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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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Teen Summer Reading Program

Due to popular demand, Ledyard Libraries will be offering a Young Adult Summer Reading Program this year. The theme is "Jammin' @ your library™", and it will run from June 24th through August 3rd. The program has been specially designed for students entering grades 7 through 12. Participants will have a chance to win in weekly drawings by submitting slips for books read and hours spent volunteering to assist with the "Book Across America" program for the younger grades. Names will be drawn weekly throughout the program at both libraries, so the more books you read, the better your chance of winning. Prizes will include art supplies, games, books and more, and a grand prize for the most books read. Special programs have also been planned including a Pet Photo Contest, a Chess Tournament and more. See inside for details. Registration begins on June 17th at both libraries.



Children's Summer Programs

Load up your car and travel across America in our summer reading program called "Book Across America". Registration begins on Monday June 17th. Registration is at the library where the program is being offered. Please call or come in to the Bill Library at 464-9912 and Gales Ferry Library at 464-6943. All programs are free and open to the public.

Read To Me Reading Program

June 24 - August 3

Children turning 4 years old in 2002 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 3rd, they will win a paperback book! *Last date to return READ TO ME sheets is August 3rd!*



Book Across America!



June 24 - August 3
Children entering 2nd grade through entering 6th grade are eligible for the Book Across America program. This

program is based on the number of minutes read, rather than the number of books read. After reading for 30 minutes, participants will receive a game sheet (beginning June 24) and may start playing. Library books are preferred. There will be stars on the back of your game sheet to color for each 15 min. read. For each star read, (for entering grades 2 - 3) or 2 stars (for children entering grades 4 - 6), the child takes a disc from our clue bag. They will receive either a clue, activity sheet or joke, depending on what color disc they pick. Clues will correspond to blanks on our American map. The goal is to find the title, author and

state where a book was lost on vacation. There will be prizes given at various times during the game. If they can name the mystery title, author and state they will also win another prize. *The last date to play is August 3!*

Special Children's Programs

Uncle Sam's Storytime

Tuesdays 9:30 - 10:00 July 2 - 30

(No program on July 16th)

Gales Ferry Library ages 3-6

Join us for summer stories, songs and special activities. Please register at the Gales Ferry Library.

Sidewalk art Contest

Thursday 10:00 a.m. June 27

ages 6 - 10 (rain date June 28)

Come and show us your skill and decorate one of the sections of sidewalk outside the Bill Library. There will be judging and prizes for all. Bring your own sidewalk chalk if you have it! Please register at Bill Library

Americana Crafts

Wednesday, July 3 Gales Ferry Library

Patriotic Bookmarks

9:30 - 10:00 entering K - 1

American Flag

10:15 - 11:00 entering 2 - 3

Red, White and Blue Wreaths

11:15 - 12:00 entering 4 - 6

Please register!

Fun With Flight

Thursday, July 11 10:00 a.m.

Gales Ferry Library entering Gr 3 - 6

Join us as we pretend we're the Wright Brothers and design our own planes, gliders or helicopters. The Science Center of Eastern CT. will help us learn about flight. Bring home your creation! Please register.

Star Spangled Stories

Tuesday, July 16 10:00 a.m.

Bill Library All Ages.

The Act!vated Storytellers will perform a collection of "Multicultural Tales Celebrating America". This is a family of professional storytellers that travel across America doing presentations. Don't miss this incredible family troupe! Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult.

Connecticut Animal Families

Thursday, July 25 1:00 pm
 Bill Library All Ages

Denison-Pequotsepos Nature Center will present a great animal show. They will bring many different types of animals that live in Ct.

Salute to Song and Dance in America

Thursday, Aug. 1 7:00 pm
 Gales Ferry School All Ages

Bring the whole family to this fantastic show! Brian Gillie will present a colorful panorama of America's glorious and outrageous songs from the buggy to boogie and from wagon train to soul train, performed with audience participation in both song and dance!

Young Adult Programs

The Young Adult programs are open to all students in grades 7 - 12. **Please register** for the programs that interest you.

Pet Photo Contest

Monday June 24th-Wednesday July 31st
 Entries may be dropped off at either library to be displayed in the Meeting Room at Bill. Entries must be photographed by the YA, and no smaller than 3" X 5". Please put your name and phone number on the back, so we can return the photo to you. Certificates will be awarded on August 1st at the "Salute to Song and Dance in America" program which is open to all ages.

