



# 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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### One Book One Region

A new book for the 2004 One Book One Region was selected in May for reading and discussion over the summer. These books are chosen to encourage the building of communities and conversations among neighbors and students in the Southeaster Connecticut region. The new selection, *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini will be presented at area libraries throughout the summer and early fall. Our book discussion will take place September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm (see Adult Programming.) Bookmarks which list the dates of Kite Making Workshops, Afghan Film Series, lectures about Afghanistan and book discussions at other libraries this summer are available at both libraries. The author who appeared at Groton Public Library for the kick-off event in May will return to the area on September 20 and 21<sup>st</sup> to speak to the public at Norwich Free Academy, Eastern Connecticut State University, Fitch High School in Groton, and at the Groton Senior Center. Don't miss Khaled Hosseini! He is an incredible author, and his descriptions of experiences in Afghanistan, France, and the US are spellbinding to say the least. Come check out a copy of *The Kite Runner* then get ready to talk with friends and neighbors about this wonderful book.

## Children's Programs

Let's go on a safari and have an African Adventure at the library this summer! We have a great summer reading program for ages 4 and up. Registration begins Monday, June 21st at Bill or Gales Ferry Library. Please register at the library where each individual program is being offered. Our phone numbers are: Bill Library 464-9912, or Gales Ferry Library 464-6943. All programs are free and open to the public.



Mrs. Brewer promotes summer reading to a sixth grade class

### Read to Me Reading Program June 21 – August 7

Children turning 4 years old in 2004 up through entering 1st grade may register for this program and will receive a coloring sheet with 10 pictures. For each book read independently (or read to them) the child colors in one picture and writes the title on the back of the sheet. After all 10 pictures are colored and every title recorded, return the sheet to Bill or Gales Ferry library (where the child is registered) for a prize. If the child completes 5 sheets before August 7, they will win a paperback book. *Last date to return READ TO ME sheets is August 7th!*



### Adventure: Africa! June 21 – August 7

Children entering 2nd grade through entering 6th grade are eligible for the Africa program. The purpose this summer is for participants to learn about the different countries in Africa. Each child must

read for one hour before coming to the library and getting their reading booklet. For each block of time read participants may choose a country and will get a letter clue for a sentence they must complete to win the final prize. There is also a puzzle they can finish to get a prize. There are activities included in the booklets for extra puzzle pieces or earn pieces by visiting the library, attending the programs, and reading. Each elementary school has been given a challenge that will result in Mrs. Brewer's change of hair color for a day! *The last date to play is August 7th!*

## Special Programs

### \*Lion Cubs Storytime

Tuesdays July 6 – Aug. 3 Gales Ferry Library  
9:30 – 10:00 am (ages 3 – 6)  
Join us for summer stories, songs and special activities. Please register at GF library.

### \*Sidewalk Art Contest

Wednesday June 30 10:00 a.m.  
Bill Library (ages 6 – 10)  
Show us your skill and decorate one of the sections of sidewalk outside the Bill Library. Space is limited so don't delay registering! There will be prizes for all. Bring your own sidewalk chalk if you have it. (Rain date July 1st.)



### \*Algerian sand crafts

Thursday July 8 Gales Ferry Library  
9:30 Gr. K – 2  
10:30 Gr. 3 – 4  
Make your own sand creations that you can take home for all to see!

### Lullaby Story Time & Teddy Bear Sleepover

Thursday July 8<sup>th</sup> Gales Ferry Library  
7:00 p.m. Ages 3-7  
Join us with your favorite stuffed buddy to enjoy stories and songs, read and played or sung by our talented Teens. Your teddy bears are invited to stay for a sleepover! You may return anytime the following day to pick them up and see what they've been doing all night!



### \*Egyptian Lego Contest

Thursday July 15 Grades 2 - 5  
Bill Library 10:00 a.m.  
Gales Ferry Library 1:00 p.m.  
Bring your own Legos and build a pyramid or Egyptian temple. Leave it in the library for a week and we will have a contest to determine the winner!

