



BOOKS AND BEYOND...

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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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Get Caught Reading!

Where do you like to read? For "Get caught reading" month this May the library would like to feature a display of people "caught" in the act of reading. Bring in your favorite picture of yourself or someone you know reading a book or magazine, and we will add it to our display. Email your picture to us at bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org or drop off your photo at either library by May 1, 2004. We will award prizes for the best photos.

"Get Caught Reading" is a nationwide campaign to remind people of all ages how much fun it is to read. Several well-known figures have supported this initiative, including First Lady Laura Bush, Drew Carey, Clifford the Big Red Dog, Whoopi Goldberg, Derek Jeter, Jeff Gordon and others, who have all been "caught reading" their favorite books and magazines for print ads and posters seen by millions of people across the country. To learn more about the campaign go to www.getcaughtreading.com.



Help us spread the word that reading is fun – and show us how you got caught reading!

Children's Programs

Special Programs

We have an exciting April vacation week coming to the Ledyard Libraries. Please note these programs on your calendar and join us for some great fun. Tuesday and Thursday programs are co-sponsored by Ledyard Youth Services. An adult must accompany preschoolers.

All programs are free and open to the public. For questions, call 464-9912.

Tuesday, April 20 11:00 am
Hats off to Reading with Keith Michael Johnson
All Ages Ledyard Center School
No registration required for this show.

This unique show is a pep rally for books. Kids love playing the Quiz Kids game show and watching Keith recite silly animal poems while juggling. Reading is Power!! Come enjoy a fun show for all.

Wednesday, April 21 1:00 pm
Science Epi-Center Presents DNA Mysteries
Grades 5 – 8 Bill Library
Space is limited so sign up early.

What are cells and how do they work? Learn about the structures of the cell and build a model from some interesting items. If you like science, this is the place for you!

Thursday, April 22 11:00 am
Rick Adam Presents Sound Choices
All Ages Ledyard Center School
No registration required for this show.

With a unique combination of original songs, hand shadows, circus arts and audience participation, Rick Adam's spellbinding performance takes a caring look at growing up and believing in one's self. This uplifting and entertaining program empowers children to make positive choices and resolve conflicts.

Summer Program Sneak Preview!

We are in the process of designing our summer reading program and our theme will be "Adventure...Africa!" The program begins June 21st and ends August 7th. Once again we will have a Read-to-Me program for children born in 2000 through entering 1st grade. Please check the next newsletter for more complete information and special programs.



Teen Programs

Thursday, April 1st 6-8:30 pm
Art Display and Reception: Bill Library

Tricky Tanksley, Art Teacher for Ledyard Middle School, has generously shared a great collection of artwork produced by 7th and 8th graders this school year. Come meet Ms. Tanksley, enjoy refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library, and look at the many different types of art on display for the month of April. We'd love to talk with students about our YA Summer Reading Programs and opportunities to volunteer.



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Revolution@yourLibrary is the theme of the Teen summer program for 2004. Activities will highlight the Revolutionary War and information about the upcoming presidential elections.

Adult Programs

This spring promises to be very exciting at the library with a variety of events and activities sure to whet your appetite. We are pleased to sponsor three author visits including a former Ledyard Library Director, a Ledyard Resident, and a well-known author of historical fiction. Our monthly book discussions will take place in April and June. A "Get Caught Reading" challenge/contest will take place during the month of May. And the Library Friends will host a Mother's Day Tea fundraiser. Mark your calendars now and plan to be here.

Author Visits

Please register for any or all of the author visits you wish to attend. They will be held at Bill Library and will begin at 7 P.M. Bank Square Books will sell copies of their books at each event giving 20% of the proceeds to the library. Bring a friend, sit back and listen to the author's tales of writing.

April 28th Author: James Benn
Desperate Ground



Some of you may know this author who was the Library Director here in the mid 1970's. Jim recently published a novel which was highlighted in Library Journal. *Desperate Ground* takes place at the end of World War II. William "Billy" Boyle is a relative of Mamie Eisenhower, who lands a job on Eisenhower's

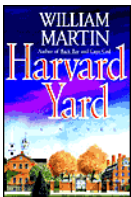
personal staff –not the cushy job he was expecting but a dangerous and demanding one. Billy’s job involves accessing intelligence information and uncovering a German operation named “Gambit.”