Mural Painting

Thursday, June 27th 10:00 a.m.
 Bill Library,

In conjunction with the Sidewalk Chalk event for younger children, (rain date June 28th). Come and show your creativity by painting a mural to be displayed in the library.

Scavenger Hunt

Monday, July 1st
 Bill 4:00-9:00 p.m.
 Gales Ferry 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Come learn about the library and all it has to offer, from videos to homework resources, with a scavenger hunt in the library. Drop in any time during the activity hours, but allow about 30 minutes to complete the hunt.

Bead Buddies

Thursday, July 11th 6:00-8:00 p.m.
 Gales Ferry

This will be a chance to work with small beads to make flowers, animals, and other shapes which can be used for jewelry and hair accessories, or to adorn clothing, backpacks, key chains, etc.

Musical Talent Show (2 part event)

Thursday, July 18th 7:00 p.m.

In keeping with our theme, all YA's are encouraged to show off their musical talent, be it instrumental, dance or voice. Group entries or individuals are welcome. We will be holding a rehearsal on the 17th from 6 - 9 p.m. to get organized and the 18th will be the performance. Light refreshments will be served both evenings.

Chess Clinic and Tourney-(2 part event)

Clinic at Bill,
 Tuesday, July 23rd 7:00 p.m.
 Tourney at Bill,
 Wednesday, July 24th 7:00 p.m.

There will be a chess clinic for those who are new to the game or who don't have much experience on Tuesday evening, and the tourney will be on Wednesday. There will be two categories to compete in - Novice and Advanced. A prize will be awarded to the winner in each category.

Orienteering

Thursday, July 25 Bill Library
 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Representatives from Eastern Mountain Sports will be teaching us how to use a map and compass to find our way in the outdoors. Parents are encouraged to join in the fun. YA's will be paired up for the activity, with a limit of 30 YA participants.

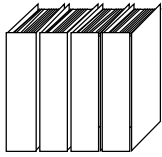
Pet Care and Dog Demo

Tuesday, July 30th 6:00 p.m.
 (Rain date Wednesday, July 31st)
 Bill Library

Valerie Roberts and Jean Scialabba will be putting their dogs through their paces. Valerie has an Irish Setter she bred and trained to run an agility course. Jean will be showing the Guiding Eyes for the Blind assistance dogs she has trained. The Visiting Vet, Heidi Seaton, will be giving pet care tips also.

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 Library Community Room. New participants are always welcome and evening refreshments are abundant.

June 19 *Snow In August* by Pete Hamill.

We will discuss the book selected by Eastern Connecticut Library as our One Book One Region selection. An Irish Catholic boy meets a newly immigrated Jewish Rabbi. They learn to deal with racism and the brutality of inner city life in 1944.

July 17 *The Shell Collector: stories* by

Anthony Doerr. A more relaxed pace of reading to go with hot summer weather! This is a collection of short stories by a first time author. The themes and settings of these stories are so diverse that everyone should be able to find one story they like.

August 21 *Losing My Mind* by Thomas DeBaggio. **Note:** This discussion will be held at Gales Ferry Library. This book is a fascinating first person account of a fifty-five year old man facing a diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease and dealing with his feelings about the memories he knows he will soon lose.

September 25 *Acorn Academy* by Ursula McCafferty. **Note:** This is the 4th Wednesday of the month! Local authors, Ursula McCafferty and Beth Bruno (whose book *Wild Tulips*, was discussed last year) will be here to talk about Ursula's new book, and to present some ideas for writing your own memoirs

Coming in the Fall : A new daytime book discussion group. Please call Marty Hubbard with your preferences for a day and time for this group. We will also be looking for suggestions for book selections. Watch for news on this new group in the Fall newsletter.

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.

Summer Reading Lists

Copies of the summer reading lists from area schools including Ledyard Elementary and Middle Schools and Williams School are available at the library. The library has obtained multiple copies of many of the books on the lists and has them on display in the library for students to borrow. Be sure to stop here for your summer reading needs.

From the Reference Desk

Ledyard Libraries recently purchased the new 2002 edition of the *McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Science & Technology*. The set consists of 20 volumes of articles ranging from Alpine Vegetation through Math equations to Zodiac signs and their constellations. The new edition includes color photographs and many new topics. It is a great resource for science project ideas and reports as well as for understanding basic math and science concepts. These are truly wonderful reference books. Please come in and ask to see this new encyclopedia.