**\*Mad Science of Southeastern Connecticut**

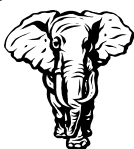
Thursday July 22 Bill Library  
9:30 a.m. Grades K – 3  
11:00 a.m. Grades 4 - 6

Join us on an interactive African adventure. Lots of fun with some cool African artifacts thrown in for good measure!

**Trunkful of Elephant Tales**

Thursday July 29 Bill Library  
10:00 a.m. All ages

Miss Peg will tell tall tales from Africa. Join us for an entertaining morning that will tickle your funny bone! Preschoolers must be accompanied with an adult.



**African Drums by the Sea**

Thursday August 5th Bill Library  
11:00 a.m. All ages

Baba David Coleman will bring a fantastic group of African drums and expertise to entertain us with his unique and talented performance. You may even be chosen to help Baba play on one of his drums! Don't miss this incredible show!

Preschoolers must be accompanied with an adult.

**\*Please register for these Programs**

**Teen Programs**

**Revolution @ your library  
Teen Summer Reading Program**

Join us for a Revolutionary Summer! Learn about revolutionary journaling, reading, hiking, cooking, history & theatre! We have many great programs planned, volunteer opportunities, and a fun way to knock out the required reading book for 9th & 10<sup>th</sup> grade at Ledyard High.

There are weekly prize drawings from the Raffle Jars with two winners at each library. To enter the drawing read a book, volunteer a shift, help with a children's program, or attend a Teen Program. Extra tickets may be added if the book read ties in with the theme in some way, i.e. American History, Politics, Voting, etc.

The volunteer opportunities include playing the summer reading game with the younger children, being a guest reader at Mrs. Brewer's story hours, helping with a children's program, and playing music, singing, or reading at a Lullaby Story hour for the little ones. (We will also be assisting with a Teddy Bear Sleepover that evening, see children's article for more details!)

Summer Reading runs from Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> to Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to a great summer @ your library!

**Special Programs**

\*Registration is required for all programs to ensure we have enough supplies for you!

**Revolutionary Journaling**

Bill Library  
6:30 p.m.

Wed. June 30<sup>th</sup>

Ray Hasson, a Pumpkin Hill Studio artist will lead this altered book workshop. Recycle damaged books into works of art and learn a creative way of journaling.



Bring interesting papers, art mediums, found objects, natural materials (shells, leaves, etc.) to incorporate into your design. A book on the subject is available to peruse at both libraries to give you some ideas!

**Revolutionary Theatre**

Bill Library  
6:30 p.m.

Wed. July 7<sup>th</sup>,

David Holdridge will talk about history and his new group, the Connecticut Outdoor Theatre.

**Revolutionary Voting**

Bill Library  
6:30 p.m.

Wed. July 14<sup>th</sup>,

Mary McGrattan, former CT State Representative will talk about voting and what it means. Learn the importance of voting, experience a voting machine, participate in a mock National election, and register yourself to vote (need to be 17 or older to register to vote).



**Revolutionary Entertainment**

Gales Ferry  
6:30 p.m.

Wed. July 21<sup>st</sup>,

Come to a Coffee House and showcase your talents, whether it's music, poetry, acting, dance, comedy or a monologue. Enjoy coffee, tea and snacks while you cheer on your friends and present your own work of art!

**Revolutionary Cooking**

Nathan Lester House  
10 a.m.

Wed, July 28<sup>th</sup>



Nathan Lester House tour and Cooking demo. We will meet at the Lester House for a tour, and then prepare a meal in the hearth and wood oven. See how the early settlers of Ledyard ate and lived!

### Revolutionary Hiking

Wed. Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>

Jennifer Pietras will lead a Letterboxing Hike on the Nathan Lester trails. Learn how to enhance your hiking by searching for "treasure" boxes. A Letterboxing kit will be supplied. Bring bug spray, water, and a small backpack or fanny pack to carry your kit in during the hike. We'll have a snack afterward in the garden next to the Lester House. Rain date is Fri., Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>.



