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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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A Touch of the Past

The Ledyard Library Friends are joining with The Bill Library Association and The Ledyard Historical Society for a "A Touch of the Past." on Saturday, April 26th from 9-2 at the Ledyard Congregational Church. This fund raiser for the Bill Library Addition will feature antique appraisals, a bus tour of Ledyard, booksale, print/poster sale and bake sale table.

Verbal antique appraisals will be available for \$5 from authorities in the field. Allison Goodsell will appraise books and paper, Arthur Liverant, general antiques, Paul and Bonnie Russ, general antiques, Carolyn Yost, jewelry, Jeff Pearson, tools and lighting and Evelyn Kennedy, textiles.

A bus tour of historic landmarks will be narrated by our town historian, Jan Bell. The hour long tour is \$10 or \$13 with the luncheon. Space is limited on the bus so reserve your seat early. For ticket information call the library.

Breakfast pastries will be available from 9-11 followed by a luscious luncheon (\$6) of lasagna roll-ups, garlic bread, salad, choice of dessert and a beverage.

A print and poster sale will include noted artists Albert Bierstadt, Winslow Homer and Morris Rosenfeld.

The Ledyard Library Friends table will include a select booksale featuring regional interest, antiques, children's and more. The Cat's Meow Village of both the Bill Library and the Gales Ferry Library will be available.

There will be a delicious bakesale and much, much more. Please join us for a fun day!

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.

Tuesday, April 15 Multicultural Storyteller 10:00 Ledyard Congregational Church

Ouida Williams-Haynesey will be sharing with us the wonderful stories of Africa and the Caribbean. The program is designed for audience participation. Although the show is geared toward elementary school children, it will be fun for everyone! Co-sponsored by the Ledyard Youth Services, the program is free and open to the public at Ledyard Center School. There is no registration required.

Wednesday April 16 Kit and Kaboodle 10:00 A.M. Ledyard Center School

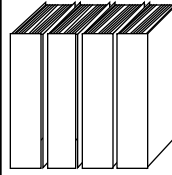
Kit and Kaboodle is a traveling children's theatre troupe that will present a fantastic show with poetry, movement and music. There will be fun galore in this energetic and educational program. K and K have designed this show to help promote self esteem and make good choices (but don't tell the kids - they'll never know they will be learning something)! Co-sponsored by the Ledyard Public Libraries and Ledyard Youth Services, the program is free and open to the public. There is no registration required.

Summer Program Alert

We are in the process of designing our summer reading program and to give you a sneak preview, it is called "Branch Out and Read @ your Library™". There will be fun activities and lots of great books to read! Registration will begin June 16th and the kids can start playing June 23rd. It will go for six weeks ending August 5th. There will also be a Read- to- Me program for children born in 1999 through entering 1st grade. Please check the next newsletter for more complete information and special programs.

Adult Programs

Book Discussions



Our monthly book discussions will continue 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:

March 19th: *A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius* by Dave Eggers. An autobiographical account of Egger's attempts to raise a younger brother after the death of his parents, struggling through founding and losing his first magazine. Even the versus page (copyright page) and preface of this book are very unusual.

April 16th: *The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith. This is the first of a series of mysteries that take place in Botswana. Precious Ramotswe is the only female private investigator in the country and she conducts her investigation from a manual and frequent references as to how Agatha Christie would have done things. Author Alexander McCall Smith, the leading authority on Botswana's constitutional law, writes with such beautiful simplicity, some suggest he may actually give lawyers a good name.

May 21st: *Desert Queen* by Janet Wallach. Gertrude Bell was an extraordinary British Victorian woman who explored, mapped and wrote about the Middle East long before it was fashionable. She became a respected advisor to British intelligence agents and was a strong ally of Lawrence of Arabia. This biography may leave you with a new view of how Iraq might have turned out.

June 18th: *Eva Moves the Furniture* by Margot Livesey. Eva's birth is marked with the omen of 6 magpies congregating in a tree. Before the night is over, her mother dies. Eva is then raised by her aunt and heartsick father, is lonely and miserable, and sees two ghosts who are invisible to all others. Part fairy tale, part ghost story, this book is truly different!

