Dollar for Dollar  
Your contribution will be matched!  
Help meet the challenge to raise \$100,000 in 2003



## Children's Programs

Registration for Storytimes at the Ledyard Public Libraries will be Monday, September 22, 2003. You may call in to the library where the program is being offered anytime after 9:30 am. Call the Bill Library at 464-9912, Gales Ferry Library at 464-6943.



### Infant/Toddler

Infants (6-15 mos.)

GF Tuesdays 9:30 – 10:15 am Oct. 7 – 28

Toddlers (16 – 24 mos.)

Bill Wednesdays 9:30 – 10:00 am Oct. 8 – 29

### Terrific Twos

Bill Wednesdays 9:30 – 10:15 am Nov. 5 – Dec. 10

GF Tuesdays 9:30 – 10:15 am Nov. 4 – Dec. 9

### Tremendous Threes

Bill Mondays 9:30 – 10:00 am Oct. 6 – Dec. 8  
(no ST 10/13)

GF Tuesdays 10:30 – 11:00 am Oct. 7 – Dec. 9  
(no ST 11/11)

### Fabulous Fours and Fives

Bill Thursdays 9:30 – 10:15 am Oct. 9 – Dec. 11  
(no ST 11/27)

GF Tuesdays 1:00 – 1:45 pm Oct. 7 – Dec. 9  
(no ST 11/11)

### Summer Wrap up

We had a great summer program branching out and reading all different kinds of books this year. Including both Bill and Gales Ferry Libraries, there were 239 players in our older program (grades 2-6) and 139 players in our Read to Me program (ages 4 – grade 1) for a total of 378 children who participated. The older children read 3425 books and the younger children read (or were read to) 4561 books! This adds up to a total of 7986 books read in our program! Our top two readers in the “Branch Out and Read” program were Kaitlyn Haley, who read 165 books, and Katie Routhier, who read 73 books. In addition to the reading programs, we had a Sidewalk Chalk Contest, Preschool Storytime, Mad Science program, Daisy the Pig, Beading craft, Fairytale Storyteller, and a super Les Julian performance for our finale.

## Teen Summer Program Wrap up

The Teen Summer Reading Program completed a very successful second year in August. The program, entitled, Around the World in 41 Days, provided incentive for teens to read a variety of genres by awarding prizes to those who read books touching on each of the seven continents. With 116 registered in the program, Ledyard teens read a grand total of 948 books and volunteered a grand total of 866 hours of their time to running the “Branch Out and Read” and the “Read to Me” programs. This translated to an average of 13.2 books per active reader and 14.4 hours of time per active volunteer.

In addition, participants were entitled to one raffle ticket per book read and one ticket per volunteer shift (2 hours). Each week, library staff drew two names from the raffle jar at each library. These winning names received such great prizes as art supplies, Margarita’s gift certificates, desk sets, chocolate treasure chests, crystal game sets, and picture frame sets with disposable cameras. Our weekly winners were Rebecca Sindel, Michael Pietras, Suzanne Cristofaro, Heather Skinner, Brittany Carvalho, Rachel Gallen, Emily Brawner, Belinda Liu, Adam Strickland, John Cardona, Kaylyn Banning, Sarah Butler, Emily Ayer, Kaitlyn Start, Alex Shaw, Kristen Juskiewicz, Justin Shayer, Danielle Fernald, John Gallen, Megan Brabec, Gerrit Start, Daniel Pealer, Ben Bradley and Alex Riker.

Teens also participated in some special programming involving food and crafts. At the first program, “The Great Food Adventure,” teens sampled a variety of ethnic foods from around the world, including several Indian dishes that they had the opportunity to prepare on the spot with the assistance of Gales Ferry Library patron Mrs. Swati Dalvie. The second program featured paper crafts and collage. Gales Ferry Library patron Mrs. Seiko Jones, demonstrated the Japanese art of origami, and supplies were on hand for teens to give it a try. Teens also decorated composition notebooks using a variety of supplies in the collage medium. We look forward to future programs with Ledyard teens.

### Volunteer Ice Cream Social

As a special thank you, Ledyard Libraries will host an ice cream social for all teens who volunteered this summer to assist with the “Branch Out and Read” and “Read to Me” Summer Reading Programs. Sixty Ledyard teens gave very generously of their time throughout



the summer. The Ice Cream Social will take place at the Bill Library on Friday, September 26, 2003, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. At that time, we will reveal the names of the two top readers and top volunteers from the 2003 Teen Summer Reading Program, “Around the World in 41 Days.” In addition, we will brainstorm together on ideas for how we can improve our teen reading programs in future years.

