



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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Challenge to the Community

The Bill Library Association, Inc. announced a challenge to the community of Ledyard to help raise funds for the Bill Library Addition. William Holton, a Ledyard resident will match donations to the building fund dollar for dollar up to \$100,000. This challenge is made in conjunction with the 2003 annual appeal for the capital campaign, which has been mailed to all residents. The Association is working on behalf of the library to help raise funds to offset the \$3.5 million cost of the project. They have raised over \$655,000 to date including a \$500,000 State Library Construction Grant.

The Bill Library Addition Building Committee proposes to expand Bill Library with a 14,368 square foot addition on the south side of the existing 6,184 square foot building. The addition will feature an expanded adult area, a completely new and enlarged children's room, a larger community room, small conference rooms, a separate young adult area, quiet reading areas and more.

The Library Addition Building Committee needs to obtain Town Council support to hold a referendum in the next few months. Assuming a favorable referendum vote, the project is expected to begin next spring. Funds for the Construction Grant were released in October 2002 with the understanding that a contract to begin the work must be signed within 18 months or by April 2004.

Children's Programs

Make like a tree and "leaf" your summer blahs behind at the library this summer! We have a great summer reading programs called "Branch Out and Read @ Your Library" for ages 4 and up. Registration begins Monday, June 16th at Bill or Gales Ferry Library. Please register at the library where each individual program is being offered: Bill Library 464-9912, or Gales Ferry Library 464-6943. All programs are free and open to the public.

Read to Me Reading Program

June 23 – August 2



Children turning 4 years old in 2003 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 2nd, they will win a paperback book. *Last date to return READ TO ME sheets is August 2nd!*

Branch Out and Read!

June 23 – August 2

Children entering 2nd grade through entering 6th grade are eligible for our Branch Out program. The goal this summer is for participants to read all kinds of books. To begin, each child must finish one book at their grade level or above, beginning on June 16th. After June 23rd, pick up your reading booklet at the library. Determine what category the book fits in (we can help with that decision), write the title on the reading "log", and have the tree stamped. Prizes will be given for by selected categories of books. There are also some fun activity sheets included in the booklets for each category on the tree. Special prizes will be awarded if all books on the tree are stamped and for the most books read. *The last date to play is August 3rd!*



Special Children's Programs

*Little Acorns Storytime

Tuesdays July 1 – 29 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 25 10:00 am
Bill Library ages 6 – 10

Show us your skill and decorate one of the sections of sidewalk outside the Bill Library. Space is a limited, so don't delay registering! There will be prizes for all. Bring your own sidewalk chalk if you have it.

Mad Science of Southeastern Connecticut

Thursday July 3 10:00 am
Bill Library all ages

Have a soaring experience with flight when Mad Science presents a fun filled program called "Up, Up and Away". If the weather permits, this program will be outside on the grass, so bring a blanket, or lawn chairs and have a great time!

Farmer Minor and Daisy the Pig

Thursday July 10 6:00 pm
Bill Library all ages

Have you ever met a famous pig?

Daisy the pig has been in the newspaper and on TV across the US. She is a pot-bellied pig that comes in her own stroller. Daisy encourages children to "Pig Out on Reading." This is a fun program for the whole family! If the weather permits, we will be outside on the lawn, so bring blankets or lawn chairs and a picnic dinner.



*Branch out and Bead

Thursday July 17 1:00 pm
Gales Ferry Library Grade 3 – 8

Get crafty making wonderful creations from beads made from trees. Design and work with your friends to see what artistic fun you can have with beads.

Fairytale Storyteller

Friday July 25 10:00 am
Bill Library all ages

Drift into fairytale land with Ms. Pansy the Storyteller. She will share stories with us, and then give you a chance to act them out with her!

Jump right over the Moo oon Music

Friday August 1st 10:00 am
Bill Library all ages

Sing along with award winning performer, Les Julian. Mr. Julian writes songs that will tickle your funny bone, get your toes tapping and heart singing! He is an incredibly funny and talented man that you won't soon forget. If the weather permits, we will be outside on the lawn, so bring your blankets or lawn chairs, and get set for an exciting morning!