The book takes you into meetings with Eisenhower, his wife and his driver, Hitler and the Nazi High Command, as well as some Norwegian military staff. Come join us to hear Jim talk about his book.

May 5 **Editor: Kerri Charette**
Misadventures of Moms and Disasters of Dads

Resident Kerri Charette is an extremely active mother of five children, who learned that journaling helped her to reflect on her day. Her journal quickly developed themes and grew almost daily. Kerri developed chapter headings for aspects of parenthood she felt others might have experienced, too. When she listed these chapter headings on writing sites specifically aimed at parents, submissions magically began pouring in. Who knew SO many parents were using writing as a tool to respond to the stresses of home life? Kerri will join us to talk about her book and sign copies.

May 19th **Author: William Martin**
Harvard Yard



Peter Fallon was a major character in Martin’s previous novel *Back Bay*. Martin uses Fallon again to reveal the more than three hundred fifty years of Harvard history and its intimate connections to the history of New England and the nation. An ancient legend says that Robert Harvard, father of John Harvard, for whom the college was named, lived in Stratford-on-Avon and was a friend of Shakespeare. Supposedly, Shakespeare gave him a hand-written manuscript of a now-lost play as a wedding present, sometime around 1605. Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing.

Book Discussions

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



April 21st ***Spix’s Macaw*, by Tony Juniper.**

Despite the 1975 ban on endangered parrot trading, smugglers continue to trap and sell blue parrots – including the rarest, the Spix’s macaw. By 1990, only one wild Spix’s remained. Tony

Juniper, executive director of Friends of the Earth, recounts the riveting adventures of the team of specialists who finally documented the presence of this last wild bird in Brazil’s remote northeast interior, and who launched efforts to try to protect it.

June 16th ***If Nobody Speaks of Remarkable Things***
by Jon McGregor.

Described as a prose poem of a novel, this book has a mystery which is not resolved till the very last page of the book. The book tells the events of one day on one street in England. This Title was a nominee for the Booker Award for 2003.

Mother’s Day Tea

Saturday, May 1st **Noon to 4 P.M.**
Ledyard Congregational Church



Do something special for Mother’s Day this year – invite your mother, your sister, your friend or even yourself to a High Tea sponsored by the Friends of the Libraries.

Jennifer Finlayson and Andrea Buka will be coordinating the event to celebrate Mother’s Day, from 12:00-4:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 1st, at the Ledyard Congregational Church in Ledyard Center. Tickets will be sold for \$12.00 in advance at both libraries and by Jennifer, Andrea and other members of the Friends. (Tickets will be \$14.00 at the door.)

Traditional sweets, savories, scones, and all the trimmings will be served, along with several types of tea and coffee. Local entertainment will be provided as well.

There will also be a Basket Bonanza table with plants, theme baskets, and gifts suitable for Mother’s Day. Chances will be sold for these items. In addition, we will have the Cat’s Meow cutouts of each library, logo mugs, and tote bags for sale. All proceeds will benefit the Library Building Fund.

A planning meeting will be held Friday, April 2nd at 6:30 P.M. in the Bill Library meeting room. We welcome anyone interested in helping to join us. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Andrea at either library or by email at teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org Helpers are needed to cook, set up, clean up, serve the tea, greet attendees, sell tickets, distribute flyers, and to entertain. Any and all help is appreciated, and teens are welcome to assist at this event!

ReQuest update

ReQuest, the statewide holdings catalog that supplements our library's LION system is about to change. For those that regularly use the catalog and place holds it may be unavailable during the weekend of March 26th while the upgrade is being done. The catalog's appearance and functions will change. Many features will be similar with some brand new features. Stay tuned for updates on how to enter and use the newly revised system. Please feel free to call and ask for help especially during that week while the system is being upgraded.

Giving Tree Report

In the winter issue of Books & Beyond, several names were inadvertently left off the list of Giving Tree donors. The following people also donated, and we extend our thanks to them.



