



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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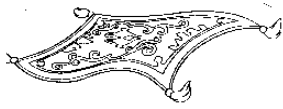
Memorial Day Parade



Thank you to everyone who helped with our parade entry this year. The weather was great and we had lots of fun walking. Thanks to the staff who helped with cutting and coloring for our posters and donated costumes for the parade and to Mary Phillips and Stephanie Cyr for costume contributions.

Thanks to Kathy Bruckner for her contribution of wood for our banner. Thank you to our parade participants: Paige and Carrie Gruszkowski for being the Little Mermaid and Princess, Zach Dawson for being Aladdin, Laurel and Heather Skinner for being Little Red Riding Hood and Mary Had a Little Lamb, Sheherazade (Mrs. Brewer) and Craig Dawson for driving. Remember to Book a Magic Carpet Ride this summer at the Ledyard Libraries!

Children's Programs



Grab your magic carpet and fly across Storyland in the summer reading program called "Book a

Magic Carpet Ride". **Registration begins on Monday June 18th.** 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 20 - August 4

Children turning 4 years old this year 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. Completes 5 sheets before August 4th, and win a paperback book! *Last date to return READ TO ME sheets is August 4.*



Book A Magic Carpet Ride!
June 20 - August 4



Children entering 2nd grade and up are eligible for the Magic Carpet 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 20) and may start playing. Library books are preferred and they should not have been read before. Books chosen should be at the child's normal reading level. There are stars on the back of the 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 and up), the child takes a spin on the spinner and visits different stories on the Storyland map.

Aladdin dropped his lamp as he was flying over Storyland on the magic carpet. The object of the game is to gather enough clues to find out where the magic lamp fell. A clue is given for each story visited. Prizes and activity sheets are awarded at various stories in the game. Solve the mystery of the lost lamp and win another prize. *The last date to play is August 4!*

Special Programs

Fairy tale Storytime

Tuesdays July 3 - July 31
9:30 - 10:00 Gales Ferry Library
(ages 3-6)

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

Sidewalk Art Contest

Thursday, June 28 (rain date June 29)
10:00 a.m. ages 6 - 10

Show us your skill as you decorate a section 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.

The Society for Creative Anachronism

Thursday, June 28 Bill Library
6:00 - 8:00 pm (all ages)

See the Middle Ages come alive in this demonstration of knights, armour, arts and crafts. Come join the fun and see what life was like back in the days of chivalry!

Fairy tale Crafts

Thursday, July 5 Gales Ferry Library
9:30 - 10:30 a.m. entering K - 1

King Midas Crowns

11:00 - 12:00 entering 2 - 3

Tikki Tikki Tembo Beads

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. entering 4 - 6

Fantasy Sculptures with Sculpy
(Please register)

Folktale Olympics

Thursday, July 12 (Rain date July 13)
9:30 a.m. Bill Library
entering Gr 2 - 5 Please register!

Join us as we have our own Olympic games with Babe, the Blue Ox tug of war, Frog Prince's golden ball toss, 7 Dwarves' bobbing for non-poison apples and more fun!



Magic Carpet Magic Show

with Brian Ambrosch

Thursday, July 19 Bill Library

10:00 a.m. All Ages.

Please register

Have fun with Brian as he astounds you with some wonderful magic! Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult.

Draw your Own Fairy tale

with Bob Weber, cartoonist

Thursday, July 26 Bill Library

11:00 a.m. entering Gr. 3 - 6

Please register

We will learn how to draw some neat cartoons and you can make your own fairy tale adventure. Please bring a pad of plain paper and 2 sharpened pencils.

Topsy Turvey Tales

with the Honey Bee Theatre

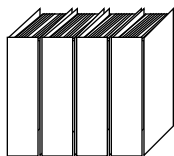
Thursday, Aug. 2 Ledyard Center School

10:00 All Ages

Topsy-Turvy Tales is an exciting collection of stories and rhymes designed to tickle the imagination. Join us for some great stories for all ages. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult.

