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## Southern Religious History

Author Erskine Clarke visits the library on Thursday, October 29 at 4:30 p.m.

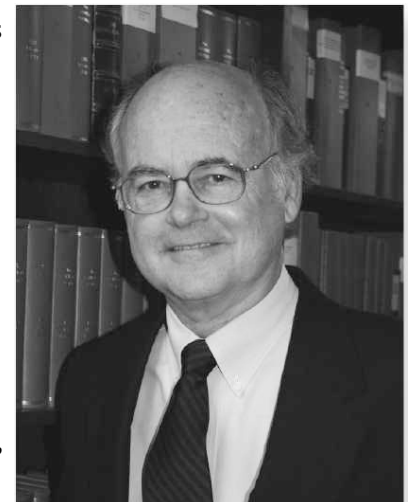
Be sure to join us at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Thursday, October 29 at 4:30 p.m.** for an insightful discussion with southern religious history author Erskine Clarke!

Clarke, the prize-winning religious historian, will discuss his acclaimed study of slaves and slave-owners in coastal Georgia. He has written several books, including *Wrestlin' Jacob: A Portrait of Religion in the Old South* and *Exilic Preaching: Testimony of Christian Exiles in an Increasingly Hostile Culture*.

Erskine Clarke's book, *Dwelling Place: A Plantation Epic*, won the prestigious Bancroft Prize and offers the compelling story of four generations of a Georgia plantation's inhabitants, white and black. His book appears on the Georgia Center for the Book's current list of "25 Books All Georgians Should Read".

Erskine Clark is a Professor Emeritus of American Religious History at Columbia Theological Seminary. This program is a part of the "We the People" program funded by the Georgia Humanities

Council. Please call the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library at 229.248.2665 for more information on this informative program!



*Don't miss author Erskine Clarke at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on Thursday, October 29 at 4:30 p.m.!*

### Holiday Closing

Closed on Monday, October 12 for Columbus Day

The Southwest Georgia Regional Library System will be closed on Monday, October 12, 2009 in honor of Columbus Day. All library locations will re-open

for regular business hours on Tuesday, October 13, 2009.

While our physical facilities will be closed, you can still access our website 24/7 at [www.swgrl.org](http://www.swgrl.org) for all

your library and information needs.

We look forward to serving you again on Tuesday, October 13, 2009!

### 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  
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# Our Newest Location

## Presenting [www.swgrl.org](http://www.swgrl.org)

Have you visited the Southwest Georgia Regional Library's newest location? This location is located online, at [www.swgrl.org](http://www.swgrl.org)! This location has a few advantages over all of the physical facilities:

1. You can visit our online location in your pajamas.
2. This location is open 24 hours a day and 7 days a week, so we are even open on Sundays at 3 a.m.!
3. You can be anywhere in the world and still visit us!

So you know why you should visit us online, but what exactly

can you do when you're there? Here are a few ideas:

1. Log in to your library card account and renew materials that will be due soon.
2. Use GALILEO for 24/7 access to magazine articles, journal articles, online encyclopedias, and more!
3. Search the catalog for



Visit the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System's newest location from anywhere in the world!

that new cookbook you heard about and request it from the library.

4. View the latest reading suggestions for children, teens, and adults!
5. Visit our newest pages for information on the H1N1 flu and to access our new Hard Times Resource Guide!

Need more ideas? Visit [www.swgrl.org](http://www.swgrl.org) and discover our newest location, our virtual library!

## E-Rate Workshop

Thursday, October 8 at 12:30 p.m.

Need assistance with filing e-rate? Or, just have some general questions about how to file e-rate? Join us on

**Thursday, October 8, 2009 from 12:30—3:30**

**p.m.** at the Decatur County—Gilbert H.

"This workshop will cover the four forms that are required in the E-rate process"

Gragg Library as Richard Brock from the Georgia Public Library Service presents information on filing e-rate. This workshop will cover the four forms that are required in the E-rate process plus some tips on site visits and audits.

This workshop is open to the public and is designed for the Board of Education, Libraries, and anyone else filing e-rate.

Don't miss this informative workshop! Please call the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library at 229.248.2665 for more information.

## A Halloween Spooktacular!

Wednesday, October 28—Friday, October 30 at your library!

Halloween is just around the corner and will be here before we know it. Join us at the Southwest Georgia Regional Library for a Halloween Spooktacular! We will have a howlin' good time as we play games, tell scary stories, and much more! We will even go trick-or-treating in the library! Kids, wear your

Halloween costumes for more fun! Have a howlin' good time at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library on **Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at 4 p.m.** Prepare to be scared at the Seminole County



Have a howlin' good time at the Halloween Spooktacular!

Public Library on **Thursday, October 29, 2009 at 4 p.m.!**

And join us at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Friday, October 30, 2009 at 4 p.m.** for super scary fun!

This program is designed for children ages 6—11.

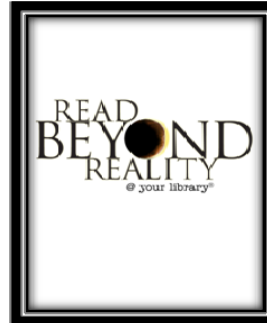
# Read Beyond Reality

Celebrate Teen Read Week October 18–24, 2009!

Area teens will be reading for the fun of it as the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System celebrates Teen Read Week(TM), October 18 – 24, 2009. The library plans to celebrate Teen Read Week by playing beyond reality at all three library locations.