New Services available

In response to a request from a patron, we have decided to offer a new service here at the Ledyard Libraries. Do you have one or several favorite authors? Would you like to be one of the first people to read their new book without even knowing they have a new book? This is the new program that we will be offering. Give us a list of your favorite authors and we will add your name to a holds list when the book comes in. Watch for a form to fill out at the library or on the library's website. If you have any questions, ask at either library.

We have also started an email list to alert patrons to what is happening at the library between newsletters. If you would like to be added to this list there is a sign-up sheet at either library or send an email to mhubbard@ledyard.lioninc.org.

New Shelving at Bill Library

Bill Library recently acquired some shelving from the old Gales Ferry School Library which we have been able to put to use. In the children's room the dilapidated book bins were replaced with 12 feet of low shelving for the picture books. In the adult area we did some rearranging and added 9 feet of shelving which now holds the libraries' video and audio tapes. This shelving helps to alleviate some of the overcrowding in the picture book area and makes more efficient use of space for the videos.

Changes at Gales Ferry No Mystery

In our ongoing effort to make the Gales Ferry Library easier for our patrons to use, we have made a few changes. Our reference collection has been divided into ready reference shelves near the front desk and other reference sources on the second floor. The magazines have been consolidated on the round racks. This allowed us to bring the mystery and science fiction books downstairs. Mysteries are by the front door and science fiction is in the spot formerly occupied by new books. New books now have three shelves by mystery. In addition to new hard cover books, new paperbacks, CD's and audio books are also displayed. If this all sounds too confusing, stop in and ask for a tour.

Staff Recognition Breakfast

On May 14th, the Ledyard Library Commission hosted the 1st Annual Staff Recognition Breakfast. At the breakfast, library staff members were honored for their many years of dedicated service to the Ledyard Community. Sandy Seaton, Ledyard Library Commission Chair awarded staff members

years of service pins and a citation from Ledyard Mayor Wesley Johnson. Frances Kail received a three year pin; Cynthia Juskiewicz, Andrea Buka and Kathy Bruckner received a five year pin; Cay Haffey, Jan Dawson and Nancy Brewer received a ten year pin; Kathy Drury, Nancy Avery and Laverne Stokes received a fifteen year pin and Gale Bradbury received a twenty year pin.

Kathy Bruckner, a Senior Library Assistant was also selected as the employee of the year. Kathy has worked for the libraries since October 1993. She began as a Library Assistant, moving up to Sunday Supervisor in 1996 and Senior Library Assistant in 1997. Kathy received several nominations from her colleagues for her pleasant manner and excellent customer service. Her creative signs and displays have given the Gales Ferry Library a comfortable and welcoming feel. Kathy also participates in any fund raising activities for the libraries and her contributions to the Mistletoe Craft and Bake Sale were outstanding. She has continuously gone above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that the residents of Gales Ferry receive the best library service possible. Congratulations, Kathy!

Memorial Day Parade



What a great showing we had for parade participants this year! Our summer reading

theme "Book Across America" went very well with the parade theme of "Let Freedom Ring". Some of our costumes represented the Statue of Liberty, a sailor, Betsy Ross, a book about Iowa, Hawaii, and of course patriotic. I think everyone had fun passing out candy and bookmarks and enjoying the food afterwards.

A big thank you to those who participated: Jan, Craig & Zach Dawson; Jennifer, Michael, Katie Pietras; Laurel & Heather Skinner; Sam Graebner; Jason & Wahnetah Carty; Andrea Buka & Chelsea Leverette; and Mallory & Adam Pucino.

Mistletoe Craft and Bake Sale

Plans are underway for the second annual Craft and Bake Sale fund raiser for Bill Library. Once again we are looking for donations of handcrafted items or baked goods that may be sold. The event will also feature a silent auction and Attic Treasures table. We are also looking for volunteers to help with planning, setup, etc. If you would like to contribute something for the sale or help out in any way please leave your name and phone number at either library. There will also be a planning meeting on Wed., June 26th at 7 p.m. at the Bill Library. The event will take place in November in conjunction with the Red Sleigh Bazaar at Ledyard Congregational Church.



