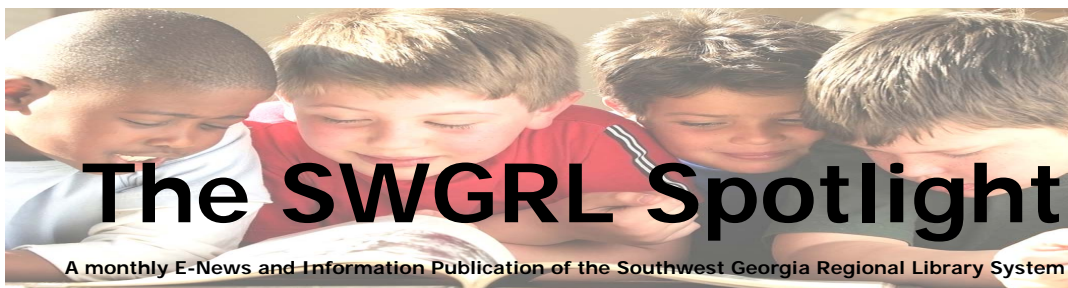


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Back to School Bash!

August 1 and 8, 2009

School is here again, and it is time to say goodbye to the summer. What better way to say goodbye than by coming to the library to celebrate the end of summer! Join us for balloon animals and face painting from clowns Fuzzy and Snuggles! While you're here, enjoy games, stories, music and more at

the Seminole County Public Library on **Saturday, August 1 from 1—3 p.m.** Can't make it then? Well join us at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Saturday, August 8 from 1—3 p.m.** as we say goodbye to the lazy days of summer.



Join clowns Fuzzy and Snuggles for face painting and balloon animals this month!

Stay in Touch!

Your Library Joins Facebook and Twitter

Your library has joined Facebook and Twitter! If you are one of the millions of people out there using Facebook, point your browser to www.facebook.com and become a fan of the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System to receive exclusive updates and news. Use Facebook to keep up with friends and family, add personal content to your profile, post photos to your profile, and let people know

what you are doing.

Are you on Twitter? Follow the library system at www.twitter.com/SWGRL and receive exclusive news and updates you won't see anywhere else! Launched in 2006, Twitter (www.twitter.com) is a free social networking service that enables its users to send and read other users' updates known as "tweets". So what are you waiting for? Follow us today on Twitter!



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Have You Met?

Sammie Battle



Meet Sammie Battle at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library today!

Have you met Sammie Battle at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library? Sammie is a Substitute Library Assistant and works at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library. She has been with the library since March of 2008. She enjoys working at the Circulation desk and helping library patrons find what they are looking for. She enjoys

meeting new people while working at the library. Originally from Climax, Sammie has spent her entire adult life in Bainbridge. She is very active in the community and serves as an ambassador for Bainbridge College and works with events for Keep Decatur County Beautiful. In addition, Sammie helped with the most recent July 4 celebration in Bainbridge

and assisted with the presidential elections in 2008. She is also active in her church. When Sammie is not working, she enjoys gardening, surfing the web, and reading. She has two daughters and one son, and one adult grandchild. Stop by the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library and meet Sammie Battle on your next visit!

Book Clubs

In Miller and Seminole Counties!

Join us at the Seminole County Public Library on **Wednesday, August 5 at 10 a.m.** for the First Wednesday Book Club as they discuss the book Looking for Salvation at the Dairy Queen by Susan Gregg Gilmore. This book is about a young southern girl caught between two worlds, and coming of age in the space therein. Can't make this

discussion? Make plans to attend the next session of the First Wednesday Book Club on **Wednesday, September 2 at 10 a.m.** Please call the library at 229.524.2665 for the title of the next book that will be discussed.

The First Tuesday Book Club at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial

Library is taking a break and will return for its next book discussion on **Tuesday, September 1 at 10 a.m.** Please call the library at 229.758.3131 for the title of the next book that will be discussed.

Membership in either of these book clubs are free and are always looking for new members. Join today!

"About a young southern girl caught between two worlds..."

Toddler Fun!

The Return of Toddler Storytime and Toddler Tales!

Join us for the return of Toddler Tales at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library starting **Tuesday, August 25 at 10 a.m.** Join storytellers Ms. Debbie and Ms. Taryn as they have all kinds of fun stories, songs, crafts, and more! Toddler Tales will

be held every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. Please call the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library at 229.248.2665 for more information.

Toddler Storytime also returns to the Seminole County Public Library this month! Join storyteller Ms. Ralna

starting **Thursday, August 6 at 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.** for stories, fun, and more! Toddler Storytime will be held every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 for more information.