David Anderson	Elizabeth & Julia Austin
Cindy Blomstedt	Donna Bourie
Jill Brady	Kathy Bruckner
Angela Buckley	Jonathan Burianek
Barbara Chapman	Mary Coish
Craig Family	Naomi Crowley
Joyce Davis	Jan Dawson
Emily Demario	Polly Devany
Brynn & Hayden Doughty	Gallen Family
Carol Ganz	Lisa Garr
Linda Hardie	Janice Harwood
Nance Holland	Juskewicz Family
Henry Kaczman	Fran Kail
Pat Kelly	Ann King
Bernadette Kunkemoller	Sue Lantelme
Ledyard Center Nursery School	Joan Lynch
Matthew Moriarty	Karen Moorehead
Ilya Nash	Murphy Family
Irene Nichols	Kaitlyn Newman
Caroline & Allison Oddo	Stacy O'Connell
Elizabeth Peterson	Kathy Olsen
Carla Pintauro	Beth Peterson
Mary Schwab	Nathan Robinson
Terry Shea	Jim & Sandy Seaton
Kathee Speranze-Ryan	Angela Smith
Liz Stevens	Rachel Stansel
Nancy Strawderman	Kellen & Seth Strader
Alison Tyron	Pat Tessier
Diana Wall	Dylan & Mary Frances Vorbach
Katherine Wells	Shelley Williams

Winter Reading Wrap Up

Our six-week winter reading program for adults successfully concluded on Saturday, March 6. Over 100 adults participated by reading books and attending two programs. The book/movie discussion of *Like Water for Chocolate* and a Mexican food sampler were very well attended. Andrea Buka and Jennifer Finlayson did a wonderful job of exposing nearly twenty willing tasters to the native cuisine of Mexico.

The favorite activity of the program, no doubt, was the weekly raffle at each library. Since the name of the winter reading program was "Food for Thought," the weekly prizes all had food themes. Winners were Jill Sullivan, Susan Button, Nancy Phillips, Irene Synodi, Valerie Rehberg, Curren Landsiedel, Mildred Whipple, Dottie Estes, Dale Rehberg, Anne Lovejoy, Pat Watson and Stanley Purwinis. Thank you to all the participants who put 463 slips into the two jars, and better luck next year to all those who read so much and still didn't win!

Faxing @Ledyard Libraries



The libraries now offer faxing services to our patrons. We will send faxes for you to any area code for \$1.00 per page. We can take incoming faxes for you for free at either library as long as the sender clearly marks the fax with your name and a phone number where you can be reached.

From the Reference Desk

We've added several new books and sets to the Reference Collection recently. *2004 Photographer's Market* (REF 770.23 Pho) and *The Writer's Handbook 2004* (REF 808.02 Wri) are tools to help individuals locate agents or books, journals or other media to get works published. *The Photographer's Market* includes entries for specific galleries, greeting card companies, as well as books and journals who seek out submissions. *The Writer's Handbook* includes quotes and helpful interview information from famous authors including Madeleine L'Engle, Robert Parker, Rick Bragg and Ray Bradbury. Both books are useful for individuals trying to break into the fields of Writing and Photography. *2004 North American Coins and Prices* (Ref 737.4 Nor), the 36th Edition of *Kovel's Antiques and Collectibles Price List 2004* and the *11th Edition Toys and Prices 2004* are all new collectible guides with the latest estimated values for a wide

range of antique and collectible items. If you are interested in specific collectibles, these titles are often a good starting place for learning more about how to estimate their worth.

Summer Opportunities for Kids and Teenagers 2004. (Ref 796.542 Pet). If you have a high school student looking for a summer job, or looking for a great summer experience, now is the time to look at this book. The jobs cover a variety of positions (camp counselors, summer program staff for academic programs catering to younger children, or staff for Earth Watch seminars.) Some of these listings are opportunities, some are paying positions for kids 16 and over. There are a broad range of opportunities for those with interests such as wrestling, bird watching, gymnastics, or even Outward Bound. Take a look at all the possibilities for teens this summer.

Newbery and Caldecott Award winners for 2004

Newbery Award:

The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo

Newbery Honor Books:

Olive's Ocean by Kevin Henkes

An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793 by Jim Murphy

Caldecott Award:

The Man Who Walked Between the Towers
by Mordicai Gerstein

Caldecott Honor Books:

Don't Let the Pigeon Ride the Bus! by Mo Willems
What Do You Do With a Tail Like This? Robin Page
Ella Sarah Gets Dressed by Margaret Chodos-Irvine

These books have been ordered for our libraries. So if you wish to read any, please put holds on them!