Ledyard Writer's Group

A new writing group for local writers will be meeting the first and third Tuesdays of the each month at 7 pm beginning in March. Drop-ins are welcome but please come in to register beforehand and fill out a writer's questionnaire to let us know your specific interests so we can better meet everyone's needs. For more information contact Barbara Harris, Ledyard Library Assistant at Bill Branch or via email at LedyardWriters@aol.com. Mark your calendar with these dates

- April 1 • April 15 • May 6
- May 20 • June 3 • June 17

Health Series

Two members of the group practice Natura Medica will be speaking at Bill Library during the month of April. The practice uses natural therapies to treat both acute and chronic health problems. All talks will begin a 7 pm. Please join us for these informative sessions

Wednesday, April 2nd - Back Pain

Karl M. Goldkamp, N.D., L.Ac., will speak about Back pain and what you can do about arthritis.

Wednesday April 23rd - Hormone Replacement

Therapy Karl M. Goldkamp, N.D., L.Ac., will speak on Naturopathic and traditional Chinese medical approaches to Hormone Replacement Therapy.

Wednesday April 30th - Syndrome X and Type

II Diabetes Bert A, Schwartz, N.D., L.Ac., will speak about How to Prevent and reverse Syndrome X and Type II Diabetes.

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.

Go Fly a Kite! (First You'll Need to Make it) April 12th, Sat. 2 p.m. Bill Library

National Kite Month begins April 1st this year and there are several kite flying clubs in the area. A local volunteer, Dan Dyer will be at Bill Library to talk about kite

flying, display some of his kites, and help children and adults make some Japanese fighting kites. This promises to be a great family event.

From the Reference Desk

Encyclopedia of Careers and Vocational Guidance One of our newest additions to the Reference Collection is this four volume set on careers and vocational guidance. Students will find this source useful for school assignments but in this time of economic uncertainty and job-layoffs, job seekers will find information about new career paths, organizations to contact, as well as predictions for the industry and potential starting salaries in each position.

Several new music CD's have recently been added to the libraries collection. Below are a few examples.

Bel Canto by Renee Fleming
BL&GF New CDs 782.1 Fle Ope

Home by the Dixie Chicks
GF New CDs 784.52 Dix Cou

Pavarotti and His Friends by Pavarotti, et al
BL New CDs 784 Pav Voc

Rising by Bruce Springsteen
BL&GF New CDs 784.5 Spr Pop

Room For Squares by John Meyer
BL New CDs 784.54 May Roc

Elvis (30 #1 Hits) by Elvis Presley
GF New CDs 784.54 Pre Roc

Newbery and Caldecott award winners for 2002

Newbery Award:

Crispin: The Cross of Lead by Avi (B,GF)

Newbery Honor:

House of the Scorpion. by Nancy Farmer (B,GF)
Pictures of Hollis Woods. by Patricia R. Giff (B, GF)
Hoot by Carl Hiassen (B,GF)
Corner of the Universe. by Ann Martin (B,GF)
Surviving the Applewhites. by Stephanie Tolan (B,GF)

Caldecott Award:

My Friend Rabbit. by Eric Rohmann (B, GF)

Caldecott Honors:

Spider and the Fly by Mary Howitt (B,GF)
Hondo and Fabian. by Peter McCarty (B,GF)
Noah's Ark. by Jerry Pinckney (B, GF)

Piano Music @ Your Library™



Bill Library now has over 250 pieces of piano sheet music that may be checked out by patrons. The idea to collect and circulate this sheet music came from Tracy Albanese, a local Girl Scout working on her Gold

Award. Tracy has encouraged many wonderful donations of sheet music from the community, created an index to the music we own, has sewn and bound over 150 pieces of music into protective binders, and processed these pieces of music for you to check out. Many of the pieces of music were donated a few years ago by Dot Clark. This became the basis for creating such a collection which Tracy made happen. Please look over the new collection which includes selections from Brahms and Beethoven to Christmas Carols and from piano duets to "The Long and Winding Road" and "Disney Classics."

One Book One Region

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury is the "One Book" chosen for all to read during the spring, summer and fall of 2003 in Eastern Connecticut. Chris Bradley, director of Eastern Connecticut Libraries, said, "We are delighted to be promoting a novel that celebrates the value of books." One Book. One Region, sponsored by libraries, schools, literacy agencies, community groups and readers, is similar to other reading projects around the country that encourage the entire community to read the same book.

