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Editor's Note

Summer is here. Escape the heat by visiting your library this summer! Your library has exciting activities planned for the whole family this summer! Don't miss this year's Vacation Reading Program for children, "Be Creative @ Your Library". Turn to page 2 for more information!

The Southwest Georgia Regional Library System is also hosting its first

Vacation Reading Program for teens, "Express Yourself @ Your Library" with an array of programs designed just for teens. Flip to page 7 for more information.

Get your hands on some of the summer's hottest reads by turning to page 11.

Don't miss the excitement this summer at your public library!

Book Clubs @ Your Library

Looking for a place to discuss books with others? Look no farther than your library! Your library has three fabulous book clubs to choose from, where you can meet with other readers to discuss some interesting reads. Join us at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library for the First Tuesday Book Club at 10 a.m. for some hot summer book discussions. Please call the library at 229.758.3131 for the titles of the books that they will be discussing.

Join us at the Seminole County Public Library this summer for two hot book clubs! The First Wednesday Book Club will meet next on **Wednesday, June 3 at 10 a.m.** Don't miss the library's *newest* book club, the Literati Book Club! Join us on Saturday afternoons as we have some sizzling summer reads planned! Please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 for the titles to be discussed at these book clubs.

You won't want to miss a minute of this!



Don't miss these hot book discussions at the library this summer!



Southwest Georgia Regional Library System presents

Be Creative @ YOUR LIBRARY

Vacation Reading Program 2009

Visit the library for special programs,
suggested readings, and to register for
this year's Vacation Reading Program!



Imagine, create, Participate!

Join us as we imagine, create, participate, and much more at your library this summer! Our pursuit will take us into the world of creativity!

Registration begins Monday, May 18!

How does this work?

Register for this year's Vacation Reading Program! Registration begins **Monday, May 18!** Participants will receive a reading log to keep track of the books they have read. Participants **must read 20 books** to complete a Reading Log. If participants read **25 pages in a chapter book**, it will be counted as one book. For example, **if a participant reads a book with 50 pages**, that will be counted as **2 books!!** Turn in a completed reading log to receive a fabulous prize from Hardee's or FunStation in Tallahassee, Florida! Completed reading logs are entered into a raffle to win fabulous prizes. Turn to page 10 of the SWGRL Spotlight for more information on the prizes you can win this summer!



Completed Reading Logs are due Friday, July 31!



Don't miss these events at your library this summer!

Teddy Bear Picnic—Tuesday, June 2

Join storytellers Ms. Taryn and Ms. Debbie for stories, songs, and fun!
Bring your teddy bear as we tell all kinds of teddy bear stories!

Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library: 10 a.m.

Seminole County Public Library: 1 p.m.

Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library: 3:30 p.m.



The Start of Something BIG! - Tuesday, June 9

Join children's illustrator **Michael P. White** for an interactive language and arts program!

Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library: 10 a.m.

Seminole County Public Library: 1 p.m.

Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library: 3:30 p.m.



Beethoven & the Big Note Band—Tuesday, June 16

The Big Note Band is falling apart! They've lost their beat, can't remember the melody, and don't know the harmony! Help them by putting their band back together!

Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library:
10 a.m.

Seminole County Public Library: 1 p.m.

Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library: 3:30 p.m.



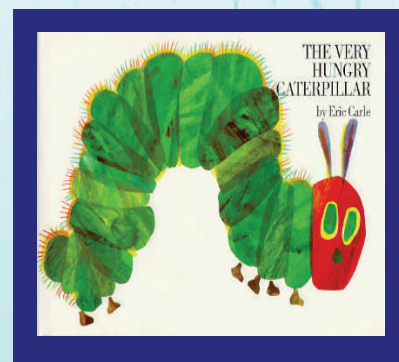
The Art of Eric Carle - Tuesday, June 23

Join Colquitt's own Carey Collie for an interactive drawing program based on the art of children's author Eric Carle!

Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library:
10 a.m.

Seminole County Public Library: 1 p.m.

Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library: 3:30 p.m.



Craving more? Check out these additional programs!