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:

June 20: *Old Books, Rare*

Friends: Two Literary Sleuths and their Shared Passion is the delightful account by two longtime New York City friends, now in their 80's, reveling in their mutual passion for old books which led them into distinguished careers as rare-book dealers.

July 18: *Some Deaths Before Dying* by the acclaimed British mystery author Peter Dickinson is about a spirited ninety year old widow and photographer who is determined to find out how her husband's treasured antique pistol found its way into the

possession of a complete stranger. In spite of being paralyzed by a fatal illness she uses her razor sharp mind and her vast collection of photographs to solve the mystery, piecing together events which created turmoil in the family's past.

Wednesday December 12

Looking ahead, the library is pleased to have been chosen by the Connecticut Humanities Council to present a discussion of *The Reader* by Bernhard Schlink. In this moving novel set in post-WWII Germany, we trace the life of Michael Berg from his erotic relationship with a much older woman when he was a teen to his life as a lawyer questioning personal and public responsibility. We welcome Jordon Pecile, of the Theater Department of Connecticut College, who will lead the discussion at Bill Library, at 7:00 p.m.

From the Reference Desk

Microsoft Office 2000 tutorial

Are you curious about learning to use a computer? Need to brush up on specific skills you haven't used recently? Both Bill and Gales Ferry have a wonderful new interactive tutorial, *Quickskill*, to help patrons learn Microsoft Office 2000. This CD-ROM program is made up of a series of 10 to 20 minute lessons which users navigate at their own pace covering WORD for basic word processing, EXCEL for charts and POWERPOINT to create slides for presentations. You can learn to build tables and forms, manage appointments, and customize reports. Stop in at either library branch to enhance your computer skills.

Holiday Hours

Wednesday	July 4	Closed
		Independence Day
Monday	Sept.3	Closed
		Labor Day
Saturday	Sept. 8	Closed Bill Library
		Ledyard Fair

Ann King Retires

Ann King, the Reference Librarian at Bill Library will retire on June 29th after 12 1/2 years of service to the town. She began at the library in December of 1988 and since that time has given outstanding service to the patrons of Bill Library. Ann treated everyone with respect and was never too busy to help a patron. She logged countless hours searching for information and filled thousands of interlibrary loan requests. She will be sorely missed by all. Library patrons are invited to stop by and wish her well before she leaves.

RECIPES WANTED!



There can never be enough books and there can never, ever be enough cookbooks. So with that in mind, a committee has been formed to assist with the library addition, to “kick it up a notch.” The sweetest thing about this fund raiser is that your

initial contribution will only cost you some time and in return you will be published in a sure fire bestseller.

We are collecting recipes for a community cookbook and are ready to accept recipes at any time. If you would kindly print or type each recipe on a separate sheet and drop them off at the Bill or Gales Ferry Library we would appreciate it. Please include your name and phone number (in case we have any questions) and where the recipe originated. It would be great fun if you included an anecdote about your recipe, such as any family tradition associated with this food, or any literary or historic connections.

Please bring in your recipes throughout the summer when you come into the library for the latest novel to take with you to the beach or cool CD's and Audio tapes for car trips. The last day that we can accept recipes will be August 31st, so please don't delay. Thank you for sharing. If you have any questions please ask for Mary Ellen, Kathy B. at Gales Ferry Library, or Claire. Remember what Miss Piggy says “Never eat more than you can lift.”

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.

- **You can renew your books via phone or Internet web site, even if they are overdue.** Please note that any fines will be on your record the next time you visit the library.
- **You can place your own holds either through the PAC (public access terminals) at the library or remotely from home.** This includes books located in other libraries in our system and through REQUEST (other libraries around the state). So, even if it isn't from our library, try placing the hold. Just think of the possibilities!

