



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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Ledyard Library Commission

The Ledyard Libraries are governed by a nine-member Library Commission whose members are appointed by the Town Council. The Library Commission was created by an ordinance of the Town Council adopted on September 27, 1972. The Library Commission establishes policies for the library, recommends the employment of a library director, adopts a budget for the libraries and presents it to the Mayor and Town Council, expends the monies in the budget, establishes and maintains with Council approval facilities and services as needed within the town, accepts gifts to the libraries and reports annually to the town.



The Library Commission meets on the third Monday of the month at alternating libraries except for January and February when they meet the fourth Monday and the budget meeting in December which is the second Monday. All meetings are open to the public. Members of the Commission are: Jean Scialabba, Chairman; Sandra Seaton, Vice-Chairman; Charlotte Sanford, Recording Secretary; Cindy Lyon-Blomstedt, Treasurer; Leo Wright, Corresponding Secretary; Tara Borden, Karen Davies, Rebecca Graebner, Susan Zebrosky and Robert Kish, Liaison from the Town Council

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.

Flock Theatre Presents:

"Traveling Trunk Show"

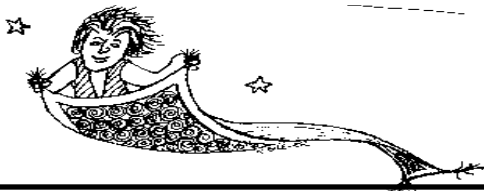
Tuesday, April 17 10:00 am
Ledyard Center School

This is a great puppet show featuring two puppet friends, Chris and Stu. There will be fun galore in this energetic and educational program. The Flock Theatre has designed this show to help learn manners and make good choices (but don't tell the kids - they'll never know they will be learning something)! 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.

Please check with the library for more exciting April vacation programs we will be bringing you. The details are not finalized at this time.

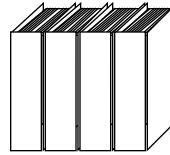
Summer Program Alert

We are in the process of designing our summer reading program and to give you a sneak preview, it will be a folk and fairy tale mystery map. The theme this summer will be "Book a Magic Carpet Ride!" Registration begins June 18th and the kids can start playing June 20th. The program runs for six and a half weeks ending August 4th. 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 continue on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 pm at Bill Library. Books to be considered in the next months are:

March 21: *The Weight of Water* by Anita Shreve relates a dual story both contemporary and historical.

April 18: *Iron & Silk*, the highly acclaimed book by Connecticut native Mark Salzman is a collection of anecdotes about his two years in China teaching English and studying kung fu with a Chinese expert.

May 16: *Where the Road Goes* is a compelling story by best selling author Joanne Greenberg cleverly using letters from different family members to explain events as grandmother "Tig" treks cross-country on an environmental crusade.

Internet Workshops



Once again we are offering Internet workshops. In addition to basic introductory sessions we have added some intermediate classes that will focus on searching tips and email.

Wednesday April 11 7:30 p.m.
Searching tips and Techniques; email and shopping online (Same as above)
Sunday April 22 2:30 p.m.
Searching tips and Techniques; email and shopping online (Same as above)
Wednesday May 16 7:30 p.m.
Introduction to the Internet

Investment Seminars:

Bill Library, 7 p.m.
April 23, April 30, May 14

On 3 Monday evenings William J. Symons, investment representative from Edward Jones in Groton will present informative programs on all aspects of financial planning including what investments are available, the risks involved, retirement concerns, and more. The free sessions are open to all.

From the Children's Room

Newbery and Caldecott Award Winners for 2001

Newbery Award:

Year Down Yonder by Richard Peck (B,GF)

Newbery Honor:

Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo
(on order)

Hope was Here by Joan Bauer (B)

Joey Pigza Loses Control by Jack Gantos (GF)

The Wanderer by Sharon Creech (on order)

Caldecott Award:

So You Want to be President? by Judith
St.George (B, GF)

Caldecott Honors:

Casey at the Bat by Ernest Lawrence Thayer
(GF)

Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type by Doreen
Cronin (B,GF)

Olivia by Ian Falconer (B, GF)

The books that are not listed as being held by either Bill or Gales Ferry Library are on order and will be available soon.