Be Creative! Crafts—June 4 and June 18

Be creative at your library this summer! Join library staff to make fun crafts. We will be making a dream catcher and a memo pad. You won't want to miss out on this!

Crafts are open for children ages 5—9 only. Space is limited to the first 40 attendees that arrive. If older children wish to participate, they may assist library staff and the younger children with their crafts.

Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library: 10 a.m.

Seminole County Public Library: 1 p.m.

**Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library:
3:30 p.m.**



Toddler Stories—June 11 and 25

Join library staff for storytimes for toddlers this summer! Prepare to have a great time with creative stories, songs, fun, and more!

Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library: 10 a.m.

Seminole County Public Library: 1 p.m.

**Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial
Library: 3:30 p.m.**



Southwest Georgia
Regional Library System
is proud to announce

Express Yourself
@ your Library

Vacation Reading

Program 2009

FOR TEENS
AGES 11–18



**HEY, TEENS! VISIT THE LIBRARY
THIS SUMMER FOR SUPER
SLAMMIN' PROGRAMS, PRIZES,
READS, AND MORE!**



Guitar Hero and Wii

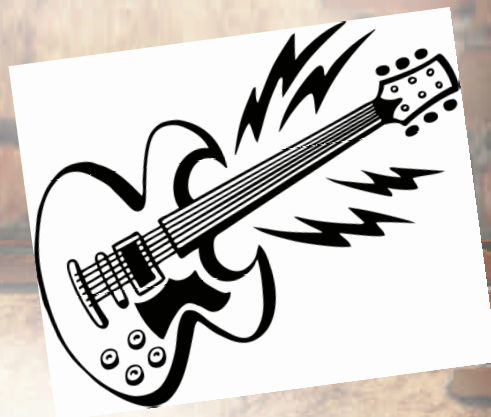
Rock out to the hottest songs with Guitar Hero on the PlayStation2 and see who will become the ultimate rock star!

And play our Nintendo Wii! Play our games or bring your own! Games must be rated E or E+.

Seminole County Public Library: Monday, June 1 @ 1 p.m.

Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library: Monday, June 1 @ 3:30 p.m.

Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library: Wednesday, June 3 @ 2 p.m.



Harry Potter Party

Calling all muggles! Join us for the witchcraft and wizardry of Harry Potter to celebrate the movie release of *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* in July. Come dressed as your favorite character and prepare for trivia, games, and more!

Seminole County Public Library: Monday, June 8 @ 1 p.m.

Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library: Monday, June 8 @ 3:30 p.m.

Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library: Wednesday, June 10 @ 2 p.m.



DDR and Wii

So you think you can dance? Prove it while playing Dance Dance Revolution on the PlayStation2 and see who will become the dance master!

And play our Nintendo Wii! Play our games or bring your own! Games must be rated E or E+.

Seminole County Public Library: Monday, June 15 @ 1 p.m.

Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library: Monday, June 15 @ 3:30 p.m.

Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library: Wednesday, June 17 @ 2 p.m.



Singstar and Wii

Rock out to the hottest songs with Guitar Hero on the PlayStation2 and see who will become the ultimate rock star!

And play our Nintendo Wii! Play our games or bring your own! Games must be rated E or E+.

Seminole County Public Library: Monday, June 22 @ 1 p.m.

Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library: Monday, June 22 @ 3:30 p.m.

Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library: Wednesday, June 24 @ 2 p.m.



Fabulous Prizes Await!

Children and teens must turn in a completed book log in order to receive a prize. Participants have a completed book log when they have read **20 books**. **Participants** that turn in a completed book log will receive either a coupon for free French fries or a free milkshake from **Hardee's**, or a coupon for a free golf game from **FunStation** in Tallahassee, Florida. All

completed book logs will be entered into a raffle for movie tickets from **Bainbridge Mall Cinemas** and admission tickets from the **Parks at Chehaw** in Albany, Georgia!

Be sure to read a lot this summer because fabulous prizes will be given to the top two readers throughout Decatur, Miller, and Seminole counties. The second top reader will receive a **\$50 gift card** to

Wal-Mart! The overall top reader will win **two single-day admission tickets to Wild Adventures Water and Theme Park** in Valdosta, Georgia!

