



# BOOKS AND BEYOND...

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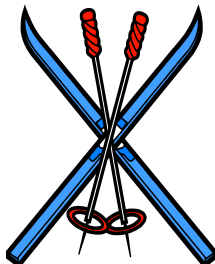
The Ledyard Libraries support and encourage the freedom to read, learn and discover in a welcoming environment. We provide friendly, knowledgeable service and free access to a diversity of ideas, resources and experiences. We strive to enhance the quality of life in our community, encourage lifelong learning and the love of reading.

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### Ledyard Public Libraries A good value

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The Libraries offer a wide variety of services to Ledyard residents. Last year our patrons borrowed 75,703 adult books and 50,337 children's books. At an average price of \$25 for an adult book and \$18 for a children's book it would have cost \$1,892,575 and \$965,464 respectively to purchase these books. Videos circulated 16,854 times last year. If these had been rented at Video World at an average cost of \$3 per video it would have cost \$50,562. Ledyard residents last year paid \$33 per capita for library services. Come to the library just once in a year and borrow a book or two, read a magazine, attend a program or use one of the computers and you will have gotten your money's worth. For anyone who visits on a regular basis for videos, CD's, audio books or more it is truly a bargain. The next time you want to listen to a CD before you buy it come to the library and borrow it rather than trying to download it illegally on your computer.

The library offers a very popular service to readers who have a favorite author. Give us the name of your favorite author and we will order their new books when they come out and automatically call you when we have it. Do you have guests visiting from out of town? The library offers museum passes with free or reduced rates to some of the areas museums.

This is your library, the resources are available for you - visit often, and you will be surprised at what you can find.

## Children's Programs

Registration for Story times at the Ledyard Public Libraries will be Monday, January 5, 2004. You may call in to the library where the program is being offered anytime after 9:30 am. Call the Bill Library at 464-9912, Gales Ferry Library at 464-6943.



### Infant/Toddler

Infants (6-15 mos.)

GF Tuesdays 9:30-10:15 am Jan. 13 - Feb. 10

Toddlers (16 - 24 mos.)

Bill Wednesdays 9:30-10:00 am Jan. 14 - Feb. 11

### Terrific Twos

Bill Wednesdays 9:30-10:15 am Mar. 17-May 5

GF Tuesdays 9:30-10:15 am Mar. 16-May 4

### Tremendous Threes

Bill Mondays 9:30-10:00 am Feb. 2-May 3

GF Tuesdays 10:30-11:00 am Feb. 3-May 4

### Fabulous Fours and Fives

Bill Thursdays 9:30-10:15 am Feb. 5 - May 6

GF Tuesdays 1:00-1:45 pm Feb. 3 - May 4

### Special Programs

**Tuesday, Jan 20, 2004** (Teacher Development Day)

#### Science Epicenter presents: Static Electricity!

10:00 grades K - 2 Bill Library

11:00 grades 3 - 6

We will use this basic force to bend water, make objects stick together, make an electroscope, and create new hairstyles with a Van De Graaf generator. Please sign up early as there is limited seating! Free and open to Ledyard/Gales Ferry residents first.

**Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2004** (President's Day Vacation)

#### Puppet Connection presents: Scandinavian Tales with Marilyn O'Connor Miller

Ledyard Congregational Church Fellowship Hall.

11:00 am all ages

Master puppeteer, Marilyn O'Connor Miller has been featured at both Storytelling and Puppet Festivals for many years. Marilyn, a ventriloquist, will be sharing stories and songs from Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Finland with her friends, Tiffany and Piccolo the puppets. Don't miss this wonderful performance for. Adult must accompany preschoolers. Free and open to the public.

### Bedtime stories @ your library:

Thurs., Feb. 5th 6:30 p.m.

Gales Ferry

Thurs., Feb. 12th 6:30 p.m.

Bill Library

1st grade and younger.



Come in your coziest p.j.'s, bring a stuffed friend, listen to winter bedtime stories and have a snack! No registration required.

