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**SOUTHWEST
GEORGIA
REGIONAL
LIBRARY SYSTEM**

HEADQUARTERS

Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library
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Bainbridge, Georgia
39819
229.248.2665

Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library
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Colquitt, Georgia 39837
229.758.3131

Seminole County Public Library
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Prom Preview

Are you thinking about Prom yet? Want to find out about the latest and greatest fashion trends in prom dresses and tuxedos for this year's prom? Well, don't miss the Prom Preview at the Decatur County—Gilbert H.

Gragg Library on **Saturday, February 21 at 11 a.m.**

Coordinated by the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg

Library and the Prom Committee at Bainbridge High School, attendees will have the chance to check out what's hot in prom fashions today. Also, meet the professionals from Headquarters Color and Tanning Salon for hair and make-up tips to make your prom extra special. This program is sponsored by Southern Belle Prom Wear and Headquarters Color and Tanning Salon.



Don't miss Prom Preview at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on Saturday, February 21 at 11 a.m.!

New Book Club!

Want to attend one of the library's fabulous book clubs but can't because of other commitments? Wish there was a book club held on Saturdays so you could enjoy meeting and discussing books with others at a time convenient for you? Well, the library has the answer! Join us

at the Seminole County Public Library for our newest book club, the Literati Book Club, which will be held on **Saturday, February 21 at 1 p.m.**

Don't miss your chance to meet new people and discuss reads with others. Call the library at 229.524.2665 for more information!

"Join us...for our newest book club, the Literati Book Club."

African-American History Month Jeopardy

"Test your knowledge of African-American History with an exciting quiz game."

Don't miss the library's celebration of African-American History Month by attending African-American History Month Jeopardy at all of our library locations! Test your knowledge of African-American history with an exciting quiz game.

Join us on **Thursday, February 12 at 4:30 p.m.** at the

Seminole County Public Library.

On **Tuesday, February 17 at 4**

p.m., join us at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library for African-American History Month Jeopardy.

And finally, join us on **Thursday, February 19 at 4**

p.m. at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library for more African-American History trivia and fun.

Don't miss the chance to see who will become the supreme Jeopardy champion! This program is designed for teens ages 10—18.

To a Stop Near You...

Don't miss the library's Bookmobile when it comes to a stop near you! Visit the Bookmobile for enchanting reads, entertaining DVDs, delightful books on cassette and CD, and so much more! The Bookmobile will be appearing at:

- Spring Creek Grocery, **February 3, 10—11:30 a.m.**
- Wingate's Lodge, **February 4, 10—11:30 a.m.**
- Recovery Community Center, **February 4, 12—1:30 p.m.**
- Iron City Convenience Store, **February 10, 10—11 a.m.**
- Old Steadham Store, **February 10, 11:30 a.m.—1 p.m.**
- Climax Pavilion Park, **February 11, 10:30—11:30 a.m.**
- Selman Place Apartments, **February 16, 10—11 a.m.**
- Brogdon's Grocery Store, **February 16, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.**
- Parkside Mini Mart, **February 25, 10—11 a.m.**



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

Bookin' It @ the Library

Looking for a way to meet new people? Well, come to the library's book clubs and prepare for some interesting and insightful discussions. Join the First Tuesday Book Club at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial

Library on **Tuesday, March 3 at 10 a.m.**

as they discuss the book, The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein. Don't

miss your chance to reserve the selection for the following discussion, which will be held on

Tuesday, April 7 at

10 a.m. Please call the library at 229.758.3131 for April's selection. Can't make Tuesdays? How about joining us for the First Wednesday Book Club at the Seminole County Public Library on

Wednesday, March

4 at 10 a.m., when the book club will discuss Empire Falls by Richard Russo. Can't make this meeting? Call the library at 229.524.2665 for the selection to be discussed at the meeting on

Wednesday, April 1 at 10 a.m.

Don't miss either one of these exciting book club discussions!



Join us at the First Tuesday Book Club and/or the First Wednesday Book Club at your library!

For Toddlers Only!

Are you looking for a place to bring your toddler to meet and interact with other toddlers? Join us at the Seminole County Public Library every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. for Toddler Storytime! We will have stories, songs, fun, and so much more for your little ones! Call

229.524.2665 for more information!

