



# 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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### Bill Library Receives Early Christmas Present

The Bill Library received an early Christmas present on November 29 when the Connecticut State Library notified Library Director Gale Bradbury that the library has been awarded a \$500,000 Construction Grant for its proposed \$3.5 million expansion project.

"The next step" explains Bradbury, "is for the bonding commission to release the funds. That generally doesn't happen until after the first of the year. Once the funds are released we have 18 months to begin the project. This will fit in well with our time line which has us beginning construction in Spring 2002 and opening the doors in Spring 2003."

Built in 1893, with small additions in the 1970's and 1980's, the 6,184-square-foot library has become overcrowded, noisy, and inefficient. The Bill Library Addition Building Committee was formed in 1999 and proposes to expand the library with a 14,368 square foot addition on the south side of the building. The estimated cost of this project, which includes everything from site work to wiring for computers and which covers the needs in every part of the library for the next twenty years, is \$3.5 million.

In addition to the state library construction grant, the Building Committee is planning to apply for a small cities grant to cover the costs of complying with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. They are also planning a variety of fund raising efforts, such as

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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 2001 calendar. **Call-in** registration will be Monday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> 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.**

### CHRISTMAS VACATION PROGRAMS

Fri. Dec. 22	<b>Holiday Story-Craft</b>
11-12 noon	Gales Ferry Library
Grade 2 - 5	
Wed. Dec. 27	<b>Holiday Story-Craft</b>
10-11 a.m.	Bill Library
Ages 5-7	

### STORYTIMES



<b>Infant</b> (6 - 14 mos.)	GF
Tues. 9:30	Jan 16- Feb 13
<b>Toddler</b> (15 - 24 mos.)	Bill
Wed. 9:30	Jan 17 - Feb 14

<b>Terrific Twos</b>	
Tues 9:30	Mar 6- May 1
Wed. 9:30	Mar 7 - May 2

<b>Threes</b>	
Bill	Mon. 9:30 Feb 5 - May 7
GF	Wed. 10:30 Feb 6 - May 8

### FOURS AND FIVES

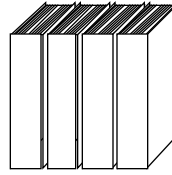
GF	Tues 1:00 Feb 6 - May 3
Bill	Thur. 9:30 Feb 8 - May 3

### FEBRUARY VACATION PROGRAMS

Tues Feb. 20	<b>Multicultural Storyteller</b>
	Watch for further details

## Adult Programs

### Book Discussions



Evening book discussions continue to be held on the third Wednesday of each month at Bill Library. The following titles have been chosen for the winter months. Copies of the books will be available at both branches and new participants are always welcome.

January 17: *The Cage*, the first novel by Audrey Schulman, earned a spot on the American Library Association's "Best" list of 1995. The story revolves around a young female nature photographer who travels to the frozen reaches of Canada to take pictures of polar bears. All too soon, it becomes clear that the whole expedition is ill prepared for the assignment in the unforgiving environment.

February 21: *The Blue Flower*, English author Penelope Fitzgerald's ninth novel brought her work to the American readers' attention and earned her the National Book Critics Circle prize, the first given to a non-American. This historical fiction set in provincial Saxony in the 1790's tells the story of writer Novalis and his infatuation with 12 year old Sophie.

March 21: *The Weight of Water* by Anita Shreve has remained in demand since its publication in 1997. In it she relates a dual story, both contemporary and historical, as a photojournalist discovers firsthand documents relating to an infamous double murder committed over a century ago.

### Internet Workshops



Once again we are offering Internet workshops. In addition to basic introductory sessions we have added some intermediate classes that will focus on searching tips and email.

Sunday January 21	2:30 p.m.
Introduction to Internet	

Sunday February 18                    2:30 p.m.  
    Searching tips and Techniques; email and shopping online  
Wednesday March 14                7:00 p.m.  
    Introduction to the Internet  
Wednesday April 11                2:30 p.m.  
    Searching tips and Techniques; email and shopping online (Same as above)  
Sunday April 22                    2:30 p.m.  
    Searching tips and Techniques; email and shopping online (Same as above)

#### Genealogy workshop

Sun. March 11    2:30 - 4:30    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.