## Teen Program News

### Volunteers needed

Calling all Teens! If you're in Grades 7-12, we've got a program for you! Volunteers are needed to read bedtime stories to young children at the library. The dates are Thursday, February 5th, 6:30 p.m. at Gales Ferry, and Thursday, February 12th, 6:30 p.m. at Bill. I need 3 readers for each night, (total of 6), 1 helper (total of 2), and a couple of bakers, who could contribute homemade goodies. The time commitment for the evenings is about 1 1/2 hours for the readers and helpers. If you are interested in signing up, leave a message for me at either library or email me, at [teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto:teenlibrarian@ledyard.lioninc.org).

### Library Youth Award Patch

The other interesting news for teens is the announcement of the Connecticut Library Association's "Library Youth Award Patch". The idea is to learn about the career advantages to becoming a librarian, and I think you can also benefit from the skills you will learn in completing the patch requirements! The requirements are simple and straightforward.

1. Acquire a mentor.
2. Complete 5 activities listed.
3. Submit your project to the Youth Patch Award Chairperson.

One of the activities is to assist in the preparation for a program, which many of you have expressed an interest in doing, so give it a go!! I would be happy to mentor any teen who is interested. This is an on-going program, so there is no deadline, and award patches will be sent to the mentor upon receipt of the completed applications. All information, including a list of the required activities, is available at both libraries, or at <http://cla.uconn.edu/committees/career/patchapply.html> Please contact me if you would like to participate! Thanks!

Andrea Buka,  
Teen Program Coordinator

## 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:



**January 21<sup>st</sup>** *The Story of Lucy Gault* by William Trevor. Set in Ireland in 1921, this is pure storytelling of a sad occurrence. Nine year old Lucy runs away the night before she and her parents are to move to England. The parents discovering a piece of Lucy's clothing near the water assume that she has died, and decide not to live in England but roam Europe instead. Fate, love, longing and loss are at the heart of this book.

**February 18<sup>th</sup>** *The Namesake*, by Jhumpa Lahiri. A follow-up to her Pulitzer Prize-winning debut, *Interpreter of Maladies*. –The naming process is everything in India. Gogol Ganguli is born to an Indian academic and his wife. Gogol is afflicted from birth with a name that is neither Indian nor American nor even really a first name at all. He is given the name by his father who, before he came to America to study at MIT, was almost killed in a train wreck in India. Rescuers caught sight of the volume of Nikolai Gogol's short stories that he held, and hauled him from the train. Ashoke gives his American-born son the name as a kind of placeholder, and the awkward thing sticks.

**March 17<sup>th</sup>** *Reading Lolita in Tehran: a memoir in books*, by Azar Nafisi. An inspired blend of memoir and literary criticism, *Reading Lolita in Tehran* is a moving testament to the power of art and its ability to change and improve people's lives. In 1995, after resigning from her job as a professor at a university in Tehran due to repressive policies, Azar Nafisi invited seven of her best female students to attend a weekly study of great Western literature in her home. Since the books they read were officially banned by the government, the women were forced to meet in secret, often sharing photocopied pages of the illegal novels. Though most of the women were shy and intimidated at first, they soon became emboldened by the forum and used the meetings as a springboard for debating the social, cultural, and political realities of living under strict Islamic rule.

**April 21<sup>st</sup>** *Spix's Macaw*, by Tony Juniper. Despite a ban on endangered-parrot trading since 1975, smugglers have continued to trap and sell blue parrots-including the rarest, Spix's macaw-on the international market. By 1990, only one wild Spix's remained. Juniper, executive director of Friends of the Earth, recounts the riveting adventures of the team of specialists that finally documented the presence of this last wild bird in Brazil's remote northeast interior and launched efforts to try to protect it.

### Winter Reading Program for Adults: Food for Thought

Get ready for an appetizing winter reading program for adults. Starting January 25 we will have weekly raffles for all adult readers for six weeks. You get an entry slip for each book you read, plus there will be bonus slips for all books dealing with food, all books made into movies and for attending library programs. Just register at the front desk of either library. Every time you finish a book, fill in a slip at the desk and drop it in the raffle jar. Drawings will be held each Saturday through March 6 at both libraries. Don't forget to ask for a handout of suggestions that qualify for the bonus slips.

