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Food for Fines

Throughout the month of December!

Food for Fines returns to the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System throughout the month of December! Bring in non-perishable food items in to any library location to pay for overdue fines. Each non-perishable food donation equals \$1.00 worth of overdue fines. This special offer does not apply to lost or damaged materials. All

items received will be donated to local food banks. Items that are damaged, contained in glass, or have an expired date on them cannot be accepted due to safety reasons. Remember, this program lasts from **Tuesday, December 1 through Thursday, December 31,**

2009. This offer will not be extended, so make sure you take advantage of this while it lasts!



Participate in Food for Fines at all library locations this month!

SOUTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL 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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Thank You, Bainbridge

At the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on Tuesday, December 1, 2009!

Join us at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Tuesday, December 1, 2009 from 2—4 p.m.** for a special program featuring local author

Raymond Miles. Mr. Miles will be at the library to sign his autobiography, Thank You, Bainbridge. Copies of the book are available to purchase for \$15.00. Proceeds from the sale of each book will benefit the Decatur

County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Foundation. Don't miss this opportunity to purchase a copy of Thank You, Bainbridge and have it signed by Mr. Raymond Miles!

Holiday Closings

Important information for December and January

Pay attention to these important dates! The Southwest Georgia Regional Library System will be closed **Thursday, December 24, 2009 through Saturday, December 26, 2009** to celebrate the Christmas holidays. All library locations will reopen regular business hours on **Monday, December 28, 2009.**



The library will be closed several days during December and January!

The Southwest Georgia Regional Library System will also be closed on **Friday, January 1, 2010** in celebration of New Year's Day. The Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library and the Seminole County Public Library will reopen regular business hours on **Saturday, January 2, 2010.** The Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library will

re-open on **Monday, January 4, 2010 at 11:30 a.m.**

Furthermore, the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System will be closed on **Monday, January 18, 2010** in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. All library locations will reopen regular business hours on **Tuesday, January 19, 2010.**

Become a Friend!

Join the Friends of the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library!

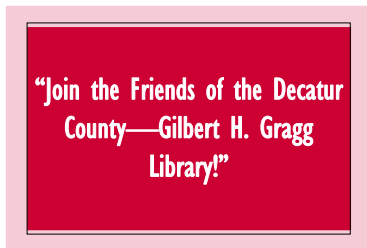
Be a friend! Join the Friends of the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library! The Friends of the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library assist with fundraising, library programs, and much more. The cost of

membership starts as low as \$1.00! What a great way to be a friend of the library!

Membership applications are available at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library and on the

Friends of the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library website at http://www.swgrl.org/decatur_friends.php.

So what are you waiting for? Become a Friend of the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library today!



Give a Unique Gift

A great gift for that special someone!

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!



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Have You Met?

Sharon Foulk at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library

Have you met Sharon Foulk at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library? Sharon is a Library Assistant and has worked at the library for almost 4 years. Sharon also creates and maintains the attractive displays in the glass case near the Circulation desk. One of Sharon's favorite things about working at the library is helping children develop enthusiasm about reading and using the library. She hopes that her excitement for reading

will help younger readers as they visit the library. Sharon has been an active reader her entire life; as a child, she received books as presents and spent many hours re-reading those books. When Sharon is not working, she enjoys reading, knitting, and re-establishing her art

studio. She loves art and is especially proficient in pottery and stained glass. Sharon has a Master's degree in Visual Arts from Georgia State University. She also enjoys spending time with her 3 cats and 1 dog. Stop by the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library today and meet Sharon Foulk!



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Storytime Schedules

Important Information about Toddler Storytime and Toddler Tales!

Toddler Storytime at the Seminole County Public Library will hold its final session for 2009 on **Thursday, December 3, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.** Toddler Storytime will resume on **Thursday, January 7, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.** and will continue every Thursday.

“Prepare to have a great time as storyteller Ms. Ralna tells stories, sings songs, and much more.”

Prepare to have a great time as storyteller Ms. Ralna tells stories, sings songs, and much more. Please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 for more information.

Toddler Tales at the Decatur County—Gilbert

H. Gragg Library will hold its final session for 2009 on **Thursday, December 3 at 10 a.m.** Toddler Tales will resume on **Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 10 a.m.** Bring your child for stories, songs, games, crafts, and more with storytellers Ms. Debbie and Ms. Taryn. Please call the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library at 229.248.2665 for more information.