From the Reference Desk

Aquatic Life of the World is a beautiful new 11 volume set recently added at Bill Library. Each page has color photos or diagrams illustrating the animals, plants and habitats of the marine world. Students should find this a helpful source for homework assignments.

At a recent workshop James Baranowski, an Adjunct Professor of Computer Courses at Tunxis Community College discussed favorite web sites for investment resources on the Internet. While stressing that information should be gleaned from several sources before decisions are made he favors:

www.123jump.com - This global network of analysts and writers provides investors information relating to worldwide financial matters.

www.wisi.com - Wright Investor's Service provides a wide array of investment

management solutions for today's individual investor.

www.10kwizard.com - This site provides a good source for company and fund profiles and comparisons and a real time link to the SEC's filings.

Galenet, an online reference tool is available through our PAC terminals. They include databases for:

Contemporary Authors A bio-bibliographical guide to current writers in fiction, general nonfiction, poetry, journalism, drama, motion pictures, television, and other fields. Provides complete biographical and bibliographical references for more than 90,000 authors in the U.S. and around the world.

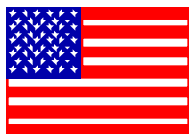
DISCovering Science Provides comprehensive coverage of the following scientific disciplines: Physical and applied sciences, Medicine, Technology, Information sciences and Mathematics.

DISCovering U.S. History Goes beyond dates and places to provide users with a contextual understanding of the commonly studied people, events and social movements that have shaped America. In DISCovering U.S. History users will find comprehensive and engaging essays devoted to such diverse topics as: Government and Politics; Art, Dance, Film and Music; Business and the Economy; Science and Technology; and Social History.

Gales Ready Reference Shelf Integrates 14 of Gales most popular reference directories. It contains more than 320,000 listings for associations, research centers, publishers, publications (ranging from newspapers and newsletters to periodicals and directories), databases, television and radio stations, and more. Fully searchable across all files.

Holiday Hours

Fri.	Apr. 13	Good Friday	Closed
Sun.	Apr. 15	Easter	Closed
Sun.	May 27	Memorial Day	Closed
Mon.	May 28	Memorial Day	Closed



Memorial Day Parade

As in the past, we will be participating in the Ledyard Memorial Day Parade this year. We usually try to advertise our upcoming Summer Reading Program theme. If you are interested in walking in the parade with us or perhaps loaning us a costume or prop, please contact Jan at Gales Ferry Library, 464-6943. Any costumes or props you may have in reference to Harry Potter, Winnie the Pooh, Cinderella, Magic Treehouse books, Wizard of Oz, Little Mermaid, Aladdin and more, please call.

Did you know. . . .

The libraries offer many services that our patrons may not be aware of and are often surprised to hear about. In an effort to remind you of all the things we offer a "Did you Know" column will be included in our newsletter. We know that many of you may know about these but since we always have new patrons coming in we want to be sure they know about it also.

- **We have a web site allowing you access to the catalog?** That means you can search both in the library or from a remote location at any time of day or night!
www.lioninc.org/ledyard
- **We have a magazine index on our PAC terminals where you can find full text articles?** Ebscohost is great for research, so ask about the magazine index! Can also be accessed from our web site.
- **Senior Citizens are exempt from paying fines on overdue books, CDs, or audiotapes?** When you reach 60 years of age, let the staff know and we will enter you in our computer as a Senior. Overdue fines will still apply to overdue videos.
- **You can enjoy free or discounted entertainment by checking out museum passes from either Bill or Gales Ferry libraries (limit of one per family).** These include: Mystic Aquarium, Mystic, CT, discount passes good for two adults@\$10 each and two children@\$6.00 each, available at both libraries.

Peabody Museum of Natural History, Yale University in New Haven, CT, FREE passes good for two adults and two children 3-17 OR one adult and three children, available at both libraries
Roger Williams Zoo, Providence, RI, discount pass (good for 4 people), \$3/Adult, \$1.75/child, available at Bill Library.
Science Center of Eastern CT FREE pass located in New London, CT (good for 1 family of 2 Adults and 4 Children under 18 yrs.), available at Bill Library.
Childrens Museum of Southeastern CT, Niantic, CT, FREE pass admits 4 people of any age.