## Adult Programs

### Book Discussions

Monthly book discussions are held on Wednesday evenings at Bill Library beginning at 7 P.M. New participants are always welcome and evening refreshments are provided. Books to be considered in the next months are:



**September 17<sup>th</sup>** *Fahrenheit 451* By Ray Bradbury  
This is the “One Book One Region” selection for 2003. It first appeared as “The Fireman”, a short story by Ray Bradbury published in *Galaxy Science Fiction* in 1951. In this era of Terrorism and The Patriot Act, Bradbury’s messages about oppressive government are still worthy of examination some 50 years later.

**October 15<sup>th</sup>** *The Word for the Day: 65 years of Bob Steele’s wit and wisdom on mispronunciation* By Bob and Phil Steele.  
Local author Phil Steele will come to speak about the book he and his dad (Bob Steele) wrote last year, and to talk about his dad’s long career in Connecticut. Books will be available for sale and to have autographed.

**November 19<sup>th</sup>** *The Photograph* by Penelope Lively. Glyn Peters, a famous British archeologist, discovers a compromising photograph of his recently deceased wife Kath, sealed in an envelope in a closet at home. Reverting to his professional habits, he treats Kath’s infidelity as a sort of archeological dig, exploring this mystery through the thoughts and memoirs of those who knew her.

**December** – Break for Holiday Hustle and Bustle

**January 21<sup>st</sup>** *The Story of Lucy Gault* by William Trevor. Set in Ireland in 1921, this is pure storytelling of a sad occurrence. Nine year old Lucy runs away the night before she and her parents are to move to England. The parents discovering a piece of Lucy’s clothing near the

water assume that she has died, and decide not to live in England but roam Europe instead. Fate, love, longing and loss are at the heart of this book.

### Writer’s Group

The Ledyard writers group will continue to meet this fall at Bill Library. Meetings will generally be held on the first and third Tuesday of each month with some exceptions, at 7 p.m. For more information contact Barbara Harris at Bill Library or via email at [LedyardWriters@aol.com](mailto:LedyardWriters@aol.com). Mark your calendar with these dates;

- Sept. 21
- Oct. 7
- Oct. 21
- Nov. 4
- Dec. 2
- Dec. 16

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## Sunday Hours resume

Sunday hours will resume this fall even with the cut to the budget. The Library Commission felt Sunday hours were important and listened to those people who asked that they be maintained. We are able to do this with a combination of cutbacks in staffing both on Sundays and during the week. By doing this we are able to pull together the funding needed to open Sundays for 30 weeks instead of 40. We ask for your understanding if you need to wait a bit longer for services than before. Please let us know if you do not receive the help you need from our staff. Our intent is still to provide the best services we can!

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## Mistletoe Craft and Bake Sale



The Mistletoe Craft and Bake Sale will be held at Bill Library Saturday, November 22 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Committees are actively seeking donations of hand crafted items, individually wrapped baked goods, candies, food gifts, etc., and any items suitable for the silent auction. There will also be a table for attic treasures, with a limit of 2 items per donor due to space limitations.

Donations of non-edibles may be dropped off at either library November 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>. Baked goods and other edibles can be delivered to the Bill Library from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> or between 8 and 9 a.m. on the morning of the sale. If you are able to donate any items, please call Jane Leger at Bill Library, 464-9912.

## From the Reference Desk



*How to Fix (just about)  
Everything* by Bill Marken  
REF DESK 640.41 Mar

This great new title has everything... well almost everything. How to replace a laser or ink jet cartridge on

your computer printer; how to fix a leaky or plugged up toilet, how to mend a broken heart, substitute missing cooking ingredients or mend your socks. This new book is located at the Reference Desk.

*Censorship: A World Encyclopedia* edited by Derek Jones REF 363.31 Cen

This four volume encyclopedia has entries for book burning, Mahler, religious and racial persecution, as well as entries for authors and playwrights whose works have been censored.

### *iConn* Magazine and Newspaper Search

Online from our homepage [www.iconn.org](http://www.iconn.org)  
Not New but an Important Reference Resource to Remember. We no longer subscribe to the Reader's Guide to Periodicals (the printed green volumes that indexed magazine articles.) *iConn* is more than just an index though. It has full text for many magazines as well as full text for several major newspapers including the New York Times, Christian Science Monitor, Wall Street Journal and Washington Post. You can also complete homework assignments to locate journal articles in Psychology, Science, Literary Criticism or History from home using this site and your library bar code. Don't forget to look at the additional research resources from the bottom of the *iConn* homepage which include basic dictionaries and encyclopedias. *iConn* is a free to all Connecticut residents with a library card.

## Suggestion Box

The following suggestions were recently found in the suggestion box.

1. Need to get more family rated movies  
**Answer:** Since we no longer belong to the video co-op we are using the funds to purchase our own videos. We will look for more family movies
2. Please consider the upstairs/downstairs series of videos from PBS.  
**Answer:** We will look into it.
3. Is it possible to order videos from other libraries like you order books?