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### From the Reference Desk

Recently added to the Bill Library shelves is the 10 volume 2001 edition of *The African American Encyclopedia*. Liberally illustrated with black and white photos, the set includes discussions of historical events, social movements and individual biographies. Volume 10 contains an extensive index, an index of people by profession, a time line of African American history, book lists for children and young adults, and web site listings. This is an excellent resource providing updated information for browsing and academic research.

#### Magazine Holdings

New subscriptions for 2001 at Bill Library include *Garden Gate*, *This Old House*, and a donation of the Ledyard Garden Club, *House and Garden*. *O: The Oprah Magazine* will be on the shelf at Gales Ferry.

Due to space constraints and the availability of full text magazine articles online, the libraries have reduced the magazine holdings to the current 3 years (1999-2001). EBSCOhost, the online source for magazine articles is easily accessed on the library terminals and from home computers through the library home page, [www.lioninc.org/ledyard](http://www.lioninc.org/ledyard).

[www.lioninc.org/ledyard](http://www.lioninc.org/ledyard) -gateway to library services from home

The library homepage is a good starting place for accessing library services. Search the holdings of all LION libraries, renew and reserve books, and access other databases such as reQuest (holdings of libraries throughout Connecticut) and EBSCOhost, a magazine index. The reference desk section has recently been updated with links to helpful sites including FirstGov.gov, access to federal government sites, the State of Connecticut home page, The Day, The Hartford Courant and Healthnet. Special note should be made of the **Healthnet** site, a service of the University of Connecticut Health Center to answer consumer health questions. Links to reliable sites supply medical journal articles, information on diseases, treatments, clinical trials and directories of health professionals and facilities.

The library homepage is an excellent starting point for your on-line reference needs.

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### From the Children's Room

#### Children's Audio Tapes

Did you know we have a wonderful collection of children's audio tapes to check out? They are great to take in the car on trips because they keep the kids occupied for a long time. Hook each munchkin up to a walkman and enjoy the peace and quiet, or enjoy a family classic with everyone. Who knows, you may have to sit in the driveway until the exciting part is done! We have stories for all ages and some great children's music tapes also. They circulate on a 3 week time period just like a book. Come and see what is available!

public appeals, small business donations, in-kind gifts, and other grants from foundations and local corporations.

The project's design, which was prepared by Tuthill and Wells Architects of Avon, Connecticut, features a two level addition with the main entrance into a lobby on ground level. A half flight of stairs and an elevator will lead up to an expanded adult area or down to a completely new children's area and community meeting room with separate entrance for after-hours use. An expanded parking area will be provided. The addition echoes the style of the original building, and contours of the site have been utilized to create a façade which when seen from Route 117 acts as a gateway to Ledyard.

The architects, detailed drawings as well as a full-scale model of the project are on view at the Bill Library.

Each year the Connecticut State Library's Construction Grants program awards six to eight grants for public library projects to improve their facilities to meet their communities' needs. They will fund one-third the cost of a building project up to \$500,000. Other local libraries that have received grants in recent years include Branford, Old Saybrook, and Stonington.

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### New Staff Member at Gales Ferry Library

We are pleased to introduce Mary Ellen Osborne, the Library Assistant at Gales Ferry Library who replaced Mary Phillips. Mary Ellen is not entirely new to the library. She held the position of Children's Librarian in 1987 - 88, has been a member of the Library Commission and was Chairman of the Bill Library addition Building Committee. Mary Ellen has been a resident of Gales Ferry for several years and is familiar with the community and the library. Please welcome Mary Ellen on your next visit.

### SUGGESTION BOX

The following suggestions were recently found in the suggestion box.