Don't miss any of our programs on pages 5—9 because attendees will have a chance to win a free ice cream cone from **Dairy Queen** at all programs!

You won't want to miss this summer at your library!

Special Thanks to Our Sponsors:



Hot Summer Reads

Take some time to relax this summer with one (or more) of our hot summer reads!

For Adults:

Act Like a Lady: Think Like a Man by Steve Harvey (306.7 HAR 2009)

A Course Called Ireland by Tom Coyne (796.352 COY 2009)

The Dart League King by Keith Lee Morris (CBK MOR 2009)

Don't Look Twice by Andrew Gross (GRO 2009)

Double Minds by Terri Blackstock (BLA 2009)

House of Cards by William D. Cohan (332.66 COH 2009)

Impossible Peace by Mark Levine (956.053 LEV 2009)

The Joy of Keeping Chickens by Jennifer Lynn Megyesi (636.5 MEG 2009)

Just Take My Heart by Mary Higgins Clark (CLA 2009)

Life Sentences by Laura Lippman (LIP 2009)

Malice by Lisa Jackson (JAC 2009)

Michelle by Liza Mundy (B OBA 2008)

Mounting Fears by Stuart Woods (WOO 2009)

Paths of Glory by Jeffery

Archer (ARC 2009)

Pursuit by Karen Robards (ROB 2009)

Run for your Life by James Patterson (PAT 2009)

The Saltwater Angler's Guide to Florida's Big Bend and Emerald Coast by Tommy Thompson (799.1 THO 2009)

Stopping Identity Theft by Scott Mitic (332.024 MIT 2009)

Take One by Karen Kingsbury (KIN 2009)

Then Comes Seduction by Mary Balogh (LP BAL 2009)

They Have Killed Papa Dead by Anthony Pitch (973.7092 PIT 2009)

True Green Home by Kim McKay (643 MCK 2009)

The Unnatural History of Cypress Parish by Elise Blackwell (CBK BLA 2009)

Where Did Pluto Go by Paul Graham Sutherland (523.2 SUT 2009)

Where Do I Go by Neta Jackson (LP JAC 2009)

For Teens:

The Amaranth Enchantment by Julie Berry (Y BER 2009)

Be Mine by Sabrina James (Y JAM 2009)

Circle of Light by John Marsden (Y MAR 2009)

Computer Hacking by Peggy J.

Parks (Y 363.25 PAR 2008)

Outsmarting the SAT by Elizabeth King (Y 378.1 KIN 2009)

Ten Things I Hate About Me by Randa Abdel-Fattah (Y ABD 2009)

Twilight: the Director's Notebook by Catherine Hardwicke (Y 791.43 HAR 2009)

Yes, I Know the Monkey Man by Dori Hillestad Butler (Y BUT 2009)

For Children:

The Halloween Cat by Christine Ricci (E RIC 2009)

I Did It, Dear Dragon by Margaret Hillert (E HIL 2009)

Indiana Jones and the Spear of Destiny by Elaine Lee (J LEE 2009)

Lucky Breaks by Susan Patron (J PAT 2009)

Miles to Go by Miley Cyrus (J B CYR 2009)

Orangutan Tongs by Jon Agee (J 818.54 AGE 2009)

The Problem with the Puddles by Kate Feiffer (J FEI 2009)

Rhyming Dust Bunnies by Jan Thomas (E THO 2009)

Ronnie's Treasure Hunt by Pippa Goodhart (E GOO 2009)

Silly Street by Jeff Foxworthy (J 811.6 FOX 2009)

We're online!
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Library Locations

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

Library Hours:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00—8:00	9:00—6:00	9:00—6:00	9:00—7:00	9:00—6:00	9:00—4:00

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

Library Hours:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11:30—5:30	11:30—5:30	11:30—5:30	11:30—5:30	11:30—5:30

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

Library Hours:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30—5:30	9:30—5:30	9:30—5:30	9:30—5:30	9:30—5:30	9:30—5:30