Book Preview



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

Buckley, William	Elvis in the Morning	July
Cook, Robin	Shock	July
Dunne, Dominick	Justice: Crimes, trial and Punishments	July
Greeley, Andrew	The Bishop and the Beggar Girl of St. Germain	July
Hoffman, Alice	Blue Diary	July
Irving, John	The Fourth Hand	July
Martini, Steve	The Jury	July
McCullough, Colleen	The Song of Troy	July
Patterson, James	Suzanne's Diary for Nicholas	July
Saul, John	The Manhattan Hunt Club	Aug
Brooks, Terry	The Voyage of the Jerle Shannara	Sept
King, Stephen	Black House	Sept
Livesey, Margot	Eva Moves the Furniture	Sept
Paretsky, Sara	Total Recall	Sept
Kushner, Harold	Living a Life that Matters	Sept

SUGGESTION BOX

The following suggestions were recently found in the suggestion box.



1. Get more of the "classics" on tape such as *Huck Finn* or *The Great Gatsby*.

Answer: We will try to order some classics for the collection

2. Please post a "Quiet Please" sign.

Answer: We will try that.

3. Consider a pay collection where an extra copy of popular titles can be rented for a daily fee by those who would rather not wait on a request list?

Answer: We will look into the possibility of doing this.

4. The \$2.00 late fine for videos seem excessive. Wouldn't a \$1.00/day fine be a significant and more humane deterrent?

Answer: The Library belongs to a video coop and the rules (including late fees) for the coop are established by the regional library association. To be consistent all popular interest videos are treated the same way.

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

Building Committee News

We would like to give a big thank you to all who have contributed and/or pledged to the building fund. Your donations will go a long way not only to offset the cost of the building but to show support for the project. There is still plenty of time to get your donations or pledges in. Pledges may be made over a three year period and some employers will match a contribution.

The public appeal mailing that all of you received was made possible through the work of Brandon Gunnels and several boy scout and parent helpers. Funding for the mailing was provided by the Friends of the Library .

One entire weekend was devoted to folding and stuffing envelopes and attaching mailing labels. We give a big Thank You to Brandon

and all his helpers including Zak Adams, Jessie Baker, Barbara Beene, Cynthia Beene, Dave Beene, Nick Botchis, Adam Church, Brad Colschen, Chris Colschen, Judy Colschen, Erik Davis, David Cross, Dan Erhart, Chelsea Gunnels, Taylor Gunnels, Terry Gunnels, Gavin Olson, Tom Olson, Ellen Seeman, Antonia Shaw and Steven Smith. We appreciate all of your help. Brandon was also responsible for painting and installing the "thermometer" signs showing the progress of the fund raising.

Friends News

Although a few people work very hard all year long, the book sale season is now in full swing for the Ledyard Library Friends. We have just concluded another successful spring sale at the Gales Ferry Library. Proceeds from that sale were almost \$1500. Thank you to everyone who helped out with the Gales Ferry sale. We are looking for someone to oversee the spring sale next year. It is not a big job and you will have helpers. Mary Ellen Osborne would be glad to assist anyone who is willing, but just needs some guidance. We will not start taking donations at Gales Ferry until someone is in place to head the sale next year.

I am sure you noticed the wonderful new signs we had for the Gales Ferry sale. The Friends have Marie and Tom Olson to thank for design and construction. The signs can be easily converted to use for the Bill book sale.

The Bill book sale is just around the corner. This year it will run from September 6 to September 14. Please try to help out, either working at the sale or with set up and take down. Donations are no longer being taken, as the basement is full of interesting treasures.

The Friends fall meeting will be held in September. Prior to that meeting we are forming a nominating committee. We are looking for members of the Ledyard Library Friends to help keep this organization going, so we can continue to make a valuable contribution to the Ledyard Libraries.

LEDYARD FAIR BOOKSALE



September 6-14 at Bill Library

Interesting books and great buys -
Mark you calendar now!

SUMMER HOURS

BILL

464-9912

Mon - Thurs 9-9
Fri 9-5
Sat. 9-1
Sunday Closed

e-mail:
bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org

GALES FERRY

464-6943

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Sat. 9-1
Sunday Closed

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