**Answer:** Most libraries do not allow videos to be loaned on a regular basis. However there have been times when a library will loan a video. If you have a specific request let us know and we will see what can be done.

4. I would like to see people who work at the library wearing name tags.

**Answer:** Nametags have been ordered for all staff members and we are trying to be faithful about wearing them.

5. More computers!

**Answer:** We are limited by the space available in the building.

6. More Rap CD's and more Mary Kate and Ashley books.

**Answer:** We will look into it.

Thank you for your suggestions and for your words of praise. We appreciate hearing from you.

## New Book Preview

Baldacci, David	Split Second	October
Cornwell, Bernard	Heretic	October
Cornwell, Patricia	Blow Fly	October
Eddings, David	The Elder Gods: The Dreamers	October
Evans, Richard Paul	A Perfect Day	October
Haig, Brian	Private Sector	October
Ludlam, Robert	The Tristan Betrayal	October
Paretsky, Sara	Blacklist	October
Parker, Robert	Stone Cold	October
Sparks, Nicholas	The Wedding	October
Straub, Peter	Lost Boy, Lost Girl	October
Uris, Leon	O'Hara's Choice	October
Woods, Stuart	Capital Crimes	October
Auchincloss, Louis	The Scarlet Letters	November
Brown, Rita Mae	Full Cry	November
Delinsky, Barbara	The Passions of Chelsea Kane	November
Deveraux, Jude	A Christmas Tale	November
Gabalton, Diana	Lord John & the Private Matter	November
King, Stephen	The Dark Tower V: Wolves of the Calla	November
McCaffrey, Anne	Dragon's Kin	November
McMurtry, Larry	The Berrybenders Narratives	November
Rice, Anne	Blood Canticle	November
Roberts, Nora	Remember When	November
Steel, Danielle	Safe Harbor	November
Collins, Jackie	Hollywood Divorces	December
James, P. D.	The Murder Room	December
Koontz, Dean	Odd Thomas	December
Krentz, Jayne	Truth or Dare	December
Martini, Steve	Double Tap	December

## Stained Glass Raffle

The raffle drawing for the stain glass piece donated by Sandy Seaton was held September 7<sup>th</sup> at the book sale. The winner was Jeanne Allyn of Ledyard. Congratulations Jeanne and thank you Sandy. The event raised over \$700 for the building fund.



## Holiday Hours

October 13	Columbus Day	Closed
November 11	Veterans Day	Closed
November 26	Thanksgiving Eve	Close at 5
November 27	Thanksgiving	Closed
November 28	Day after Thanksgiving	Closed



## Friends News

The Annual Bill Library Book Sale was a great success. Please come to the Friends Wish List meeting on Wednesday October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in the Bill Library Meeting Room for the final tally!

Many people help with this fundraiser. My co-chair Jean Scialabba and I would like to thank all of the people that make the sale possible. The book donors donate wonderful books. The set-up crew consists of the energetic team work of BSA Troop 16. They form a human chain to bring the books upstairs from the basement. The before and after sale help Marie, Dave and Elysa Engelman, Heidi Seaton, Brian and Rob Scialabba, Nick Myer, Jim Seaton, Tom and Darin Olson. The cashiers Pam Kalinowski, Cay Haffey, Nancy and Pete Hall, Rose Gertner, Gayle Wilson, Betsey, Ben and Charlie Shafer, Barbara Miller, Jane Leger, Nancy Avery, Marlene Townsend, Linda DeRose, Andrea Buka, Charlie Ewers, Janet Coe, Marilyn Baeseler, Darlene McNaughton, Laverne Stokes, Joan Molis, Bernadette Kunkemoeller, MaryEllen Osborne, Jane Kish, Sally Garcia, Callie Tuthill, Darwin Reed, Sandy Seaton and Mary Phillips. Thank you also to the book sale patrons. Our Ongoing Book Sale will be restocked soon. We will be accepting books for next year's Book Sale Oct 1st through June 1st.



Join the Ledyard Library Friends on October 1st for the Wish List meeting.

Marie Olson,  
President

The Ledyard Library Friends is the support group for the Ledyard Libraries, both the Bill and Gales Ferry. 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!

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



*Saturday, November 22, 2003*

*9 a.m. – 5 p.m.*

*Bill Library*

*Bidding for the Silent Auction begins November 1st*

**LIBRARY HOURS**

**BILL**

464-9912

Monday – Thursday 9-9  
Friday 9-5  
Saturday 9-5  
Sunday 1-5\*

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

\*Sunday hours will begin Sept. 28th

**GALES FERRY**

464-6943

Monday – Thursday 9-8  
Friday 9-5  
Saturday 9-5  
Sunday 1-5\*

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

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