Nathan Lester Trails  
10 a.m.

### Revolutionary Reading

Wed. Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>

Join us for a marathon reading of *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck and fulfill the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grade Ledyard High reading requirement with your friends! We will take turns reading aloud until the book is completed. We anticipate it will take about 3½ hours. There will be a dinner break, with food and drinks provided. Even if you aren't required to read it for the fall, join us anyway and listen to a good story!

Bill Library  
5:30 p.m.

### Revolutionary Teens Ice Cream Social & Awards Presentation.

Fri. Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>

Join us for the wrap up! Enjoy a sundae and see who read the most books and volunteered the most hours! Everyone will receive a certificate with their total volunteer hours for the summer. We will also discuss next year's program, and the Teen Friends of the Libraries.

Gales Ferry  
6:30 p.m.

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## Adult Programs

### Book Discussions

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

### July 21st

No Book Discussion – Happy Vacation

### August 18<sup>th</sup> Orange Prize for Fiction Nominees –

The Orange Prize for Fiction is awarded to a woman who has written in English, the best eligible full-length novel published in England (books may have been published in other countries first) between April 1st and the

following March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Awarded each year since 1996, the selections are sometimes remarkable and sometimes not even available in this country. Possible reading selections are: *Caramelo* by Sandra Cisneros, *Love* by Toni Morrison, *Oryx and Crake* by Margaret Atwood, *Unless* by Carol Shields *The Solace of Leaving Early* by Haven Kimmel, *The Little Friend* by Donna Tartt and many others. Check with Bill or Gales Ferry Libraries for other award nominee titles past and present that have been set aside. Some participants may have a chance to read more than one nominated book and several nominees have been used for previous book discussion evenings.

### September 15<sup>th</sup> The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini

(at Gales Ferry Library) This year's choice for the One Book-One Region, the book tells the story of a young boy, Amir, growing up in Afghanistan in the 1960's. His life is intricately intertwined with the son of his father's servant. The two boys, born within weeks of each other grow up like brothers (despite the fact that they are from vastly different social classes) until a crisis occurs that changes life for both boys forever. Later Amir and his father move to the US where life and Afghani social customs are sometimes maintained and sometimes ignored. Amir returns to Afghanistan as an adult and deals with the war, political power, and the faces of good and evil.

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## Computers @ Ledyard Public Libraries

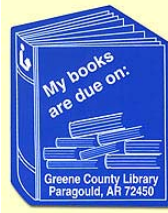


Most of the libraries' computers have been replaced as phase one of a LION system upgrade. All of the staff circulation terminals and most of the public computers have been replaced with state of the art IBM PC s. This is six new computers for Gales Ferry Library and eleven for Bill. We will redeploy two of the older machines elsewhere in Bill Library and with the exception of these two all workstations will operate with Windows XP. Funding for the computers came from LION and the Friends of the Library. The new computers have flat gel screen monitors that are more fragile than those we've had in the past. We hope that everyone will enjoy our new faster, compact computers and that all of you will help us protect and preserve this new equipment.

Phase two of the LION upgrade will occur after July 1<sup>st</sup> when the infrastructure will be upgraded with a faster network. Bill Library will utilize a DSL connection and Gales Ferry will have a faster frame relay connection. LION has undertaken this upgrade in anticipation of moving to a new graphical circulation system/online catalog. They expect the transition to occur around July 2005.

### My Books are due on....

The library is changing its method of showing the due date for borrowed books. Each time books are checked out patrons will get a receipt listing the books checked out and the date they are due. As we initiate this change a magnet will be given to patrons to post their receipt on a refrigerator or some other visible location in their house or car. We will no longer stamp each book with a due date. The magnets have been purchased by the Friends of the Library.



### From the Reference Desk

#### *Occupational Outlook Handbook 2004-2005*

A new edition of this book is published every year or two, based on the newest information about specific careers and occupations put out by the U.S. Department of Labor. Each occupational title lists an outlook for job openings, earnings for several different settings of the job and Internet sites to search for additional information. This is an excellent resource for exploring a new career opportunity.