Mistletoe Craft and Bake Sale

It's time to start thinking about the Fourth Annual Mistletoe Craft & Bake Sale and Silent Auction! We will be holding an organizational meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 2nd, in the Bill Library meeting room. If you are interested in helping with this fundraiser but are unable to attend the meeting, please contact me at either library or by email at teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org. If you are thinking of donating a craft, now may be a good time to begin your project. All proceeds go to the Bill Library Addition Building Fund. We appreciate your generous donations over the past three years. We couldn't do it without you!

Suggestion Box

The following suggestions were recently found in the suggestion box.

1. *Please order books by the following authors: Dave Ramsey, Michael Savage, Bill O'Reilly and Sean Hannity*

Answer: We have ordered the latest title by Dave Ramsey and own several titles by the other authors. Please let us know if there is a specific title you are looking for.

2. *I think you should add more tables and computers to the collection.*

Answer: We agree and would like to do that, but we are restricted by space. The proposed addition to Bill Library will add much more seating space and more computers. Let your local officials know you see a need for this.

3. *Would like to see newer movies for families.*

Answer: We will try.

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

Holiday Hours

April 9	Good Friday	Closed
April 11	Easter	Closed
May 30	Memorial Day Sunday	Closed
May 31	Memorial Day	Closed

Friends News

April will be celebrated as Friends of the Library month in Connecticut to honor the thousands of volunteers who, as Library Friends, give of their time and talents to enhance library capabilities and services. In support of the observance sponsored by the Friends of Connecticut Libraries (FOCL), State Librarian, Kendall Wiggin, has been named as honorary spokesperson. Mr. Wiggin is the son of a librarian, a librarian himself and a library user who appreciates the value of a library. "Libraries are more than just warehouses for books. They are a gathering place for people and ideas."

Ledyard has one of the over 140 active Friends of the Library groups in Connecticut. The Ledyard Library Friends sponsor an annual book sale at each library, the proceeds of which are used to benefit the libraries. They have funded programs, purchased equipment including computers, printers, fax machines, a scanner, a laminating machine, an LCD projector, a digital camera, and more, and they have provided museum passes and contributed to the capital campaign for the Bill Library. In addition, the

Friends have sponsored other fund raising activities specifically for the Building Fund, such as the Mistletoe Craft and Bake Sale and the Antique Appraisal Day. On May 1st the Friends will sponsor a Mother's Day Tea. Each year they give thousands of dollars in value to the libraries. The Friends are always looking for volunteers to help in any way they can. Membership applications are available at either library or on the libraries' webpage. Please consider becoming part of this organization.

The annual book sale at the Gales Ferry library begins Thursday June 3rd and runs through June 12th. This year's sale will feature an exceptionally fine selection of children's books, many in like-new condition. As always, the Friends of the Ledyard libraries are looking for volunteers to help with setting-up, and selling books. If you are interested give us a call at either library

Building Committee News

The Library Building Committee has been given an extension on the State Library construction grant that gives us another year to raise local funds for the project. The State Library Board was impressed with the level of fund raising we have done and would like to see the project go forward.

We still have a couple of months to go to meet the challenge posed by local resident Bill Holton. Last May Mr. Holton offered to match all donations to the Building Fund during the annual appeal year, dollar for dollar up to \$100,000. He has matched \$34,388 dollars to date and would like to match the rest. Send your tax deductible donations to Bill Library, P.O. Box 225, Ledyard, Ct. 06339. Donations may be paid by Check made out to Bill Library Association or credit card. For more information call Gale Bradbury at 464-9917.

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Friday	9-5	Friday	9-5
Saturday	9-5	Saturday	9-5
Sunday	1-5	Sunday	1-5
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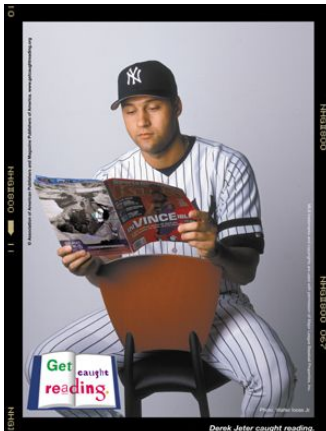
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Remember to send us a photo showing how you got caught reading!



Derek Jeter caught reading.