"...all kinds of fun stories, songs, crafts, and more!"

Bookmobile Stops

Catch the Bookmobile at one of these places!

Visit Mr. Max or Mr. Terry this month on the Bookmobile to see all that the Bookmobile has to offer! We'll be at:

Monday, August 3:
Attapulugus Community Center, 10—11 a.m.

Tuesday, August 4:
Spring Creek Grocery, 10—11 a.m.

Wednesday, August 5:
Wingate's Lodge,

10—11:30 a.m.
Recovery Community Center, 12—1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 11:
Iron City Convenience Store, 10—11 a.m.

Wednesday, August 12:
Climax Pavilion Park, 10:30—11:30 a.m.

Monday, August 17:
Selman Place

Apartments, 10—11 a.m.

Tuesday, August 18:
Brogdon's Grocery, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 26:
Parkside Mini Mart, 10—11 a.m.

Interested in setting up a community stop? Call us at 229.248.2665 for more information.



Visit Mr. Max or Mr. Terry on your next visit to the Bookmobile!

Get your Game On!

For ages 10—18



Get your game on at the library this month!

Hey, teens! Has the thought of going back to school got you down? Need some after school relief this month? Join us at the Seminole County Public Library on **Thursday, August 13 at 4 p.m.** as we play games on the Nintendo Wii and the PlayStation 2! Can't make it then? Well be

sure to join us at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library on **Thursday, August 20 at 3:30 p.m.** Challenge your friends and see who has the best game playing skills at the library! Don't miss the chance to get your game on at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg

Library on **Tuesday, August 25 at 3:30 p.m.** as we play Wii and PlayStation 2 also! Play our Wii and PlayStation 2 games or bring your own! If you bring your own games, they must be rated E or E+. This program is designed for ages 10—18.

Computer Classes

Return to the Library!

Need to learn how to use a computer? Know someone who needs to learn? Sign up to take basic computer classes at the library this month! Classes will be offered at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **August 11, 12, and 13.** Space is very limited; please call 229.248.2665 to place

your name on the waiting list.

This is a three-day course and attendance is required on each day. Topics covered include introduction to computers, introduction to Microsoft Word 2007, and introduction to the Internet and E-Mail. These classes are

designed for those with little or no computer experience.

Sign up to take computer classes at the Seminole County Public Library, which will be held on **August 18, 19, and 20.** Please call the library at 229.524.2665 to sign up for these classes.

“Sign up to take basic computer classes at the library this month!”

We Appreciate You!

Thank you for your volunteer service!

We would like to thank the following volunteers for their outstanding service to the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System this summer! These

volunteers contributed over 1,000 hours to the library system.

These terrific ladies and gentlemen have assisted with all sorts of library

tasks, including shelving books, assisting with summer programs, and a variety of other duties.

Thanks again, volunteers!

Yvonne Bell—Quiana Childs—Punice Christian—Amanda Locke—LaShawn Miller—Phantasia Scott—Roberto Sierra—Dionna Stubbs—Keyhah Thomas—Dot Weathersby—Kaitlyn Worsley



Interested in volunteering at your local library? Call us today!

Remember Your Library

For All your Back to School Needs

Another summer has flown by, and school will be back in session very soon. We can say hello once again to homework, projects, teachers, tests, and other assignments. Don't worry though, because the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System is here to help you survive yet another school year.

You can access GALILEO (Georgia Library Learning Online) anytime to access online databases. GALILEO provides many resources that allow you to search for biographical and historical information, and can even help with your homework. How cool is that? If you would like to access

GALILEO from home, you need to request a password from the library.

Remember, your public library is here to assist with your back to school needs by providing access to GALILEO, access to computers to type that important paper and conduct research, and so much more.

"We can say hello once again to homework, projects, tests..."

Upcoming Events

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

Saturday, August 1

- Back to School Bash, 1 p.m., Seminole County Public Library

Wednesday, August 5

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

Thursday, August 6

- Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Seminole County Public Library

Saturday, August 8

- Back to School Bash, 1 p.m., Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library

Tuesday, August 11

- Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Foundation Board Meeting, 5 p.m., Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library

Thursday, August 13

- Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Seminole County Public Library
- Game On!, 4 p.m., Seminole County Public Library

Thursday, August 20

- Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Seminole County Public Library
- Game On!, 3:30 p.m., Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library

Tuesday, August 25

- Toddler Tales, 10 a.m., Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library
- Game On!, 3:30 p.m., Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library

Thursday, August 27

- 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

