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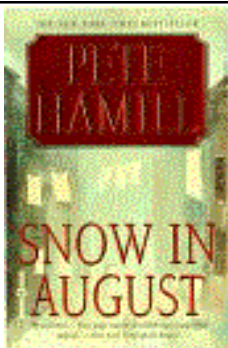
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The Ledyard Libraries support and encourage the freedom to read, learn and discover in a welcoming environment. We provide friendly, knowledgeable service and free access to a diversity of ideas, resources and experiences. We strive to enhance the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

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One Book, One Region

The popular trend of everyone in an area being encouraged to read the same book has reached Eastern Connecticut. Steve Slosberg, columnist for *The Day*, started the program in motion with a column last November. The idea spread to the Eastern Connecticut Libraries where criteria were developed and suggestions for titles submitted. On February 19, 2002, a selection committee chose *Snow in August* by Pete Hamill.

Written in 1997, the story takes place in post World War II Brooklyn. The author currently lives in New York City and writes a weekly column for the *New York Daily News*. Hamill is a native of Brooklyn, who has been the editor-in-chief of both the *New York Post* and the *New York Daily News*. He is the author of eight novels and two short story collections. His memoir, *A Drinking Life*, was on the *New York Times* Best Seller List for thirteen weeks.

Over the next few months, plans will be made for purchasing copies of the book, programs and book discussions. The Boats, Books & Brushes festival in New London has already scheduled an event at the Garde Theater on September 7, 2002.

We will keep you posted as plans develop.

Delayed Opening

On Tuesday, May 14th Ledyard Libraries will open at 10 a.m. instead of the usual 9 a.m. A special recognition program is planned for the staff. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Children's 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. If you have any questions, call 464-9912.

Casey Carle Presents:
"Bubblemania"

Tuesday, April 16 10:00 am
Ledyard Center School

HE'S BACK!! And he's better than ever! Casey has thrilled us and tickled our funny bone in the past and now if you missed his performance as the best bubble blower in the business, come and see the Doctor work his magic. Co-sponsored by the Ledyard Public Libraries and Ledyard Youth Services. The program is free and open to the public at Ledyard Center School Gym. There is no registration required.

Bryan Flint Presents::

"Don't Be Fooled By Drugs"

Thursday, April 18 10:00 am
Ledyard Center School

Join us for a fantastic magic show! Bryan will wow your children with his quicker than the eye illusions. As he performs, he also gives kids good reasons to stay away from drugs. Co-sponsored by Ledyard Youth Services. The program is free and open to the public at Ledyard Center School Gym. There is no registration required.

Memorial Day Parade

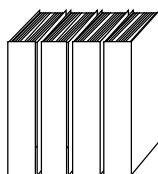
Its almost time for the Memorial Day Parade and we are looking for volunteers to walk or ride with the library group. If you are interested in participating contact Jan Dawson or leave a message for her at 464-6943. Our theme will correlate with the summer reading program which is now being developed.

Summer Program Alert

We are in the process of designing our summer reading program and to give you a sneak preview, our theme this summer will be Book Across America! Registration will begin June 17th and the kids can start playing as of June 24th. It will go for six weeks ending August 3rd. There will also be a Read-to-Me program for children born in 1998 through entering 1st grade. Please check the next newsletter for more complete information and special programs.

Adult Programs

Book Discussions



Evening book discussions will continue at Bill Library. Meetings are usually held the third Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in the Bill Branch Community Room. New participants are always welcome and evening refreshments are abundant.

March 20: *The Soloist* by Mark Saltzman.
Music, Child prodigies, cellists, art, Zen, Buddhism, law, jury duty and the insanity plea... What else could you ask for in a novel? Come join us to discuss this book by the author of *Iron and Silk* and *The Laughing Sutra*.

April 17: *Wait Till Next Year* by Doris Kerns Goodwin. This book is a memoir of the author's girlhood memories of the New York City suburbs, the rivalries between three New York Major League baseball teams, The Dodgers, The Yankees, and The Giants; growing up in the Catholic church during the 50's, McCarthyism and the Cold War.