#### *Grzimek's Animal Life Encyclopedia*

We recently purchased the entire new set of 14 volumes of this animal encyclopedia, which had not been updated since 1987. This new revision has pages of a larger format with maps, diagrams, photographs, and large descriptions of the habitat, behavior, diet, conservation issues and significance to humans, as well as a listing of additional resources in the form of books, periodicals and web sites. This has always been a strong resource for animal information and the new encyclopedia will be useful for animal reports that are due at school in the late fall!



### Parade

Staff and Friends of Ledyard Libraries marched in the Memorial Day Parade to promote the summer reading program. Thanks go to Jan Dawson and the staff who helped to organize the event, to Scott Buka for driving the Adventure Africa vehicle and to all who marched.



Nancy Brewer, Jan Dawson, Grace Duplantier, Jonathan Duplantier, Joey Bacon (behind flag), Jackie Bacon, Katie Pietras, Patricia Lefker, Megan Rasmussen and Marty Hubbard line up for the parade.

### Lion's Club donation

The Ledyard Lion's Club recently donated \$1,000 to the library to support their large print and audio book collections. The library is grateful to this organization for their ongoing support.

## Book Awards

The Bill Library Association recently gave their annual book awards to six Ledyard students. Four freshman students, selected by the English teachers for demonstrating outstanding skill in using library resources, received a copy of *Roget's Thesaurus*. They were David Billing, Erin Kelly, Samantha McCarthy and Ashlee Simonka. Two eighth students were selected to receive a copy of *The American Heritage Dictionary*. They were Alex McDonald in cluster 3 and John Gabordi in cluster 4.

The Ledyard Historical Society also presented a book award to Allyson Angelini. *Don't know much about History* by Kenneth Davis is interesting book that makes learning history fun.

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## Garden Club flowers

Flowers are blooming in front of both libraries this summer thanks to the Ledyard Garden Club. The club planted the flowers in the tub planters at both libraries. Carol Krajec, a member of the club also worked on the area to the north of the library by the green. We thank them for helping to make the libraries look good for the summer.

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## Suggestion Box

The following suggestions were recently found in the suggestion box.

- The display in the cylindrical case looks interesting, but whose collection is it, what kind of collection is it, where was it collected, why and when? Please add a summary card explaining the collection.*  
**Answer:** Thank you for a great suggestion, we will do that.
- The library could do better on more interesting fiction books that teenagers would like to read such as books by Anita Sheen. Also faster and newer computers.*  
**Answer:** *Things Unspoken* is the only novel Anita Sheen has written. Please be sure to check the YA section for great new books for teens. Several new computers have recently been installed.
- Great staff, great facility: it is a "resource" to Ledyard. I am hoping the addition/expansion does take place (and very glad the public library did not end up incorporated into the high school). When it takes place I'd hope for lots more books, cd's and videos to check out. The computers could be upgraded. If the expansion,*

*including the activity rooms, does happen, what activities will take place?*

**Answer:** Thank you for your support and encouragement. A larger activity room will allow us to do expanded programs in the library instead of moving them to the school or church. We have an opportunity to host Anita Shreve as a guest author but she requires a room that will seat at least 100. The children's program room is suitable for story hours and other programs and it will also have an area with a child size sink suitable for doing crafts and other projects. The small conference room will allow tutors and literacy volunteers to work undisturbed with their students.

- More "My America" Diary books; I enjoy them but I've read all of them so far.*

**Answer:** We recently added eight new titles to our collection. Another series you may enjoy is the "dear America" series for which we also have titles.