*** Please Register for these programs**

Teen Summer Reading Programs

Around the World in 41 Days

Ledyard Libraries will kick off its second annual Teen Summer Reading Program, "Around the World in 41 Days," on June 23, 2003. This program is open to all students entering 7th – 12th grades; registration begins June 16, 2003. Using a world map, participants will "travel" around the world, visiting each continent at least once by reading any kind of book about a country located within that continent. There will be opportunities to win prizes based on reading goals, as well as through weekly drawings. Participants are also invited to volunteer their time (a great way to fulfill any community service requirements) by assisting with Ledyard Libraries' Children's Summer Reading Program.



Special Teen Programs

Movie and book companion programs

The Man in the Iron Mask

Wednesday, July 16th, 6:00 p.m., GF

Anna and the King

Thursday, July 24th, 6:00 p.m., BL

Read the book, and then join us to watch the video. Bring a bag dinner along for afterward, when we'll discuss how the book and the film compare to one another. (We will provide beverages and dessert).

The Great Food Adventure

Tuesday, June 24th, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., BL

Join Swati Dalvie, a Gales Ferry resident, to make an Indian dish, and sample delicious foods from around the world. We'll pay culinary visits to six continents, with such treats as fresh spring rolls (Japan), lumpia (Philippines), and pierogi (Poland). Pre-registration is required.

Paper Crafts

Saturday, July 12th, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., GF

Saeko Jones, a Gales Ferry resident, will demonstrate the ancient Japanese art of origami. Instruction books and supplies will be available for participants to try a hand at it afterwards. If you like the art of collage, stay on and create a decorative notebook to use at school in the fall or for fun this summer!

Adult Programs

Book Discussions

Monthly book discussions are held 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:



June 18th *Eva Moves the Furniture* by Margot Livesey. Growing up in Troon, Scotland, Eva has been without her mother since birth. Two unusual individuals who can only be seen by Eva make frequent visits, and their intentions are not always entirely clear.

July 16th *Three Junes* by Julia Glass. This story also takes place in Scotland as well as Greece. The author says this book is about life beyond heartbreak, shame, regret over opportunities lost, and how we manage to never give up on love. This book was the winner of the 2002 National Book Award!

August - No Book Discussion

September 17th *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury.

This is the "One Book One Region" title for 2003. The discussion will be led by Marty Hubbard from Bill Library and Bill Morrison, a Ledyard High School Social Studies teacher. *Fahrenheit 451* was first published in 1953 and explores a society in which the role of a fireman is to burn books and the houses in which they are hidden.

October 15th *The Word for the Day: 65 Years of Wit and Wisdom on Mispronunciation* Join us for an evening with local author Phil Steele. Phil is the son of Bob Steele and co-author of this book. Phil will speak about his father and the words and stories included in their book about common words and mispronunciations. Books will be available for purchase and autographing.

Local Author Visits –

Bill Library will host two local authors for the writers group this summer. Both sessions begin at 7 P.M. and are free and open to the public.

Wednesday, June 25: Ahlam Shalhout

Meet poet Ahlam Shalhout, hear her wonderful story of how poetry heals, and discover how to open to your own creative muse. Ahlam, whose first name means "dream", uses dreams and

meditations as a source for her poems. Her book, *Recovering Stolen Dreams*, is being widely used in art therapy groups to help others heal as well. For more information about the poet, visit her "Poetry in Motion" website at <<http://www.poetryin.com>>. Books and tapes will be available for purchase and signing.

Tuesday, July 8: Lawrence M. Zaccaro

Meet local novelist Lawrence M. Zaccaro, whose novel, *Parallel*, is an imaginative journey into a possible new understanding of Jesus and his message of love for the world from the perspective of a parallel journey of a modern science teacher. Larry will tell us the story of how he wrote the book, and we will discuss it as well. Copies will be available at both libraries to borrow, as well as for purchase on that evening. If you wish to purchase a copy in advance, please check with Barbara at the library, or email LedyardWriters@aol.com.