**Wednesday, February 4** Movie/book discussion  
Bill Library 7:00 p.m.

*Like Water for Chocolate* – Come watch the movie and discuss the book. Copies of the book available at either library. Refreshments will be served. Think CHOCOLATE!

**Sunday, February 8** Mexican Food sampler  
Bill Library 2:00 p.m.

Foods with a Mexican theme - Continue the experience of *Like Water for Chocolate*. Andrea Buka and Jennifer Finlayson will provide us with a variety of tastes and textures from Mexico. They have a reputation and a following from their wonderful food programs in the past. Registration is required. Call or drop in at Bill Library to register.



\*Snow Date for both programs: February 11.

## Breast Cancer Awareness Quilt

The Bill Library is displaying a quilt that was presented to the Town of Ledyard by the Community Partnerships Breast Health Task Force in the hope that it will promote the importance of breast health and early detection of breast cancer.



This quilt was made in 2003 by Alberta Houlihan and quilted by Dolores Fox of the Clamshell Quilt Guild. On behalf of the Community Partnerships Breast Health Task Force it was presented by Ledyard Breast Cancer Survivor Denise Comrie to the Town of Ledyard on September 29, 2003 and re-presented to the Ledyard Library Commission on October 20, 2003.

The October presentation coincided with the nineteenth year of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. During those past nineteen years, mammography use has doubled and breast cancer death rates have declined. Still, many women do not utilize mammography at regular intervals. The Community Partnerships Breast Health Task Force advises that mammography is the best available method of detecting breast changes that may be cancer, long before physical symptoms can be seen or felt, and that breast cancer deaths could decline further if all women age 40 and over received mammograms at regular intervals. Ledyard women and their families are urged to get the facts about mammography.

## Mistletoe Craft and Bake Sale

We wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who supported the Mistletoe Craft and Bake sale and Silent Auction.



From the patrons who brought in beautiful crafts and delicious baked goods, to the business people who posted our signs and used our placemats, we want you to know how much your support means to us. The event had over 400 visitors and raised almost \$8,000 for the building fund including \$2,238 for the craft and bake sale, \$5,174 for the silent auction, \$500 in pie orders and \$60 in ticket sales to the Crystal Mall night of Giving. A special thanks goes to Jeanne Allyn and her helpers for donating their time and materials to bake holiday pies that were sold for the event.

The Committee is planning an evaluation meeting in January and would like to hear your feedback and suggestions for the future. Email your ideas to [bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto:bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org) or call Jane Leger at the library. Thank you!

Jane Leger - Marion Cutler

## Giving Tree Report

A big "Thank you" goes to all those who purchased books and made donations to the Giving Tree program this year. These books are made available to the needy children of Ledyard through the Social Services Toy Drive. Please know that the parents and children appreciate your generosity.



Jeanne Allyn	Tina Kilby
Nancy Avery	Lisa Lahti
Nancy Brewer	Sue Lartelme
Gale Bradbury	Marty Hubbard
Lisa Briere	Teresa Marshall
Joyce Bush	Nancy Moretta
Ellie Davis	Nelson Family
Carolyn DeMaio	CJ Noon-Robinson
Lara Dolphin	Mary Ellen Osborne
Dave Elford	Tara Pealer
Libby Evans	Jennifer Pietras
Jennifer Finlayson	Barbara Sorensen
Vi Fleck	Jacob & Allison Troy
Gallen family	Watson Family
Cay Haffey	Nancy Wayland
Natalie Jensen	Pat Webb
Ernie Joyce	Alice Wester
Mary Juber	Tom Wilson
Pam Kalinoski	Many Anonymous Donors

## From the Reference Desk

We've added several new books and sets to the Reference Collection recently.

*Psychology* published by Grolier, 2002. This six volume set includes entries on Artificial Intelligence, Theories of Consciousness, Basic emotions as well as perception and vision. Other volumes have articles on the remarkable memory of pigeons, Phrenology, and Psycholinguistics! The index in each volume makes this set very user friendly.