Bradbury's novel is a futuristic fable in which literature is illegal and fireman start fires, not stop them, by burning any building in which books have been found. On the 50th anniversary of the publication of *Fahrenheit 451*, the novel tackles issues that are still

important today - freedom of speech, the value of imagination and the power of the individual. Although he is billed as the "world's greatest living science fiction writer," Bradbury says that *Fahrenheit 451*, first published in 1953, is his only science fiction novel. At 82, he resides in Los Angeles and is still at work writing novels, essays, poetry and screenplays. He is also the author of *The Martian Chronicles*, *Dandelion Wine* and *Something Wicked This Way Comes*. (Copyright 2003 by Eastern Connecticut Libraries. All rights reserved.)

Ledyard Public Libraries has ordered multiple copies of this book and will announce it's book discussion date in the near future.

Holiday Hours

April 18	Good Friday	Closed
April 20	Easter	Closed
May 25	Memorial Day	Closed
May 26	Memorial Day	Closed

SUGGESTION BOX

The following suggestions were recently found in the suggestion box.



1. I'd love to see the Great Migration Series continued in the reference department
Answer: The set we now have was purchased with a grant for the local history room. Unfortunately we do not have the funds to purchase nor the room to shelve the remaining volumes in the set. The focus of the Historical room is more toward local history and genealogy.
2. I would like to see more young adult books added to the collection.
Answer: This is a comment we hear a lot and while we do continue to add to the young adult collection we are limited by the space we have available.

Thank you for the suggestions and the votes of confidence we received also!

Historical Research Room

Why is it called Stoddard's Wharf? Where did the name Town Farm Road come from? Do

you know where Pine Swamp is? Did you know Long Cove was once called Mast Cove - and why?

The Historical Research Room at the Bill Library has the answers to these questions and more if you are willing to look and dig for the information. And, in the process you might discover a lot of little known facts about Ledyard, and maybe an ancestor or two. Who knows! Until you explore the resources about Ledyard history in clippings, original papers, old letters, local diaries, photographs and much more. The Research Room is open and manned a few hours each week. The current schedule is Monday, 7-9 p.m.; Tuesday, 1-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.; Wednesday 1-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. and Thursday 1-4 p.m.

Local history can be fun, enlightening, surprising, sometimes a little "racy" and sometimes a little dull! Explore our resources!

Book Preview



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

Berger, Thomas	Best Friends	May
Devereaux, Jude	Wild Orchids	May
Hillerman, Tony	The Sinister Pig	May
McMurtry, Larry	The Berrybender Narratives	May
Quick, Amanda	Late for the Wedding	May
Sandford, John	Naked Prey	May
Bryson, Bill	A Short History of Nearly Everything	May
Kolata, Gina	Ultimate Fitness	May
Brown, Dale	Air Battle Force	June
Cussler, Clive	White Death	June
Delinski, Barbara	Flirting with Pete	June
Higgins, Jack	Bad Company	June
Kellerman, Jonathan	A Cold Heart	June
Koontz, Dean	The Face	June
Patterson, James	The Lake House	June
Rowling, J. K.	Harry Potter & the Order of the Phoenix	June
Scottoline, Lisa	Dead Ringer	June

Obesity Grant

The Town of Ledyard has been awarded a grant through the CDC to tackle the obesity epidemic. This is a community-level pilot

project to make policy and environmental changes.

The goals are to promote good nutrition and increase physical activity in our schools and community. There have been several work group and focus group meetings at the Bill Library to gather residents' opinions. Every town resident is invited to the Community Forum on Tuesday, April 29th, at 7 PM at Ledyard Middle School. This is your chance to contribute ideas to develop an action plan that is community-supported.

We value your opinion! Healthy, tasty refreshments will be served.

Building Committee News

The Building Committee continues to work towards moving the addition project forward. A second public appeal is planned for this spring and we hope you will do all you can to help. The Committee has decided to contract with the architect to have more of the design work done on the project. This additional detail will serve to reconfirm the estimates and prepare the project for moving forward. The Friends of the Library have funded copies of the plans on foam core boards that we hope to display around town. In addition students at Ella Grasso vocational Tech are working on a computerized "Virtual Tour" of the proposed library that will show the interior in 3- D. This "tour" will be transferred to an 8-10 minute video tape that will be available at the library.

Friends News



Coming soon, a "Cats Meow" cut out of Gales Ferry Library. These charming pieces will be available at the appraisal day event

April 26th and in both libraries. Bill Library cut outs are also available.

The Gales Ferry booksale will be held May 29th - June 6th at Gales Ferry Library. Stock up on your reading material for summer vacation.

Marie W. Olson, President

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Fri - Sat 9-5

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