Guiding Eyes for the Blind

Wednesday, July 23rd 7:00 P.m.
Bill Library All Ages
Jean Scialabba will talk about the Guiding Eyes dog training program. Hepburn, her guide dog in training will be on hand to give a brief demonstration. Come and see one of these beautiful dogs in action and learn more about the program. The library will also showcase pictures of guide dogs with their trainers and information about the program during the month of July.

Using our Catalog from home

By now, most of you are aware that you can look at our library catalog called iPAC from home. Our home page (<http://www.lioninc.org/ledyard>) shows the catalog on the upper left hand side of the page under "Online Library Resources." Look for Ledyard Libraries Catalog (Search our holdings, view your patron record, renew your books, place holds.) Once you access the LION catalog, you can enter your own account using your library bar code number. From there, you can make you book holds inactive while you are on vacation and then reactivate them when you return. Another fairly recent enhancement is power searching. You can look for a particular book when you only know part of the author's name and part of the title. Our new online catalog is becoming more and more user friendly. Please try using it and let us know what features you like or dislike, and please ask for phone help if needed.

Museum Passes Available at the Library

Have you checked out the museum passes at the library lately? If not, you probably don't know that we have a variety of passes available. All passes may be borrowed for two days.

- Mystic Aquarium** Bill and Gales Ferry (reduced admission, not valid July and August)
- Florence Griswold Museum**, Old Lyme Bill and Gales Ferry (2 adults, 2 children free)
- Children's Museum**, East Lyme Gales Ferry (4 people free)
- Wadsworth Atheneum**, Hartford Bill and Gales Ferry (2 adults, 2 children free)
- Roger Williams Zoo**, Providence Gales Ferry (reduced admission)
- Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center**, Mystic Gales Ferry (one household free)
- Science Center of Eastern CT.**, New London Bill (reduced admission)

Stained Glass Raffle

Sandy Seaton has generously donated another lovely stained glass panel to be raffled, with proceeds going to the Bill Library Building Fund. The piece is currently on display at Gales Ferry Library. The drawing will be September 7th at the Bill Library book sale. Tickets are \$2.00 each, and are available at the circulation desks of both branches of the library. If you would be interested in taking a booklet of 10 tickets to sell for the library, please come in and sign one out at the desk. We greatly appreciate your support!!



Mistletoe Craft and Bake Sale

Planning has begun for the third annual Mistletoe craft and Bake sale to be held in November. Marion Cutler and Jane Leger will be co-chairing the event this year. Once again we will be looking for donations of hand crafted items and baked goods to sell as well as items for the silent auction. If you are interested in helping out on a committee call Jane at Bill Library or leave a message for her.

Connie's Garden



A new garden area is being developed around the sign at the Gales Ferry Library to honor the memory of a long time volunteer, Connie Grant. Connie, who passed away in 2001, volunteered at the Gales

Ferry Library for over twenty years. Many people will remember seeing her on Thursday mornings. She assisted patrons at the circulation desk, maintained patron records, kept the vertical file updated and did typing. One of Connie's favorite things was plants. She started many of the plants still at the library. When the addition was built in 1992, Connie and her husband Everett installed the plant hangers in the new windows.

After Connie's death, donations were made by staff, former staff and volunteers. It was decided to use the funds to purchase items for a small garden under the library sign. Volunteers will begin the planting shortly. We look forward to having this lasting memory of a wonderful volunteer.

Holiday Hours

July 4	Independence Day	Closed
July 5		Closed
September 1	Labor Day	Closed
September 7	Ledyard Fair	Closed
		Bill Library

Bill Library Association

With the help of many nimble fingers over 5000 envelopes were stuffed to announce the matching fund of \$100,000 generously donated by Bill Holton. This appeal letter is part of the ongoing Capital Campaign to raise funds towards the Bill Library Addition.