1. Get a list of books Written by Black Authors.

**Answer:** The new African American Encyclopedia described earlier has an index of childrens and young adult books by black authors as well as an index of black writers. *Black Books Galore! A Guide to Great African American Children's Books* is also available at Bill Library. This includes a list of Correta Scott King award books, as well as other award winning books with an African American theme. Another reference books at Bill that contains a list of Black authors is *The Norton Anthology of African American Literature*. The library will work on a display of African American writers for Black History month in February.

2. Please revise your policies to permit updating [library cards] every 2 years.

**Answer:** We have changed our policy - Library cards are now valid for two years instead of one.

3. Please consider ordering more western audio tapes.

**Answer:** We will work on that and are happy to consider specific requests for a title.

4. Could the staff wear nametags?

**Answer:** We will be ordering nametags for the staff to wear.

5. A few more teen-adolescent books would be appreciated - in particular those by Tamora Pierce.

**Answer:** Due to limited space the Young Adult areas in both libraries are small. The new addition at Bill Library will have a larger area for young adults with shelves for more books. We now have *The Lioness Quartet Books*, *The Circle of Magic* and *the Immortals* all by Tamorra Pierce.

6. A children's story hour for younger children would be fun. I would volunteer to be a reader.

**Answer:** We have many storytimes for children at different times. We always enjoy guest readers at our sessions, so please contact Nancy Brewer to set up a date.

7. Trade in the movies and get something different.

**Answer:** We continually add to the video collection weeding out movies that have gone out a lot. Some of the more popular titles we replace with a new copy.

8. Book chats could be something my 7 year old daughter would find interesting and may be beneficial to all ages.

**Answer:** We will look into the possibility of book chats for school age children.

9. The noise level in the library makes it difficult for patrons to study.

**Answer:** Both libraries have an open design which allows voices to carry and seem louder than they should be. It is particularly noisy during story hour mornings when children are getting books to take out. Staff will make an effort to keep noise to a minimum.

Thank you for the suggestions as well as your votes of confidence!

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## Giving Tree

We want to thank everyone for their generous donations of books and money for the giving tree this year. As this issue goes to press, there are 150 children in Ledyard/Gales Ferry that are 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, the Children's Librarian. Each book will have a bookmark inside wishing the child Happy Holidays from friends of the Ledyard Libraries.

Our list of generous donors (some of our donors were not listed by name) are:



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| Sue Allard                 | Cassandra Allen       |
| Jeanne Allyn               | Susan Anastasia       |
| Nancy Avery                | Jessie Baker          |
| Emily & Sara Baseler       | Marilyn Baseler       |
| Bauman Family              | Elizabeth Bechard     |
| Joan Blessing              | Colleen Borbach       |
| Bradbury Family            | Nancy Brewer          |
| Lisa Briere                | Kathy Bruckner        |
| Rebecca Bruckner           | Andrea Buka           |
| Joyce Bush                 | Barbara Candler       |
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| Jolanta Wojciechowski      | Nora Wood             |
| Barbara Wooster            | Ellen Young           |
| Karen Ysewyn               |                       |

Thank you also to those who chose to give anonymously.

## Holiday Hours

Sun.	Dec. 24	Christmas Eve	Closed
Mon.	Dec. 25	Christmas	Closed
Sun.	Dec. 31	New Year's Eve	Closed
Mon.	Jan. 1	New Year's Day	Closed
Mon.	Jan. 15	Martin Luther King	Closed
Mon.	Feb. 19	Presidents Day	Closed

## Display Case

The following items will be on display at Bill Library this winter. If you have an interesting or unusual collection you would like to share we will be happy to book the display case for you. For more information call Ann King at Bill Library .

**December: Old toys** displayed by staff members bring back memories of holidays past.



**January: On display this month** will be a collection of belt buckles handcrafted by Ledyard resident Edward P. Davis (1921-1996), a certified welder who was involved in the construction of atomic submarines and nuclear power stations. The buckles, fashioned from stainless steel piping and wire, feature commemorative medallions accented with various stones, beads, and coins.