Make plans to join us every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library for Toddler Tales, where we will have stories, crafts, songs, fun, and so much more! Call 229.248.2665, ext. 121

for more information on Toddler Tales.

Bringing your toddlers to these activities at the library is a great way for them to gain basic literacy skills and to learn how to socialize with others their age.

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Tax assistance is provided at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library free of charge!

Tax Assistance @ the Library

The Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library and Family Connections of Decatur County have partnered to provide free tax preparation assistance to individuals in our area **every Thursday afternoon from 3:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. and on the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. through 1 p.m.** until

April 15. Free tax preparation and e-file is provided by IRS trained volunteers. This is designed for families with incomes less than \$39,000 per year and for individuals with incomes less than \$15,000 per year. To receive the free tax preparation and e-file, please bring the following: All W-2s and 1099s (if any), Social Security Cards or

Taxpayer Identification (ITIN) for all family members, a copy of your 2007 tax return (if available), a bank account and routing number (if choosing to direct deposit your refund), and a valid photo ID.

Don't miss this opportunity to have your taxes prepared and e-filed for free. Please call 229.243.6451 for more information.

Love Your Library

It's February, and love is in the air. Love is in the air at the library because it is Library Lovers' Month! To celebrate Library Lovers' Month, here are a few reasons why you should love your public library:

- Learn more about the stars, with astronomy guides or Hollywood biographies.
- Research local history.
- Borrow CDs and DVDs to decide if you like them before

buying copies of your own.

- Locate and read back issues of magazines and newspapers.
- Read the magazine your spouse accidentally threw away before you finished it.
- Catch up on the classics—in books, movies, and music!
- Save money by borrowing items instead of buying them.

- Plan a vacation anywhere from Alaska to Zanzibar.
- Discover a poem that will tell you significant other how you feel about them.
- Find out what made headlines on the day you were born.
- Learn the best ways to train your puppy, your parrot, or even your pet iguana.

Visit the library to discover these ways and more to love your library!

"Read the magazine your spouse accidentally threw away before you finished it."

Upcoming Events

Check out what's happening at your library this month!

- **Tuesday, February 3:** Toddler Tales, Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library, 10 a.m.
- **Tuesday, February 3:** First Tuesday Book Club, Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library, 10 a.m.
- **Tuesday, February 3—Thursday, February 5:** Beginning Computer Classes, Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library
- **Tuesday, February 3—Thursday, February 5:** Beginning Computer Classes, Seminole County Public Library
- **Wednesday, February 4:** First Wednesday Book Club, Seminole County Public Library, 10 a.m.
- **Thursday, February 5:** Toddler Tales, Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library, 10 a.m.
- **Thursday, February 5:** Toddler Storytime, Seminole County Public Library, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- **Thursday, February 5:** Tax Assistance, Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library, 3:30—6:30 p.m.
- **Saturday, February 7:** Tax Assistance, Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library, 10 a.m.—1 p.m.
- **Tuesday, February 10:** Toddler Tales, Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library, 10 a.m.
- **Thursday, February 12:** Toddler Tales, Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library, 10 a.m.
- **Thursday, February 12:** Toddler Storytime, Seminole County Public Library, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- **Thursday, February 12:** Tax Assistance, Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library, 3:30—6:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, February 12:** African-American History Month Jeopardy, Seminole County Public Library, 4:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, February 17:** Toddler Tales, Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library, 10 a.m.
- **Tuesday, February 17:** African-American History Month Jeopardy, Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library, 4 p.m.
- **Thursday, February 19:** Toddler Tales, Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library, 10 a.m.
- **Thursday, February 19:** Toddler Storytime, Seminole County Public Library, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- **Thursday, February 19:** Tax Assistance, Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library, 3:30—6:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, February 19:** African-American History Month Jeopardy, Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library, 4 p.m.
- **Saturday, February 21:** Prom Preview, Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library, 11 a.m.
- **Saturday, February 21:** Literati Book Club, Seminole County Public Library, 1 p.m.
- **Tuesday, February 24:** Toddler Tales, Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library, 10 a.m.
- **Thursday, February 26:** Toddler Tales, Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library, 10 a.m.
- **Thursday, February 26:** Toddler Storytime, Seminole County Public Library, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- **Thursday, February 26:** Tax Assistance, Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library, 3:30—6:30 p.m.