Books for Sale

At Your Library!

Are you having trouble figuring out what to buy that person on your shopping list this holiday season? You know the one, that person who seems to have everything? Look to your library for your holiday shopping needs! For that special book lover, purchase a bookmark or a letter opener/ruler at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library.

Are you shopping for a history or genealogy enthusiast? Purchase

titles such as the Jones History of Decatur County for \$35.00 or I Remember Life in a Small Town for just \$7.50 at the library at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library. You can also purchase Marriage Records of Miller County 1893—1994 for \$10.00 at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library.



Turn to your library for your holiday shopping needs!

Stop by the Decatur County – Gilbert H. Gragg Library to purchase a copy of Prologue by Maston O'Neal or Raymond Miles' new autobiography, Thank You, Bainbridge. Both books sell for only \$15.00 and proceeds benefit the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Foundation. So what are you waiting for? Stop by your library today and pick up one of these gifts for that special person on your holiday shopping list!

All Aboard!

Visit the Bookmobile at a stop near you!

You won't want to miss the Bookmobile when it comes to a stop near you! Visit Mr. Max or Mr. Terry on the Bookmobile to get your hands on some of the latest books, DVDs, and more! Check out our schedule for the next two months below.

- **Tuesday, December 1:** Spring Creek Grocery, 10—11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, December 2:** Wingate's Lodge, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, December 2:** Recovery Community Center, 12—1:30 p.m.
- **Monday, December 7:** Attapulgus Community Center, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, December 8:** Iron City Convenience Store, 10—11 a.m.

- **Wednesday, December 9:** Climax Pavilion Park, 10:30—11:30 a.m.
- **Tuesday, December 15:** Brogdon's Grocery Store, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
- **Monday, December 21:** Selman Place Apartments, 10—11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, December 23:** Parkside Mini Mart, 10—11 a.m.
- **Monday, January 4:** Attapulgus Community Center, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, January 5:** Spring Creek Grocery, 10—11 a.m.

- **Wednesday, January 6:** Wingate's Lodge, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, January 6:** Recovery Community Center, 12—1:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, January 12:** Iron City Convenience Store, 10—11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, January 13:** Climax Pavilion Park, 10:30—11:30 a.m.
- **Monday, January 18:** Selman Place Apartments, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, January 19:** Brogdon's Grocery Store, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, January 27:** Parkside Mini Mart, 10—11 a.m.



Be sure to visit Mr. Max and Mr. Terry on the Bookmobile this month!

Book Clubs

In Miller and Seminole Counties!

The First Tuesday Book Club at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library meets on the first Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at 10 a.m.** and will discuss the book *Savannah* by John Jakes. Don't miss the next meeting of the First Tuesday Book Club on **Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at 10 a.m.** as they discuss the

book *The Sunday Philosophy Club* by Alexander McCall Smith. Please call the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library at 229.758.3131 for more information on the First Tuesday Book Club.

Make plans to join us at the Seminole County Public Library for the First Wednesday Book Club, which will meet on **Wednesday, December 2,**

2009 at 10 a.m. They will discuss the book *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. The next meeting of the First Wednesday Book Club will be on **Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at 10 a.m.** Please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 for the title of the book that will be discussed at January's book club meeting.

Schedule of Events

- Tuesday, December 1—**First Tuesday Book Club, 10 a.m.**
 Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
 Thank You, Bainbridge, 2—4 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 2—**First Wednesday Book Club, 10 a.m.**
- Thursday, December 3—**Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Saturday, December 5—**Breakfast with Santa, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**
- Saturday, December 12—**Breakfast with Santa, 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and noon**
- Tuesday, January 5—**First Tuesday Book Club, 10 a.m.**
- Wednesday, January 6—**First Wednesday Book Club, 10 a.m.**
- Tuesday, January 12— **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- Thursday, January 14—**Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 19— **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- Wednesday, January 20—**Seminole County Public Library Board of Trustees meeting, 10 a.m.**
 Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library Board of Trustees meeting, 1 p.m.
 Southwest Georgia Regional Library System Board of Trustees meeting, 3 p.m.
 Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Board of Trustees meeting, 5 p.m.
- Thursday, January 21—**Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 26— **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- Thursday, January 28—**Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
 Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Color code: Purple=Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Red=Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library
 Green=Seminole County Public Library

