



# BOOKS AND BEYOND...

## NEWS OF THE LEDYARD LIBRARIES

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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.

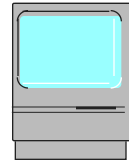
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### Ledyard Library Survey Report Summary

The Ledyard Libraries recently provided a touch screen computer survey for residents to give their opinion on Library Services. The survey was available for two weeks in September 2002 and was placed in the libraries and in the community to get feedback from both users and non-users. Bill Library had the machine for 6 days and Gales Ferry Library had it for 5 days. The off site locations included one day each at Better Val U, Town Hall and Blonders Pavilion for Childrens Day. The survey contained seventeen questions about the libraries books and materials, computers, story hours and other programs, the facilities and the staff. There was also a question about the proposed library expansion project for Bill Library and participants were encouraged to add their comments in writing following the survey.



**The respondents:** Approximately 487 people took the survey, with 68% of them being female. Most of the respondents were age 25 or older and 72.% had some college or higher. 74.% visit the library at least once a month with 44% of those as often as once a week. 88% were Ledyard residents.

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## Children's Programs

I know you are working hard to prepare for the holidays coming up so quickly, but please take a minute to look through the Storytime schedule and write the registration date on your 2003 calendar. **Call-in** registration will be Monday, Jan. 6 th starting at 9:30 am, at the library where the program is being offered. Call 464-9912 for Bill Library programs, and 464-6943 for Gales Ferry programs. All programs are free and open to Ledyard / Gales Ferry residents first and then to the general public. **Please register for all programs.**

### STORYTIMES

**Infant** (6 - 14 mos.) GF Tues. 9:30  
Jan 21- Feb. 25 (no ST 2/18)

**Toddler** (15 - 24 mos.) Bill Wed. 9:30 Jan  
22 - Feb 19

### Terrific Twos

GF Tues 9:30 Mar 11- May 6  
(No S.T. 3/18, 4/15)

Bill Wed. 9:30 Mar 19 - May 7  
(No S.T. 4/16)

### Threes

Bill Mon. 9:30 Feb 3- May 5  
(No S.T. 2/17, 3/17, 4/14)

GF Tues. 10:30 Feb 4- May 6  
(No S.T. 2/18, 3/18, 4/15)

### FOURS AND FIVES

GF Tues 1:00 Feb 4 - May 6  
(No S.T. 2/18, 3/18, 4/15)

Bill Thur. 9:30 Feb 13 - May 1  
(No S.T. 4/17)

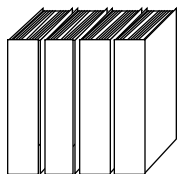
### FEBRUARY VACATION PROGRAMS

Tues Feb. 18 **Multicultural Storyteller**  
Watch for further details

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## Adult Programs

### Book Discussions



Our monthly book discussions will continue 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:

Wednesday January 22nd : (**Note** this is the 4th Wed.) This will be our second annual "Best book I read over the holidays" event. This topic was so popular last year that we ended our discussion well after the library closed! Please come and share the title and story line of the best book you've read lately. Bring paper for notes as there'll be too many wonderful titles and authors to just keep in your mind.

Wednesday February 19th : As part of our "A Taste of the Tropics" winter Program series the February Book Discussion will look at a Caribbean author, Jamaica Kincaid. Born in Antigua, Kincaid has published ten books. Five are works of fiction, two are collections of short stories, two are gardening books, and one is an essay on the fate of the island of Antigua. Please sample some of her writings and join us for a discussion.

Wednesday March 19th: *A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius* by Dave Eggers. This is a very funny and yet very poignant memoir of Egger's early adult years. When his parents died within five months of each other Dave became responsible for himself and his 8 year old brother. Being an orphaned child and a parent at the same time is not easy for Dave and he writes about it with all the humor and pain that one could imagine.

### Escape Winter @ your Library™



We heard that many adults enjoyed the opportunity to participate in our winter reading program last year, so it is back for a return engagement. Our theme this year is Escape Winter @ Your Library™.

The program will run from February 2 to March 15. All adults are welcome to participate at either library. Our raffle jars were fun last year, but probably more for the prize winners, so this year will be a little different. When you sign up at either library, you will receive a ticket with many interesting "escape" locations on it. For each book you read, write the title on your ticket in any location. When you bring your ticket into the

library, the location will be punched, and it may be a prize winner. There will be prizes for various locations, donated by the Ledyard Library Friends. See how many exotic locations you can visit without leaving your comfortable arm chair!

### **Special Events for Adults this Winter:**

Sunday, February 2, 2003            2:00 p.m.  
"A Taste of the Tropics" (Snow date Feb. 16)  
Sample a bit of food, culture and geography from tropical locations.