Book Preview

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

Brown, Dale	Wings of Fire	Jul
Coulter, Catherine	Eleventh Hour	Jul
Greeley, Andrew	The Bishop in the West Wing	Jul
Sanders, Lawrence	McNally's Alibi	Jul
Steel, Danielle	Sunset in St. Tropez	Jul
Auchincloss, Louis	Manhattan Monologues	Aug
Block, Lawrence	Enough Rope	Aug
Foster, Alan Dean	The Mocking Program	Aug
Kellerman, Faye	Stone Kiss	Aug
Brooks, Terry	Morgawr	Sept
Garwood, Julie	Killjoy	Sept
Parker, Robert	Shrink Rap	Sept
Robards, Karen	Irresistible	Sept
Quindlen, Anna	Blessing's	Sept

SUGGESTION BOX



Following suggestion was found in the suggestion box.

Think that you should get current CD's. **Answer:** A list order of Cd's includes

some current artists ie., U2, N-Sync, Destiny's Child and Ozomatli.

2. Need more large print books for men.
Answer: We will look for some and would love to have suggestions for specific titles.

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. The following items may be seen in the coming months.

June	Decorative Painting by Nance Holland - Picture frames, trays, glassware, and other items are on display.
July	Tea Party by Marie Engelman
August	Railroad Display - in conjunction with Book Across America
September	American Association of University Women will display information about their organization

Building Committee News

A word of thanks to our loyal supporters who continue to make donations to the building fund. Many of you have been so generous with your contributions to the collection jar and we want you to know it is appreciated. One library patron wants to see the library expanded so much that she has made a deal with her grandmother. Six year old Gabrielle Dubac is saving her change for the library and her grandmother has agreed to match whatever she saves. Last month Gabrielle was so pleased to put \$50 in change in the collection jar for the library addition. It all adds up and brings us a little closer having the project move forward. Thank you so much Gabrielle and your grandmother too!

Friends News

A very successful Ledyard Library Friends book sale has just concluded at Gales Ferry Library. We had many compliments on the excellent job Marilyn Baseler did of organizing and sorting the books. Marie Olson and Linda DeRose also helped with signs and scheduling. Thank you to all the Friends who helped with setting up and selling. Check at the library to see when we are ready to begin collecting books for next year's sale.

The Ledyard Library Friends are busy sorting books for the September Book sale. Thank you for your generous donations but the basement is full! Please take your donations to the Gales Ferry Library or hold them until October 1st when we will begin accepting book donations at the Bill Library. The book sale will be September 5th through September 13th. Stop by our Ongoing Book sales at both libraries for summer reading selections.

The Bill Library Association and the Ledyard Library Friends teamed up on June 8th for an Antiques Appraisal Day to benefit the Bill Library Building Fund. The event included appraisers Paul and Bonnie Russ owners of Russ Antiques and Auctions in Waterford, Arthur Liverant owner of Nathan Liverant and Son Antiques in Colchester, Sonny Hendel of Sonny's Toys and Collectibles in Old Mystic, Evelyn Kennedy owner of Sewtique in Groton, Trina McCandless owner of McCandless Custom Jewelry and Appraisal

in Waterford and Allison B. Goodsell (books, used and rare and postcards) at The Kingston Hill Store in Kingston, R.I. We thank all of them for making our fund raiser a wonderful success.

We would also like to thank Sheila and Vincent Godino who represented the Ledyard Historical Society, Lin and Bryan Gordon long time Library Friends and Bill Trustees who came down from Maine to oversee the Bake sale table and the kitchen crew, Mary Lippman, Kathy Wieland, Julie Schmitz, Carol Gauthier, Pauline Zimmer and Wendy McCall who made delicious wrap sandwiches.

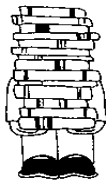
The response from those who came to the Antique Appraisal Day and those who missed it has been overwhelming. Please look for information in the spring for our next Antique Appraisal Day. Thank you to all who helped make this a fun and successful event. We raised over \$1550. for the Bill Library Building Fund.

Event Committee- Nancy Avery, Dave and Marie Engelman, Kathy Wieland, Jeanne Allyn, Jean Scialabba and Marie Olson.

Holiday Hours

Thursday	July 4	Closed Independence Day
Monday	Sept.2	Closed Labor Day
Saturday	Sept. 7	Closed Bill Library Ledyard Fair

LEDYARD FAIR BOOK SALE



September 5-13 at Bill Library

Interesting books and great buys -
Mark you calendar now!



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