May 15: *Little America* by Henry Bromell. This book was selected as a companion to the program on Middle Eastern cooking. *Little America* is a political thriller involving a father and son, the CIA, and the Middle East during the 1950's. The book received a starred review from Booklist. In addition to

writing books, Henry Bromell has also written and produced several television series including Northern Exposure and Chicago Hope.

June 19 *Snow In August* by Pete Hamill. The One Book One Read title, will be the focus of our discussion in June. Multiple copies of this title are already available at both Bill and Gales Ferry Library.

Tara's Thistle

April 10, Wed. 7 P.M. Bill Library

Join us for a one hour program of Celtic music and stories, including songs of Scotland and Ireland. Bruce and Sandy Hedman sing and play guitar, bodhran, great highland bagpipes, dulcimer, harmonica, Irish flute and pennywhistle.



Fabulous Feasts and Folios: Middle Eastern Food Tasting

May 11, Sat. 12:30 P.M. Bill Library
Please Register

Due to popular demand, we will be offering a follow-up to the recent cooking through the ages program on Medieval dishes. Jennifer Finlayson and Andrea Buka will prepare the food and make the presentation. This will be a companion program to the May Book discussion which features a book set in the Middle East.

Antiques Appraisal Program

June 8, Sat. 9 A.M. - 1 P.M.

Ledyard Congregational Church
The Bill Library Association and the Ledyard Library Friends are sponsoring an antique appraisal and chowder luncheon. Verbal appraisals will be given for \$5 for each item. You may bring a picture of large or heavy items. We plan to have appraisers with expertise in various areas such as jewelry, books, textiles, paintings, toys etc. This function is for verbal appraisal only; no money transactions will be allowed. You are responsible for the safety of you items. Come and join the fun and learn a little about antiques! Muffins and beverages will be available and the famous Bill Trustee Chowder luncheon will be from 11-1.

Computer Workshops

Internet and iCONN workshops will be offered upon request. If you are interested in learning more about getting on the Internet or how to use iCONN let us know. We will be happy to schedule a training session for you.



National Library Week Activities

What do you love about your library? To celebrate National Library Week April 14 - 20th, the Ledyard Libraries are hosting an art show for anyone, child or adult, who would like to bring in a picture, sculpture, fabric work, or other art media to celebrate libraries and what you love about your library. Everyone who brings in something to display will receive a special bookmark. We will display your art work through mid May. Bring in your creation between April 10th and April 13th.

In addition the Friends of the Library will offer free coffee and doughnuts on Saturday mornings at Bill Library during April. Come enjoy your coffee on us while you look for your books and videos.

From the Children's Room

Newbery and Caldecott Award Winners for 2002

Newbery Award:

A Single Shard. Linda Sue Park

Newbery Honor:

Everything on a Waffle. Polly Horvath

Carver: a Life in Poems. Marilyn Nelson

Caldecott Award:

The Three Pigs. David Wiesner

Caldecott Honor:

Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin

Luther King Jr. Dorothy Rappaport

The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins: An

Illuminating History of Mr. Waterhouse

Hawkins, Artist and Lecturer. Barbara Kerley

The Stray Dog. Marc Simont

Ledyard Middle School Art Display

The Bill Library is featuring a display of artwork created by the Ledyard Middle School students. Several examples of mixed media paintings, charcoal drawings and symmetrical prints grace the ends of the book stacks at Bill Library. The display cases feature samples of batik pillows made by the students.

Warm Up to a Good Book

We have just completed a very successful first annual winter reading program for adults. The six week program had 142 people registered at the Bill and Gales Ferry Libraries. They participated by submitting a coupon for each book read during the program. Weekly raffle drawings were held at each library. The lucky winners were Barbara Korolkiewicz (twice), Judy Toth, Susan P. Davis, Mildred Whipple, Kelly Rodriguez, Rebecca Nash, Naomi Crowley, Diana Wall, Karen Ysewyn, Kathleen Cieplik and Tom Harvey. Prizes, provided by the Ledyard Library Friends, included a paperback book, journal, box of candy, food basket, picture frame and coffee mug.

In addition to the raffles, programs were presented by talented staff members each week. Charlotte Windom facilitated a discussion of the books of Anita Shreve at the Gales Ferry Library, Jennifer Pietras presented a journaling workshop at the Bill Library, Nancy Brewer taught the uses of polymer clay at the Gales Ferry Library, Andrea Buka demonstrated medieval cooking at the Bill Library, Gail Marceau showed the usage of the internet and other library resources for valuing antiques at Bill Library and a book café was held at the Gales Ferry Library. All of the programs were well attended.