Wednesday, February 19, 2003    7:00 p.m.  
Author Discussion of Jamaica Kincaid  
see above.

Sunday, February 23, 2003        2:00 p.m.  
Travel to the Tropics with Holly Powell.  
(Snow date March 9th) This travelogue will feature a presentation on the architecture, vegetation and culture in Jamaica.

Sunday, March 2, 2003            2:00 p.m.  
Musical Program To be determined  
(snowdate Mar 9)

### **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.

### **Genealogy workshop**

March 16, Sun.            2:30 - 4:00 Bill Library  
Once again Bill Library and the Faith Trumbull Chapter of DAR will co-sponsor a genealogy workshop. Register early by calling the library at 464-9912, as space is limited.

### **Go Fly a Kite! (Coming in the Spring )**

April 12th, Sat.            2 p.m. Bill Library  
April is National Kite Month and local resident, Dan Dyer is going to share his knowledge and enthusiasm with us on He will bring photos and examples of various styles of kites, talk a bit about the history of kites and then help both adults and children build their own Japanese fighter kites. Call

Bill Library to register for this free event. Dan will also have information about a kite club that flies out of Harkness Park !

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### **From the Reference Desk**

Bill Library is the strong hold of our reference collection and we continue to buy and update basic reference sources. Though reference books cannot be checked out, the first three photocopies are free. New titles include:

*Government Assistance Almanac 2002-2003.* A non-government publication of domestic assistance programs. REF 353 Gov.

*Banned in the USA: A Reference Guide to Book Censorship in Schools and Public Libraries.* REF 025.213 Foe.

*Senior High School Library Catalog 16th Edition.* This is a list of Fiction and Non-Fiction Considered useful in High School Libraries. This book also comes in handy when looking for resources for a particular project or subject area. REF 011.62 Sen.

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### **School Friends of the Ledyard Public Libraries**

A new and exciting program has begun this fall at the libraries. School Friends of the Ledyard Public Libraries is a cooperative effort between the libraries and parent volunteers to bring more reading materials into the elementary school classrooms for silent reading time. The idea was originated by parent volunteer Wendy Peterson. A grant for \$2,000 was received from the Dime Foundation to fund this program with additional books and resources. Parent volunteers select twenty books and deliver them to the classrooms. The books remain in the classrooms for three weeks, then a new selection is taken to the class. The program will run from October to May each school year. Classes from Gales Ferry School, Juliet W. Long, Ledyard Center and Gallup Hill are participating. Some classes may still be seeking parent volunteers. If you would like to participate in the program, please speak with your child's teacher.

**Survey...Con't from P. 1**

**Library Facility:** 42% considered the space good or very good while 55% said it needed improvement and 77% rated the parking good or very good with 20% saying it needed improvement. The question on the proposed addition for Bill Library was answered with 63% saying yes they would support the town spending up to \$2.5 million for the addition, 21% saying they didn't know and 15% saying no.

**Library Staff:** 98% of the respondents rated library staff good or very good.

**Library Visits:** Finding a book is still the top choice for visiting the library at 85% and finding information is second at 73%.

Following along with this books were the item most often borrowed at 85%. Videos were second at 59% followed by childrens materials at 42%. Materials that respondents felt were least useful were music CDs at 37% and magazines at 35%.

**Computer Usage:** The libraries computers were most often used to search the library catalog at 55%, Internet at 27 % and email at 20%.

**1994 Survey:** In 1994 a similar survey was mailed to all residents. It is interesting to note that there was not much change in the ratings. In that survey 78% of the respondents rated the book collection good or very good and 99% rated the staff good or very good. The facility fared a little better with 82% rating it good or very good.

The Library Commission and library staff will use this information to help with future planning for the library. A full report of the survey is available at Bill Library.

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**Did you know.**

If you are familiar with using our catalog from your home computer, you may know that it used to refuse holds for books currently checked in and on our shelves. As of this month, it is now possible to place holds on checked in items and we will call you when the book is pulled and placed on our holds shelf for pickup. If you have questions or problems using our online catalog, please call the library for help.



**Mistletoe Craft and Bake Sale**

We held, in November, the very successful 2nd Annual Mistletoe Craft and Bake Sale & Silent Auction which benefited the Bill Library Building Fund. The event made over \$7,000 for the fund. We had over 30 items more than last year in the Silent Auction, for a total this year of 76 items and bids totaling \$4439.