**February: open**

**March: American Red Cross month** will be highlighted with a display featuring the activities and missions of the organization both national and local.

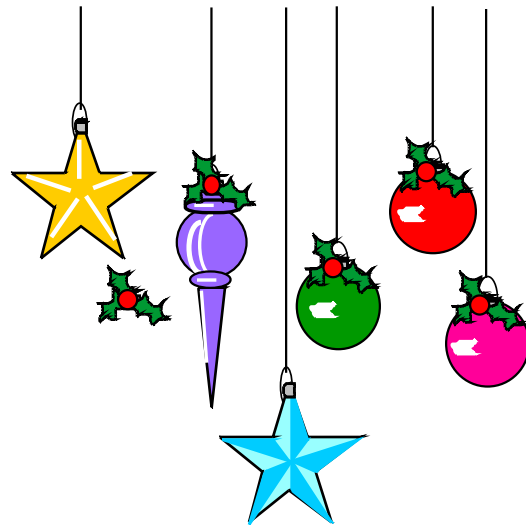
**April: CHOOSE CT. , an organization of homeschoolers, will display projects of local students.**

## xBook Preview



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

Archer, Jeffrey	To cut a long story Short	Jan
Braun, Lilian	The Cat who Smelled a Rat	Jan
Card, Orson S.	Shadow of the Hegemon	Jan
Goldsmith, Olivia	Bad Boy	Jan
Griffin, W.E.B.	Special Ops	Jan
Krentz, Jayne	Lost and Found	Jan
le Carre, John	The Constant Gardener	Jan
McCafferty, Barbara	Double Date	Jan
Newcomb, Richard	Abandon Ship: the Death of the USS Indianapolis	Jan
Greeley, Andrew	Irish Love	Feb
Binchy, Maeve	Scarlet Feather	Mar
Bradford, Barbara	The Triumph of Katie Byrne	Mar
Parker, Robert	Potshot: A spenser Novel	Mar
Roberts, Nora	Villa	Mar



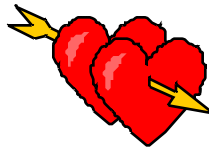
## **Building Committee News**

The Building Committee plans to increase their fund raising and publicity efforts in the coming months. For February a "Love Your Library" campaign is planned. Patrons will be able to "buy a Heart" for \$1. The hearts will be hung in the library with the patrons name on it. Proceeds will go to the building fund.

The Committee recently elected Karen Davies as the new chairman to replace Mary Ellen Osborne who resigned to become a staff member at Gales Ferry Library. In addition Bill Haase was appointed by the Town Council to fill the vacancy. Members of the Building Committee are Karen Davies, Chairman; Rebecca Graebner, Secretary; Ellen Seeman, Treasurer; Robert G. Brown, Robert D. Geer, William Haase, Kathy Mangiapane, Alvin Manter, and Stephen Shuttleworth.

## **Friends News**

The Library Friends had a successful booksale last September and would like to say thank you to all of you who helped in any way with the sale. The part you play from set-up to take down and all the steps in between is invaluable to making it run smoothly. Thank you also to Jean Scialabba who coordinates the sale and organizes the donations throughout the year.



If you are looking for romance in February a special sale at Gales Ferry Library is in the planning stages. Watch for further information at the libraries.

The next meeting of the Friends will be Thursday, January 25th (snow date Feb. 1), 7:00 p.m. at Bill Library. They will discuss ways to support the building committee and a wish list from the librarian will be presented. New members are always welcome. Plan to attend and help decide how the Friends will spend their money.

*Happy Holidays  
From  
The Ledyard Libraries  
Staff !*

## LIBRARY HOURS

### BILL

464-9912

Mon - Thurs 9-9  
Fri - Sat 9-5  
Sunday 1-5  
e-mail:  
bill-lib@ledyard.lioninc.org

### GALES FERRY

464-6943

Mon - Thurs 9-8  
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Sunday 1-5  
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