The Champion Envelope Stuffer Award (first of its kind) goes to Nancy Avery and Bill Holton for over 8 hours of dedicated stuffing. Thank you to the leader of the Morning Stuffers Ellen Seeman and envelope stuffers Barbara Miller, Annette Guillette, Margaret Cannon, May Dale, Claudia Gates, Mary McGrattan, Kathy Olson, Joyce LaFleur and Bill LaFleur. Thank you to the leader of the Afternoon Stuffers Marlene Townsend and envelope stuffers Nancy Hall, Mary Lippman, Claire Murphy, Mary Phillips, Carol Gauthier and Debbie Vessels. Also

thank you to Special Projects Stuffers Jim and Sandy Seaton, Heidi Seaton, Tom Olson, Gavin Olson and Darin Olson.

Thank you all for your hard work and if I have missed anyone thank you, too!

Friends News

On April 26th the Bill Library Association, the Ledyard Library Friends and the Ledyard Historical Society teamed up to present a Touch of the Past. Even with the torrential rains the event was a success and everyone who attended seemed to have fun. With three organizations working together, A Touch of the Past had something to offer everyone. The day included antique appraisals, a bake sale, a book sale, continental breakfast, a luncheon, an art print sale, information about the history of Ledyard and concluded with an informative bus tour narrated by town historian, Jan Bell.

The planning committee made up of Nancy Avery, Marie Engelmann, Rusty Godino and Marie Olson would like to thank the many volunteers that helped with the event: kitchen committee -Carol Gauthier, Mary Lippman, Kathy Wieland and Julie Schmitz; Carol Gauthier and the Fitch culinary students for making the lasagna roll-up luncheon and the delicious desserts; cashiers-David and Sara Holdridge, Bill and Joyce LaFleur; bake sale- Lin and Bryan Gordon (all the way from Maine!), Mary Phillips and Claire Murphy; Friends table- Nancy Hall, Noel and Janet Coe; art prints-Claudia Gates and Jessie Baker; wait staff- Carol Ganz, Callie Tuthill and Jeanne Allyn; greeters- Mary McGrattan and Marlene Townsend. A special thanks to the guys behind the scene who do all the extras including set-up and clean-up and never complain Tom Olson, Dave Engelman and Bill Holton.

We would like to thank the Dime Savings Bank for their generous donation for advertising. We also thank the local restaurants that used our placemats Valentino's, Parke's Place, The Bake Shop, Somewhere in Time.

Proceeds of over \$1400 were donated to the Bill Library Building Fund.

Mark your calendars for the Annual Bill Library Booksale. September 4th, 5th and 6th 9-9, Sunday, the 7th starts BUCK A BAG 12-6. The sale continues September 8th-12th library hours. We have an unusually large collection of cookbooks, science fiction and videos this year. Our sale is sorted into over 15 categories including a unique special priced selection. Please call Marie Olson at 464-9615 for questions.

The Friends of the Ledyard Libraries are pleased to report record proceeds from the Gales Ferry Library annual book sale which ended on Friday, June 6th -- netting more than \$2400.00, This year's sales, which eclipsed the previous high set in 2002 by \$500.00, were boosted by especially large donations of new and like-new children's books and the hard work of Gales Ferry volunteers. Especially notable were the hours Timothy Donahue, Patrick and Caitlin Stueve, and Elizabeth Weaver spent preparing

for the sale -- sorting, boxing and then unboxing books, setting up tables, moving furniture, and even vacuuming the floor! The new library book bag, which features original artwork by a member of the Ledyard Library Friends, was also a big seller - so much so, that a second order must be placed to meet the anticipated demand by library patrons and the Bill Library book sale this fall. As always, the money raised by the book sale will be used to supplement the ever-diminished library budget - by funding programs and purchasing essential library equipment.

SUMMER HOURS

BILL
464-9912

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

GALES FERRY
464-6943

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Friday 9-5
Saturday 9-1
Sunday Closed
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Bill Library Book Sale
September 4 – 12, 2003