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**SOUTHWEST  
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LIBRARY SYSTEM**

**HEADQUARTERS**

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

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

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

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## *Library Remodeling!*

The Seminole County Public Library will be going through a remodeling project throughout the month of April, thanks to a Georgia Rural Library Initiative Grant. The library was awarded this grant in February, 2008. The carpet will be replaced and the library will be painted during the remodeling project. The Seminole County Public Library will be closed starting **Monday, April 6**. The library will re-open on **Monday, May 4 at 9:30 a.m.** If you need to access library

resources during this time, please visit the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library in Bainbridge or the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library in Colquitt. Or, you can always visit us online at [www.swgrl.org](http://www.swgrl.org), where we are open all the time.

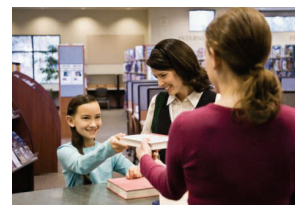
Come visit us anytime after May 4 to see the new and improved Seminole County Public Library!

## *Celebrate Your Library!*

Celebrate your library this April! National Library Week is held from April 12—18, 2009, and this year's theme is "Worlds Connect at Your Library". At the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System, we are celebrating this week all month long! Flock to your library to celebrate National Library "Month" with all

kinds of new materials, fantastic programs for all ages, computer classes, and so much more!

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.



*Stop by your library and pick up a recyclable reusable canvas bag today!*

## *It's Incredible and It's Shrinkable!*

**"Pick a poem and create a charm bracelet based of each of the lines of the poems."**

It's incredible! It's shrinkable! No wait, it's a charm bracelet! Celebrate National Poetry Month in April by making an incredible shrinkable charm bracelet at the library. Pick a poem and create a charm bracelet based on each of the lines of the poems.

This program will be held at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Tuesday, April 21 at 4 p.m.**

Don't miss out on the charm bracelet fun at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library on **Thursday,**

**April 16 at 4 p.m.** This program is designed for ages 7—14.

Space is limited to the first 25 attendees that show up, so make plans early to attend this super fun program!

## *Be Green!*



*Stop by your library and pick up a recyclable reusable canvas bag today!*

Your library is going green! How? No longer will you have to put books in all those plastic bags you receive from the library. No longer will you have to worry about throwing away those

excess plastic bags, either. So what's the solution? The Southwest Georgia Regional Library System now has recyclable reusable canvas bags! Stop by your library and pick up one of these bags

today! This bag is large enough to hold all of the materials you check out from the library; yet, it is soft and comfortable at the same time. A donation of \$3.00 is requested for each bag.

## *Book Clubs*

Join us for the First Wednesday Book Club at the Seminole County Public Library on **Wednesday, April 1 at 10 a.m.** as they discuss the book The Shipping News by Annie Proulx. They will not meet for their May discussion, due to library renovations. Please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 for more

information.

The First Tuesday Book Club will meet on **Tuesday, April 7 at 10 a.m.** at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library and will discuss the book To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee. Please call the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library for the title of the

book that will be discussed on Tuesday, May 5.

The Literati Book Club at the Seminole County Public Library will not meet until May due to remodeling at the library. Please call the library at 229.524.2665 for more information about the next meeting.

**"The Literati Book Club at the Seminole County Public Library will not meet until May."**

## Stories and More

Join us on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library for fun, songs, crafts, stories and more! Bring your little ones to share in the excitement of Toddler Tales.

Toddler Tales will take a

break on **Tuesday, April 7** and on **Thursday, April 9**. Toddler Tales will also wrap up its 2008—2009 season on **Thursday, April 30 at 10 a.m.**

Toddler Storytime at the Seminole County Public Library will resume on **Thursday, May 7 at 10:30**

**a.m. and 4 p.m.**, due to library renovations. In the meantime, be sure to visit one of our other libraries for great reading materials. Or, visit our website at [www.swgrrl.org](http://www.swgrrl.org) for reading recommendations for your little ones.



*Toddler Tales will take a break on April 7 and 9 at the Decatur*

## Computer Classes

Are you or someone you know just learning how to use a computer, but not sure where to start? Start at the library by signing up for Beginning Computer Classes. This free three-day class covers topics including Introduction to Computers and Windows, Introduction to Microsoft

Word 2007, and Introduction to the Internet and E-mail. These classes are designed for those with little to no computer experience.

