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Welcome to December!

December is here, and many of us are busy preparing for holidays, cooler weather, and time with our families. Take time this holiday season to catch up on some new releases, including Divine Justice by David Baldacci, Against Medical Advice by James Patterson, The

Lucky One by Nicholas Sparks, and The Gate House by Nelson DeMille. For children, check out new books including Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules by Jeff Kinney and The Maze of Bones by Rick Riordan. Want some teen reading selections? Try Love

and Peaches by Jodi Lynn Anderson or Saturday Night Dirt by Will Weaver. Visit our website at www.swgrl.org to view more reading recommendations and to reserve your copy of these books or others.

SOUTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM

HEADQUARTERS

Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library
301 S. Monroe Street
Bainbridge, GA 39819
229.248.2665

Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library
259 E. Main Street
Colquitt, GA 39837
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Giving Gifts?

Are you beginning to make a list of all the gifts you need to buy this year? Instead of facing the holiday crowds, donate a book in honor of that special someone. You can give the library a new book or send a check so the

library can order the item. This is a great gift idea for that hard to buy person in your life. Each book will have a special bookplate inserted recognizing your loved one. This year, give the gift that the entire community can enjoy!



Donate a book in the name of that special someone to the library. It makes a great holiday gift!



The Southwest Georgia Regional Library System will be closed Wednesday, December 24, Thursday, December 25, and Friday, December 26 for the Christmas holidays.

Holiday Closing

The Southwest Georgia Regional Library System will be closed on **Wednesday, December 24, Thursday, December 25, and Friday, December 26** to celebrate the Christmas holidays. The Decatur

County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library and the Seminole County Public Library will re-open regular business hours on Saturday, December 27. The Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library will re-open regular business hours

on Monday, December 29. Remember, we are always open online at www.swgrl.org. View upcoming events, search the library's catalog, and view reading recommendations for children, teens, and adults, and more!

Book Clubs

"The First Tuesday Book Club will not meet for its January discussion."

The First Tuesday Book Club will meet on **Tuesday, December 2 at 10 a.m.** at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library. They will discuss the book [Finding Father Christmas](#) by Robin Jones Gunn. The First Tuesday Book Club will not meet for its January discussion. Stay tuned to the

SWGRL Spotlight for the book selection for February's meeting of the First Tuesday Book Club. Call 229.758.3131 for more information.

The First Wednesday Book Club will meet on **Wednesday, December 3 at 10 a.m.** at the Seminole County Public Library. They will discuss the book [The](#)

[Ladies of Covington Send Their Love](#) by Joan Medlicott. The First Wednesday Book Club will meet **Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at 10 a.m.** and will discuss the book [Walking Across Egypt](#) by Clyde Edgerton. Call 229.524.2665 for more information on this lively book club!

Breakfast with Santa

Santa will be visiting the library! The Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library will be hosting Breakfast with Santa on **Saturday, December 6.**

There will be five sittings, at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 1:30 p.m. All spots for this program have already been filled. This program is designed

for children up to age 9 and is sponsored by First Port City Bank.

The Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library will also be hosting Breakfast with Santa on **Saturday, December 6.** Two sittings are available at **9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.** This program is intended

for children ages 2-5. This program is sponsored by Ameris Bank, First State Bank, and People South Bank. Space is limited; please call 229.758.3131 to reserve your spot today!

Don't miss the chance for your child to meet Santa!



Join us as Santa visits the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library and the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library!

Toddler Time

Toddler Tales at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library will end its 2008 season on **Thursday, December 4 at 10 a.m.** Join us as we celebrate the holidays early with a special holiday party for the toddlers! Toddler Tales will resume in

2009 every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m., starting on **Tuesday, January 13 at 10 a.m.**

Missing out on storytime fun during December? Well, bring your little one over to the Seminole County Public Library

every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. during December for stories, songs, fun, and more!

Toddler Storytime is a great way for your child to interact with others and learn social skills. Won't you join us?



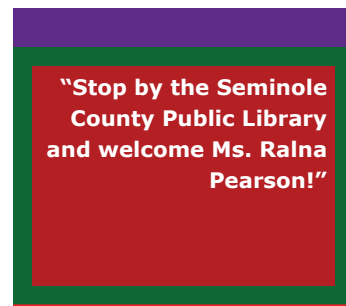
Don't miss Toddler Storytime at the Seminole County Public Library at 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. all month long!

Please Welcome...

The Southwest Georgia Regional Library System is proud to welcome Ms. Ralna Pearson to our staff! Ms. Pearson joins us as the new Assistant Branch Manager for the Seminole County Public Library. She is filling the position that was previously held by

Mrs. Becky Lewis, who retired at the end of October. Ms. Pearson has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism from Temple University. She previously worked as a reporter and is a freelance writer on the side. She is excited

about working at the library and enjoys helping people find the information they need. When she's not working, Ms. Pearson enjoys reading, writing, and traveling. Stop by the Seminole County Public Library and welcome Ms. Ralna Pearson!



Coming Your Way

The Bookmobile is coming your way! Visit the Bookmobile at one of the following stops to view all the great materials available for checkout!

We will be at:

- Attapulcus Community Center, **December 1, 10—11 a.m.**
- Spring Creek Grocery, **December 2, 10—11:30 a.m.**
- Wingate's Lodge, **December 3, 10—11:30 a.m.**
- Recovery Community Center, **December 3, 12—1:30 p.m.**
- Iron City Convenience Store, **December 9, 10—11 a.m.**
- Old Steadham Store, **December 9, 11:30 a.m.—1 p.m.**
- Climax Pavilion Park, **December 10, 10:30—11:30 a.m.**
- Selman Place Apartments, **December 15, 10—11 a.m.**
- Brogdon's Grocery, **December 16, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.**

Come visit the Bookmobile and see what you've been missing!



Upcoming Events

Check out what's going on at your library!

- **Tuesday, December 2:** First Tuesday Book Club, Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library, 10 a.m.
- **Tuesday, December 2:** Toddler Tales, Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library, 10 a.m.
- **Wednesday, December 3:** First Wednesday Book Club, Seminole County Public Library, 10 a.m.
- **Thursday, December 4:** Toddler Tales, Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library, 10 a.m.
- **Thursday, December 4:** Toddler Storytime, Seminole County Public Library, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- **Saturday, December 6:** Breakfast with Santa, Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library, 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 1:30 p.m.
- **Saturday, December 6:** Breakfast with Santa, Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
- **Thursday, December 11:** Toddler Storytime, Seminole County Public Library, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- **Thursday, December 18:** Toddler Storytime, Seminole County Public Library, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Library Locations

Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library
 301 S. Monroe Street
 Bainbridge, Georgia 39819
 229.248.2665

We're online!

www.swgrl.org

Library Hours:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00—8:00	9:00—6:00	9:00—6:00	9:00—7:00	9:00—6:00	9:00—4:00

Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library
 259 E. Main Street
 Colquitt, Georgia 39837
 229.758.3131

Library Hours:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11:30—5:30	11:30—5:30	11:30—5:30	11:30—5:30	11:30—5:30

Seminole County Public Library
 103 West Fourth Street
 Donalsonville, Georgia 39845
 229.524.2665

Library Hours:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30—5:30	9:30—5:30	9:30—5:30	9:30—5:30	9:30—5:30	9:30—5:30