I am especially grateful to my committee chairs for the wonderful job they did! They made it seem effortless, but I know how hard they worked! Baked Goods: Jennifer Pietras, Crafts: Marion Cutler, Attic Treasures: Rebecca Graebner, Publicity: Mary Ellen Osborne, Children's Table: Nancy Brewer, Door Prizes: Sue Davis, and the Silent Auction: Gale Bradbury, Margaret Cannon, and Marie Engelman.

We are looking for a volunteer or two who could step in for 2003 as chairman. Planning begins in July, and we have extensive notes and resources set up to ease your efforts. If you are interested, please contact Gale Bradbury at the Bill Library, or me at either library, with any questions you might have. Thank you all again, patrons & staff alike, for your terrific support in this endeavor. You were all absolutely wonderful!! Andrea Buka





## Giving Tree

We want to thank everyone for their generous donations of books and money this year. As this issue goes to press, there are 108 children signed up for the toy drive. Each of these children will receive a new book that their parent or guardian will

choose from a selection of books. These books have been chosen by our patrons or Nancy Brewer, our Children's Librarian. Every book will have a bookmark inside wishing the child Happy Holidays from Friends of the Ledyard Libraries.

### Our list of generous donors:

Jeanne Allyn	Veronica Anklam
Nancy Avery	Jessie Baker
Aaron & Alex Barina	Marilyn Baseler
Lisa Briere	Kathy Bruckner
Andrea Buka	Karen Camlet
Mary Carey	Lisa Chesnut
Tonya Claycomb-Hall	Naomi Crowley
Catherine Davis	Ellie Davis
Joyce G. Davis	Jan Dawson
Deneka Family	Emily DiMario
Lara Dolphin	Jen Egan
Jen Finlayson	Carol Ganz
Diane Gozemba	Karen Graff
Heather Greenfield	Cay Haffey
Linda Hardie	Chris Hausmann
Rose Hennessey	Felice Hysong
Natalie Jensen	Ernest Joyce
Mary Juber	Brian Juskiewicz
Cindy Juskiewicz	Kristen Juskiewicz
Fran Kail	Pamela Kalinoski
Beth Keister	Pat Kelly
Tina Kilby	Ann E. King
Casey Kiroy	Tammy Klinkowski
Lisa Kostic	Bernadette Kunkemoeller
Madeline Lefker	Jane Leger
Joan Lynch	Polly McIntyre
Betsy MacLeod	Mathis Family
Karen Moorehead	Gabriella Mozee
Carolyn Nelson	Stacy O'Connell
Marie Olson	Mary Ellen Osborne
Daniel Pealer	Kaitlin Pealer
Tara Pealer	Jennifer Pietras
Mary Phillips	Marcia Reece
Lexanne Rodrigues	John Rodrigues
Charlotte Sanford	Barbara SavageAnderson

Schneider Family	Elizabeth Shafer
Linda Sincali	Amy Sindel
Laurel Skinner	Barb Sorensen
Kathy Speranza-Ryan	Susan Strader
Nancy Strawderman	Joyce Tamer
Robyn Thompson	Allison Troy
Jacob Troy	Laura Troy
Dylan Vorbach	Mary Frances Vorbach
Diana Wall	Pat Webb
Alice Wester	Shelley Williams
Jolanta Wojciechowski	Ellen Young
Pauline Zimmer	

Thank you also to those who chose to give anonymously, or gave after this printing.

## SUGGESTION BOX

The following suggestions were recently found in the suggestion box.



1. Get more up to date Christian Music like Jump5, Rebecka St. James and Zoegirl.  
**Answer: We will try**
2. Get more books about glassblowing.  
**Answer: We will look for some.**
3. Label the card catalog.  
**Answer: We are no longer adding cards to the card catalog for books in the collection. The online catalog should be used to check for items. If an item is not in our library it will tell you if another library in our system has it and let you place a hold for it to be sent here.**
4. This is a wonderful program. Your toddler program is fabulous. It is a priviledge to be in Mrs. Brewer's class. She is amazing with the children. Thank you.

Thank you for the suggestions and comments!

## Holiday Hours

Dec. 31	New Year's Eve	Close at 1
Jan 1	New Year's Day	Closed
Jan 20	Martin Luther King Day	Closed
Feb. 17	Presidents Day	Closed

## Help us save your tax dollars

Help us keep our postage costs down by returning your library books on time or renewing them. As long as no one is waiting for the book it may be renewed either by phone or through your computer. By doing this you will save yourself the overdue fines and help the library budget as well. Overdue notices are automatically mailed out after a book is 14 days over due. With postage costs continuing to rise our budget is affected. So if you haven't had time to finish reading that book you borrowed or you just don't have time to get to the library when it is due, renew it.