Classes will be held **Tuesday, April 7 through Thursday, April 9** at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library. Please

call the library at 229.248.2665 to place your name on the waiting list.

Classes will also be held at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library on **Tuesday, April 21 through Thursday, April 23**. Space is limited; please call the library at 229.758.3131 to sign up.

**“These classes are designed for those with little to no computer experience.”**

## Meet the Author

Join Sandra D. Haymon, Ph.D., author of Baby Boomers—Sandwiched Between Retirement and Caregiving for a free seminar on **Tuesday, April 7 from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.** at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg

Library. Dr. Haymon will address national issues related to healthcare and Social Security, as well as personal questions related to retirement and caring for elderly loved ones. 1.5 CEUs will be available for healthcare

professionals who attend this seminar. Don't miss this informative program, sponsored by the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library, Flint River Hospice, and Memorial Hospital and Manor.

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## *Don't Miss It!*

Don't miss the Bookmobile coming to a stop near you!

- Spring Creek Grocery, 10—11:30 a.m.

- Selman Place Apartments, 10—11 a.m.

### **Wednesday, April 1**

- Wingate's Lodge, 10—11:30 a.m.
- Recovery Community Center, 12—1:30 p.m.

### **Wednesday, April 8**

- Climax Pavilion Park, 10:30—11:30 a.m.

### **Tuesday, April 21**

- Brogdon's Grocery Store, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

### **Monday, April 6**

- Attapulgus Community Center, 10—11 a.m.

### **Tuesday, April 14**

- Iron City Convenience Store, 10—11 a.m.
- Old Steadham Store, 11:30 a.m.—1 p.m.

### **Wednesday, April 22**

- Parkside Mini Mart, 10—11 a.m.

Visit the Bookmobile when it comes to a stop near you and check out the great assortment of materials on there!

### **Tuesday, April 7**

### **Monday, April 20**



*Don't miss the Bookmobile coming to a stop near you!*

## *Spring Break Blues?*

Hey, teens! Got the blues because there is nothing to do during Spring Break? Visit the library during Spring Break and play Guitar Hero on the PlayStation 2! Challenge your friends to see who will become the ultimate

Guitar Hero. Join us at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Tuesday, April 7 at 3 p.m.** and rock out to the greatest rock hits from today and yesterday.

Itching for more Guitar Hero fun? Join us at the

Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library on **Wednesday, April 8 at 3 p.m.** to play Guitar Hero!

This program is designed for ages 10—18.



*Stop the Spring Break blues and play Guitar Hero at the library!*

## *Upcoming Events*

Check out what's going on at your library this month!

### **Wednesday, April 1**

- First Wednesday Book Club, 10 a.m., Seminole County Public Library

### **Thursday, April 2**

- Toddler Tales, 10 a.m., Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library
- Toddler Storytime. 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Seminole County Public Library

### **Tuesday, April 7—Thursday, April 9**

- Beginning Computer Classes, Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library

### **Tuesday, April 7**

- First Tuesday Book Club, 10 a.m., Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library
- Rock On!, 3 p.m., Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library

### **Wednesday, April 8**

- Rock On!, 3 p.m., Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library

### **Tuesday, April 14**

- Toddler Tales, 10 a.m., Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library

### **Wednesday, April 15**

- Seminole County Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting, 10 a.m., Seminole County Public Library
- Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting, 1 p.m., Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library
- Southwest Georgia Regional Library System Board of Trustees Meeting, 3 p.m., Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library
- Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Board of Trustees Meeting, 5 p.m., Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library

### **Thursday, April 16**

- Toddler Tales, 10 a.m., Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library
- The Incredible Shrinkable Charm Bracelet, 4 p.m., Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library

### **Tuesday, April 21—Thursday, April 23**

- Beginning Computer Classes, Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library

### **Tuesday, April 21**

- Toddler Tales, 10 a.m., Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library
- The Incredible Shrinkable Charm Bracelet, 4 p.m., Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library

### **Thursday, April 23**

- Toddler Tales, 10 a.m., Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library

### **Tuesday, April 28**

- Toddler Tales, 10 a.m., Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library

### **Thursday, April 30**

- Toddler Tales, 10 a.m., Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library