- This library does an excellent job! However, a wider selection of DVDs would be greatly appreciated!*

**Answer:** We're trying to build our DVD collection as quickly as possible. But this comment allows us to let you know about some important issues we face in our video collection at this time. We are continuing to buy DVDs and some VHS movies for both Bill and Gales Ferry Library. Within the last six months we have changed our policy and now allow Ledyard Libraries patrons to place holds on our copies of VHS and DVDS. Because of this new policy, we only buy one copy of a video, so that more titles can be owned between the two buildings. We've also discovered that DVDs are not as durable as the VHS medium is. DVDs tend to scratch more and need serious cleaning after only 5 or 6 uses. DVDs can only be cleaned a finite number of times before they become unreadable and permanently unusable. The Connecticut Library Consortium is currently recommending that we continue to buy some VHS films for patrons who do not have DVD players yet, and that we retain important titles on VHS due to the instability of the DVD medium. We could use your help in making our DVDs last as long as possible by avoiding temperature and humidity extremes, along with direct sunlight, storing them upright, so they don't bend, and wiping them clean with a cotton cloth, starting in the center and wiping outward in a straight line, not in a circular motion.

Thank you for your suggestions and words of praise.

## Friends News

The Ledyard Library Friends have reorganized. After years of having difficulty filling offices, a new oversight committee has been formed. The group will be called The Ledyard Library Friends Planning Committee. It is comprised of Marie Olson, Jean Scialabba, Nancy Hall, Mary Ellen Osborne, Marilyn Baseler, Pam Kalinoski and Andrea Buka. Library Director Gale Bradbury will serve in an advisory capacity. The group will meet periodically to discuss business that comes before the Friends. An annual meeting of all the Ledyard Library Friends will be held in the fall.

A questionnaire and dues notice was recently sent out to all Friends. Please return your questionnaire to either library, if you have not done so already. This will help with planning for various Friends' activities. In addition to the annual book sales at both libraries, the Friends sponsor the annual Mistletoe Craft and Bake Sale in November and assist with many other functions of the library. A group of crafters is organizing to make items for the Mistletoe Sale. If you would like to participate, call Marilyn Baseler (464-8717).

Andrea Buka is organizing a Teen Friends of the Library group. This organization is open to all in grades seven through twelve. To find out more about the group ask at either library.

The recent annual book sale held at Gales Ferry Library (June 3-12, 2004) was a success raising more than more than \$2,600.00. Once again, special thanks go to the volunteers, most of them teenagers, who put in hours of hard work in preparing for the book sale. Proceeds from the sale will be used fund reading programs and to purchase library equipment.

### Holiday Hours

<b>July 5</b>	<b>Independence Day</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>September 6</b>	<b>Labor Day</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>September 11</b>	<b>Ledyard Fair</b>	<b>Closed</b>
	<b>Bill Library only</b>	

## Book Preview



Looking for a good book to read this summer? Several well-know authors have new books coming out. We will be happy to reserve a title or two for you.

Brown, Dale	Plan of Attack	June
Coulter, Catherine	Blowout	June
Dailey, Janet	Calder Promise	June
Guest, Judith	The Tarnished Eye	June
Lustbader, Eric Van	The Bourne Legacy	June
Patterson, James	Sam's letters to Jennifer	June
Cussler, Clive	Lost City	July
Grafton, Sue	R is for Ricochet	July
Hiaasen, Carl	Skinny Dip	July
Robards, Karen	Bait	July
Steele, Danielle	Second Chance	July
Deaver, Jeffrey	Garden of Beasts	July
Erdrich, Louise	Four Souls	July
Brett, Simon	The Hanging in the Hotel	August
Brown, Sandera	Whitehot	August
McBain, Ed	Hark	August
Sanders, Lawrence	McNally's Bluff	August

# Friends Annual Bill Library Booksale

September 9 – 18

Books, games, puzzles and lots more  
Mark your calendar now



## Library Summer Hours

### BILL

464-9912

Monday – Thursday 9-9  
Friday 9-5  
Saturday 9-1  
Sunday Closed  
email: [bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto:bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org)

### GALES FERRY

464-6943

Monday – Thursday 9-8  
Friday 9-5  
Saturday 9-1  
Sunday Closed  
email: [gf-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto:gf-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org)

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