*Integrative Medicine* by David Rankel, MD. Elsevier Science 2003. This book on alternative medicine focuses on using knowledge of the individual's mind, body and community to select effective "Integrative Medicine" choices (Lifestyle, Nutritional, Botanical and other alternative approaches) to deal with certain diseases and conditions. The book is for use by physicians and health care consumers and though you may need a medical dictionary in some sections, the book has a clear and thoughtful layout.

*Encyclopaedia Britannica*. 2003. If you've never tried using this encyclopedia please think of it the next time you need information, particularly of a historic or biographical nature. Our previous 15<sup>th</sup> edition was published in 1991, so this new edition will have updated entries. If the Macro/Micro/Proaedia format puts you off, ask for help from a member of the library staff. This is always a worthwhile reference to check.

### Suggestion Box

The following suggestions were recently found in the suggestion box.

1. A Mystery Book Section  
**Answer:** Both libraries have a mystery book area as well as science fiction and large print. Please ask at the desk and a librarian will show you where it is.
2. More movies and books suited for teens  
**Answer:** We have been adding as much as our budget and the space allows. If you have a request for a specific movie and/or book please let us know and we will try to get it.
3. All movies on DVD should also be on VHS  
**Answer:** We try to do that when possible but our budget does not allow us to buy everything in duplicate formats. We have also found that more and more titles are no longer available in VHS.

Thank you for your suggestions and for your words of praise. We appreciate hearing from you.

### New Book Preview

The following new books are scheduled to come out in the next few months. If you see something of interest let us place a hold for you.

Cannell, Stephen	Vertical Coffin	January
Cookson, Catherine	Kate Hannigan	January
Fox, Laurie	The Lost Girls	January

Garwood, Julie	Murder List	January
Grifiin, W.E.B	Retreat, Hell!	January
Leonard, Elmore	Mr. Paradise	January
Lessing, Dorris	The Grandmothers	January
McBain, Ed	The Fruminous	
	Bandersnatch	January
Plain, Belva	The Sight of the Stars	January
Tyler, Anne	The Amateur Marriage	January
Dorsey, Tim	Cadillac Beach	February
Green, Tim	The First 48	February
Grisham, John	The Suspense never	
	Rests	February
Rice, Luanne	Dance with Me	February
Block, Lawrence	The Burglar on the	
	Prowl	March
Hallowell, Janis	The Annunciation of	
	Francesca Dunn	March
Parker, Robert	Bad Business:	March
Saul, John	Black Creek Crossing	March

### Get "@your Library" in Your Mailbox



Want to keep up on what's happening at Ledyard Public Libraries? Sign up for our email newsletter "@your Library." Published twice a month throughout the year except once in December,

this short bulletin lets you know what's happening in the coming two weeks as well as new books, new policies, updates on the Bill Library Addition Fund, Children's Programs, Library Friends' activities, mini book reviews -- and whatever else we can think to include! If you have any ideas for further information you'd like to see in "@your Library," let us know.

To start receiving your biweekly "@your Library" update, send your email address to [webmanager@ledyard.lioninc.org](mailto:webmanager@ledyard.lioninc.org).

### Holiday Hours

December 24	Christmas Eve	Close at 1
December 25	Christmas	Closed
December 26	Christmas	Closed
December 31	New Year's Eve	Close at 1
January 1	New Year's Day	Closed
January 2	New Year's	Closed
January 19	Martin Luther King	Closed
February 16	President's Day	Closed

### Building Committee News

The Bill Library Addition Building Committee extends its thanks to all who have supported the capital fund raising campaign. We would like to recognize one individual in particular, Cori Henk a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student from Ledyard Center School for her support. Below are excerpts from a letter she sent with her donation.

I organized and held a bake sale during our school's parent teacher conferences. I am donating all the money I raised [172.90] to you because I love the library.

I know you are trying to put a big addition on and I want to help make it happen. I love libraries because I love to read. But of all the libraries I've been to, my favorite is the one right smack dab in the middle of Ledyard. Thank you for being the best library ever.

Thank you Cori, we appreciate your hard work and want you to know your donation will be doubled with a match from Ledyard resident William Holton.

The proposed addition is truly a community project undertaken for the benefit of the entire community.

#### **BILL** 464-9912

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

#### **GALES FERRY** 464-6943

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

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