On **Monday, October 19, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.**, teens ages 10 – 18 will have the opportunity to play popular video games on the Nintendo Wii and the PlayStation 2 at the Miller County – James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library. Teens at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library will have this opportunity on **Tuesday, October 20, 2009**

at **3:30 p.m.** And teens will have an opportunity to play these video games at the Seminole County Public Library on **Thursday, October 2, 2009 at 4 p.m.** The Southwest Georgia Regional Library System joins thousands of other libraries, schools, and bookstores across the country who are encouraging teens to celebrate this year's theme, "Read Beyond Reality @ your library@."



Celebrate Teen Read Week October 18–24, 2009!

initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA). This year's theme encourages teens to read a wide variety of materials that are out of this world, just for the fun of it.

Teen Read Week(TM) is held annually during the third week of

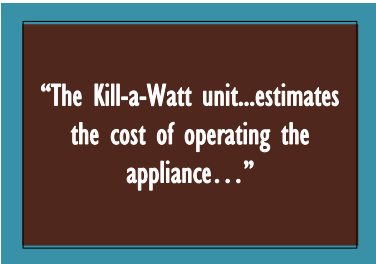
October. For more information on Teen Read Week, please visit [www.ala.org/teenread](http://www.ala.org/teenread).

Teen Read Week(TM) is the national adolescent literacy

## Kill What??

Monitor your home energy usage with Kill-a-Watt!

Interested in monitoring your home appliance's energy efficiency? Visit the Decatur County – Gilbert H. Gragg Library and check out a new Kill-a-Watt Energy Detector Toolkit! The Kill-A-Watt unit measures the energy consumption of



individual appliances by the Kilowatt-hour and estimates the cost of operating the appliance by the hour, day, week, month and year. This is a great tool for those looking to conserve energy or for those

considering upgrading their appliances to more energy-efficient ones. Each toolkit includes instructions on how to use the Kill-A-Watt meter, what the information means, and energy consumption tips. So what are you waiting for? Get your hands on a Kill-a-Watt today at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library!

## Endowments

Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Foundation

The Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Foundation is an independent non-profit organization established in 1991 for the purpose of developing the potential of the public library through financial support from the private sector (independent of tax dollars) to increase awareness and use of the library, and thereby endow future generations with a broad range of intellectual

resources. The library Foundation provides several different endowments for the Decatur County— Gilbert H. Gragg Library.

For example, one of the endowments is the Raymond Miles endowment, which provides books on

CD (compact disc) for the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library.



Books on CD make great companions for long car trips!

For more information on the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Foundation, please call the library at 229.248.2665.

# 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! We will be at:

- **Monday, October 5:** Attapulgus Community Center, 10 –11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, October 6:** Spring Creek Grocery, 10—11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, October 7:** Wingate's Lodge,

- 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, October 7:** Recovery Community Center, 12—1:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, October 13:** Iron City Convenience Store, 10 –11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, October 14:** Climax Pavilion Park, 10:30—11:30

a.m.  
 • **Monday, October 19:** Selman Place Apartments, 10—11 a.m.

• **Tuesday, October 20:** Brogdon's Grocery, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

• **Wednesday, October 28:** 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!

Join us on **Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at 10 a.m.** at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library for the First Tuesday Book Club! We will be discussing the book Loving Frank by Nancy Horan. New members and visitors are always welcome at the book club. Please call the Miller County—



James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library at 229.758.3131 for more information on this exciting book club.

Don't forget to join us on **Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at 10 a.m.** at the Seminole County Public Library for the First Wednesday Book Club. This month, we will discuss the book Serena by Ron Rash. If you miss this discus-

sion, don't forget to join in on the next meeting of the First Wednesday Book Club on **Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at 10 a.m.** as we discuss the book The Snow Flower and the Secret Fan by Lisa See. Please call the Seminole County Public Library for more information on the First Wednesday Book Club.

You won't want to miss a minute of these lively discussions!

## Introducing: Microsoft PowerPoint

In Miller and Seminole Counties!

The Southwest Georgia Regional Library System is proud to announce a new computer class to its lineup! Enroll in the newest class, Introduction to Microsoft Power Point 2007! This class will be held at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library on **Thursday, October 15 at 9:30 a.m.** Space is limited; please call the

library at 229.758.3131 to sign up for this class.

In addition, this class will be offered at the Seminole County Public Library on **Tuesday, October 27 at 10 a.m.** Please call the library at 229.524.2665 to sign up for this class as space is limited.

This class will cover the basics of Microsoft PowerPoint 2007,

including creating a basic presentation, inserting clip art into a presentation, and printing a presentation. This class is designed for those who are comfortable with using the mouse and keyboard. A working knowledge of Microsoft Word is preferred before taking this class.

# Schedule of Events

- Thursday, October 1— Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.  
Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 6— First Tuesday Book Club, 10 a.m.  
Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- Wednesday, October 7— First Wednesday Book Club, 10 a.m.
- Thursday, October 8— Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.  
Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.  
E-Rate Workshop, 12:30—3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 13— Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- Thursday, October 15— Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2007, 9:30 a.m.  
Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.  
Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Monday, October 19— Play Beyond Reality!, 3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 20—Thursday, October 22—Beginning Computer Classes
- Tuesday, October 20— Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.  
Play Beyond Reality!, 3:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 21— 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, October 22— Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.  
Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2007, 10 a.m.  
Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.  
Play Beyond Reality!, 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 27— Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- Wednesday, October 28— Halloween Spooktacular, 4 p.m.
- Thursday, October 29— Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.  
Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.  
Halloween Spooktacular!, 4 p.m.  
Southern Religious History with Erskine Clarke, 4:30 p.m.
- Friday, October 30— Halloween Spooktacular, 4 p.m.