We look forward to the winter rming an annual event and welcome your suggesteading program becoions for making it even more fun in the future.

Museum Pass Update

The Ledyard Libraries have two new passes available for loan to the public.

Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center, Mystic
Gales Ferry Library
Admits One Household Free

Science Center of Eastern Connecticut,
New London Bill Library
Half off admission

We also have passes for Florence Griswold Museum, Mystic Aquarium, Peabody Museum, Children's Museum, Wadsworth Athenaeum and Roger Williams Zoo. School vacation is coming up in April - what a perfect opportunity to visit one of the area museums. Check it out!

SUGGESTION BOX



The following suggestion was recently found in the suggestion box.

1. Books on Aquariums and Tropical Fish keeping and new books on photography. **Answer:** We will try to get some.

Thank you for the suggestions!

Display Case

The library display case is available to display your favorite collection or hobby . If you have something you would like to share we will be happy to book the display case for you. For more information call Marty Hubbard at Bill Library.

March - April Artwork of Ledyard Middle
School Students

May Lyme Disease Awareness

Bill Library Collectible is now Available!



Cat's Meow Village has designed a collectible of the original portion of the Bill Library. It is very detailed and includes a cat on the porch which is a trademark of this company. The pieces

are signed and dated and have a brief description on the back. The Ledyard Library Friends are sponsoring this unique fund raiser with proceeds going to the building fund for the new addition. The collectible costs \$18.93 which is the year the original Bill Library building was completed and dedicated in memory of Henry Bill. You may purchase the building at either the Bill or Gales Ferry Libraries.

Book Preview



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

Higgins, Jack	Midnight Runner	Apr
Shreve, Anita	Sea Glass	Apr
Woods, Stuart	The Short Forever	Apr
Auel, Jean	The Shelter's of Stone	May
McMurtry, Larry	Sin Killer	May
Sandford, John	Mortal Prey	May
Wambaugh, Joseph	Fire Lover	May
Clark, Mary	Mount Vernon Love	
Higgins	Story	Jun
Collins, Jackie	Deadly Embrace	Jun
Goudge, Eileen	Taste of Honey	Jun
Hillerman, Tony	The Waiting Wind	Jun
Patterson, James	The Beach House	Jun
Trollope, Joanna	Girl from the South	Jun
Brown, Dale	Wings of Fire	Jul
Coulter, Catherine	Eleventh Hour	Jul
Sanders, Lawrence	McNally's Alibi	Jul
Steel, Danielle	Sunset in St. Tropez	Jul

Building Committee News

The Building Committee continues to work behind the scenes on the Bill Library addition. Some new fund raisers have been initiated by the Library Friends and the Bill Library Association. The Mayor has included the addition in his Capital Improvement budget.

Friends News

Governor Rowland has designated April 2002 as Friends of the Library Month. In his official statement he states "a strong public library is a vital pillar of a strong community, linking us to each other and to the ideas and events of yesterday and today.....Libraries have become powerful equalizing forces in society because every visitor is welcome, and knowledge is free to all regardless of personal wealth or position."

Diane Smith, award winning journalist, author and co-host of WTIC-AM News Talk is the honorary spokesperson for this year's Friend's of the Library Month. She states "Although the internet means there is a world of information as close as a computer's keyboard, librarians are still the world's best "search engines".

The Ledyard Library Friends have served the Ledyard Libraries over the years by assuming various roles as needed. Currently, we fill the role of fund raising for the "extras" for the libraries with our book sales. The Friends are proud of the services the Ledyard Libraries provide and our new focus is to let people know! Join the Friends today and help us support Ledyard's great resource. Membership forms are available at both libraries.

Holiday Hours

Fri.	March 29	Good Friday	Closed
Sun.	March 31	Easter	Closed
Sun.	May 26	Memorial Day	Closed
Mon.	May 27	Memorial Day	Closed

LIBRARY HOURS

BILL

464-9912

Mon - Thurs 9-9

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Sunday 1-5

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Sunday 1-5

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