

Director's Report to the Library Commission September 16, 2024

Library News:

- Alyssa Drake accepted another position so our Assistant Librarian I – Adult Services position is currently vacant. The job has been posted since mid-August. We are reviewing applications and hope to begin interviews in the next week or two.
- Summer Reading went very well again this year (flyer attached with final numbers including Adults, Teens, and Children).
 - Based on our (50+) Summer Reading survey results, 100% of responders felt welcome at the library, 95% got help from the library, and 96% plan to take part after summer.
- We are grateful to Ledyard Rotary, Ledyard Lions, and New London Kiwanis for their grant funding which has been used to start Children's Read Along collections in both buildings. Although this new collection of Wonderbooks has only been available for a few weeks, it is already extremely popular with our young library patrons. Parents and caregivers alike also love the screen free, read aloud option which helps their children follow along while they see and hear the words on the page. This combination of print and audio together improves vocabulary, word recognition, and phonological awareness.



- Staff have been busy cataloging and processing the items for the new Toy Library. This grant funded collection was created in collaboration with Traveling Toys Inc. with generous funding from the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut. Items will live at both library buildings and should be ready for ribbon cutting in the next few months!

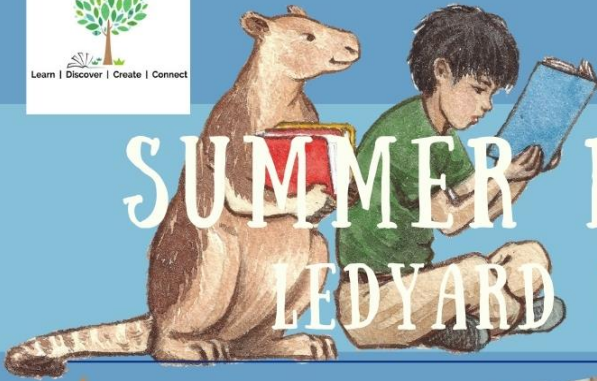
Building News:

- A new ADA circulation/information desk will be installed at Bill Library between September 19-20. Gales Ferry Library will be open on Friday, September 20 between 9:00-5:00 p.m. and Bill Library will be closed. This project was fully funded by the American Library Association Libraries Transforming Communities – Round 2 grant.

Town News:

- A new Human Resources Director for the town will start on Monday, September 16.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Smith
Library Director



SUMMER READING 2024

LEDYARD PUBLIC LIBRARY

The librarians are very friendly and helpful and the selection of books and materials are great!

Very welcoming, lots of great books, fun programs!



TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

408

ADVENTURES AND READING LOGGED

5,572

NUMBER OF PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

58

NUMBER OF PROGRAM AND ACTIVITY ATTENDEES

1,892

Children, Teens, and Adults who participate in Summer Reading strongly agreed and agreed that they...

Felt welcome at the library

100%

Got help from the library

95%

Plan to take part after summer

96%



We ran summer programming for:

Early Childhood
Children
Teens
Adults