SUGGESTION BOX

The following suggestions were recently found in the suggestion box.



1. Put hooks in the restrooms
We have done this.
2. Include a video drop in the new addition.
A video drop will be included in the addition
3. Please consider having a U.S. Mailbox outside the library as part of your renovation plans.
We will look into this.

Keep the suggestions coming, we like to hear from you.

Display Case

The following items will be on display at Bill Library this spring. If you have an interesting or unusual collection you would like to share we will be happy to book the display case for you. For more information call Ann King at Bill Library .

April: CHOOSE CT. , an organization of homeschoolers, will display projects of local students.

June: A collection of banks will be on display.

Book Preview



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

McCaffrey, Anne	The Skies of Pern	April
Plain, Belva	Looking Back	April
Pronzini, Bill	In an Evil Time	April
Quick, Amanda	Slightly Shady	April
Steel, Danielle	Lone Eagle	April
Westlake, Donald	Bad News	April
Woods, Stuart	Cold Paradise	April
LeGuin, Ursula	Tales From Earthsea	May
Peters, Elizabeth	Lord of the Silent	June
Rather, Dan	The American Dream	June
Roth, Phillip	The Dying Animal	June
Theroux, Paul	Hotel Honolulu	June

Holiday Bazaar planned

Attention talented library friends! A holiday bazaar is being planned for next November to benefit the Bill Library Addition building fund. We are looking for donations of handmade items, baked goods or plants for the sale. You may also donate an item for a White Elephant Table with the understanding that any unsold items will be returned to you. If you have a talent and would like to contribute something please contact Andrea at 446-0838 or leave a message for her at the library. Begin now and have plenty of time to create your special art or craft item to donate.

Building Committee News

The building committee has been working to promote the Bill Library Addition project. Committee members have been visiting community groups and organizations to talk about the project and answer questions. A reception for business owners was held at the library on March 2nd. Businesses throughout town were invited to come and hear about the project. The fund raising task force will be sending out appeal letters to all residents in the next few weeks asking for pledges to support the addition. Contributions may be pledged over 3

years. A "Founders Club" has been established for those who pledge a contribution of \$1,893 or more. 1893 was the year the original Bill Library was built. Please take the time to read the letter and offer your support. The building committee is committed to raising \$1,000,000 to offset the total cost of the project which is estimated to be \$3,500,000. We are over halfway to our goal with over \$500,000 raised to date.

Friends News

Although there was a very small turn out at our meeting on January 25, the Ledyard Library Friends disbursed over \$10,000 for the wish list presented by library director, Gale Bradbury. Funds will be used to purchase a color printer, tables, museum passes and signs, contribute to the building fund and children's programs.

On Saturday, February 10, the Friends sponsored "A Book Affair to Remember", a romance book sale. The sale also included gift items and a silent auction. Donations for the silent auction were received from Holdridge's, Better Value, Affordable Fabrics, Jan Dawson, an independent Longeberger Basket representative, and Friends of the library. Proceeds from the sale benefited the Bill Library Addition Building Fund. Thank you to the Friends who helped make the sale a success.

The Gales Ferry Book Sale will be held from June 1 - 8 this year. Linda DeRose will be calling people to work and we hope you will say yes. If you are available to help set up for the sale, please call Mary Ellen Osborne, 464-2809. We are no longer accepting book donations at Gales Ferry Library, but donations may still be taken to Bill Library. Many thanks to Jean Scialabba and Marie Olson; who have been diligently sorting the books at Bill.

If you have not yet paid your dues for this year, you will be receiving a notice shortly. Payment may be made at either library or by mail to P.O. Box 225, Ledyard, CT 06339.

LIBRARY HOURS

BILL

464-9912

Mon - Thurs 9-9

Fri - Sat 9-5

Sunday 1-5

e-mail:

bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org

GALES FERRY

464-6943

Mon - Thurs 9-8

Fri - Sat 9-5

Sunday 1-5

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