### Book Preview

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

Cannell, Stephen	Hollywood Tough	Jan
Fleming, Thomas	Conquerors of the Sky	Jan
Hamill, Pete	Forever	Jan
Krentz, Jayne	Light in the Shadow	Jan
Martini, Steve	The Arraignment	Jan
McBain, Ed	Fat Ollie's Book	Jan
Block, Lawrence	Small Town	Feb
Higgins, Jack	In a Darker Place	Feb
Rice, Luanne	The Secret Hour	Feb
McCaffrey, Anne	Acorna's Rebels	Feb
Michaels, Fern	Late Bloomer	Feb
Brown, Sandra	The Thrill of Victory	Mar
Grisham, John	King of Tarts	Mar
Parker, Robert	Back Story	Mar
Patterson, James	Jester	Mar
Woodiwiss, Kath.	The Reluctant Suitor	Mar
Clark, Mary Higgin	The Second time around	Apr
Cornell, Bernard	Sharpe's Havoc	Apr
Godwin, Gail	Evenings at five	Apr
Peters, Elizabeth	Children of the Storm	Apr
Shreve, Anita	All he ever wanted	Apr
Woods, Stuart	Dirty Work:	Apr

### Building Committee News

The Building Committee received some good news this fall when the Bonding Commission voted to release the funds for our State Library Construction Grant. The library

now has about 18 months to raise the additional funds needed for the project. A group of library supporters has been working to raise money for the project and to date has raised about \$147,000 in addition to the \$500,000 from the construction grant. The Bill Library Association plans to launch another public appeal in 2003. We also have the potential to obtain other grants but will need to have a commitment from the town as well.

Help us to improve your library by letting town officials know you support the project and want it to move forward. Also please give what you can when the public appeal letter arrives. All donations are tax deductible.

### Friends News

The Ledyard Library Friends held their annual Wish List Meeting on October 9th. Officers for this year are Marie Olson-President, Mary Ellen Osborne Secretary, and Nancy Hall, Treasurer. Our booksales were very successful this year and we were able to donate approximately \$8,600 for items requested by the library staff. These items include a laminating machine, digital camcorder, museum passes, programming and two computer workstations.

I would like to thank all those who helped with the Gales Ferry Library and Bill Library Booksales. It is rewarding to see how much support the Friends are able to give the libraries. I would also like to thank everyone who donates books to our booksales and the patrons who purchase the books. It takes all three parts to make a successful sale! We are presently accepting book donations at both libraries. Remember to stop by our continuing booksales at both libraries - they are restocked frequently.

The Friends are presently working on a design for a Cats Meow Village of the Gales Ferry Library. For those of you who have not purchased one the Bill Library design is available at both libraries for \$18.93.

If you wish to join the friends membership forms are available on the library website or at the library.

Marie W. Olson, President

**LEDYARD PUBLIC LIBRARIES**  
Service to the Homebound

The Ledyard Libraries recently received a grant to provide service to homebound adults. Visiting nurses, Meals on Wheels drivers and volunteers will deliver and pick up library materials such as books, large print books, audio books, and videos. We also have tape and CD players available to loan. If you or anyone you know would like to receive materials at home please fill out this form and return it to the address below.

Would you like to receive library materials at home?      \_\_\_\_\_yes      \_\_\_\_\_no

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

What type of materials?

Books \_\_\_\_\_  
Large Print Books \_\_\_\_\_  
Audio Tapes \_\_\_\_\_  
Books on CD \_\_\_\_\_  
Videos \_\_\_\_\_      Adventure \_\_\_\_\_      Romance \_\_\_\_\_      History \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Authors \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Fiction      \_\_\_\_\_yes      \_\_\_\_\_no  
Romance \_\_\_\_\_  
Mystery \_\_\_\_\_  
Suspense \_\_\_\_\_  
Science Fiction \_\_\_\_\_  
Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Nonfiction      \_\_\_\_\_yes      \_\_\_\_\_no      Subject area \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to borrow

Tape player      \_\_\_\_\_yes      \_\_\_\_\_no  
CD player      \_\_\_\_\_yes      \_\_\_\_\_no

Please fill out form and return to:      Ledyard Public Libraries  
P.O. Box 225  
Ledyard, CT 06339

Or call:      Mary Ellen Osborne, Gales Ferry Library      464-6943

## LIBRARY HOURS

### BILL

464-9912

Mon - Thurs 9-9

Fri - Sat 9-5

Sunday 1-5

e-mail:

[bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto:bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org)

### GALES FERRY

464-6943

Mon - Thurs 9-8

Fri - Sat 9-5

Sunday 1-5

e-mail:

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