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Labels for Education

Help your library! Bring in your labels!

Having Campbell's soup for dinner? Tear off the soup labels and support your library! The Southwest Georgia Regional Library System is participating in the national Labels for Education program!

The library is accepting labels from Campbell's soup

cans, Pepperidge Farm products, Spaghetti-Os. Prego spaghetti sauces, Franco-American gravies, Swanson canned chicken, Swanson broth, and V-8 juice products and soups. These labels will be accepted at all library locations. The labels will support various library projects in

the future. Please call the library or visit our website at www.swgrl.org for more information on the Labels for Education program.



Bring your labels for education to all library locations!

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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Get Ready for Prom!

Prom Preview Saturday, February 20, 2010 from 11 a.m.—1 p.m.

Join us at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Saturday, February 20, 2010 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.** for the second annual Prom Preview! Watch our fashion show as students from the Bainbridge High School Prom Committee

model the season's hottest prom fashions. This is your chance to view the latest and greatest fashions in prom dresses and tuxedos, sponsored by Special Occasions Bridal and Formal Wear. Attend for your chance to meet representatives from Headquarters Color

and Tanning Salon and receive hair and make-up tips to make your prom extra-special. The first 20 attendees will receive special prizes from Special Occasions Bridal and Formal Wear.

Don't miss this exciting event!

And the Answer is...

African-American History Month Jeopardy at your library!

Don't miss the library's celebration of African-American History Month by attending African-American History Month Jeopardy at all library locations! Brush up on your knowledge of African-American history and test your knowledge to see if you have what it takes to become the supreme Jeopardy champion. Join us on



Don't miss African-American History Month Jeopardy at your library this month!

Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 4 p.m. at the Seminole County Public Library.

On **Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.**, join us at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library for more Jeopardy fun.

And don't forget to join us on **Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.** at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library for more fun trivia.

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

Tools for Training

NEW from the Bainbridge Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

The Bainbridge Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped is proud to announce the release of, "Tools for Turning Folks on to Talking Books", a multi-media training tool kit. This tool kit contains information including who is eligible for services,

descriptions about the special machines needed to use the service, sample reports, and much more. This is a valuable instrument for library staff to provide information to patrons regarding the Bainbridge Subregional

Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

This multi-media training tool kit is available for libraries through InterLibrary Loan. Request your copy today by contacting the Bainbridge Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped by calling 229.248.2680 or 800.795.2680.



Time for Toddlers

In Decatur and Seminole Counties!

Once again, it is time for toddlers at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library and at the Seminole County Public Library! Join us **every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m.** at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library for Toddler Tales! Join us for fun, games, songs, and more with

storytellers Ms. Debbie and Ms. Taryn! Please call the library at 229.248.2665 for more information on Toddler Tales.

Or, join us at the Seminole County Public Library **every Thursday at**

10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

for Toddler Storytime! Prepare to have a fun time with stories, songs, and more with storyteller Ms. Raina! Please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 for more information on Toddler Storytime.



Toddlers have a blast at the library with stories, songs, and more!

Don't Miss the Bookmobile!

Coming to a stop near you!

Don't 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!

- **Monday, February 1:** Attapulgus Community Center, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, February 2:** Spring Creek Grocery, 10—11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, February 3:** Wingate's Lodge, 10—11:30 a.m.

- **Wednesday, February 3:** Recovery Community Center, 12—1:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, February 9:** Iron City Convenience Store, 10—11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, February 10:** Climax Pavilion Park, 10:30—11:30 a.m.



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

- **Monday, February 15:** Selman Place Apartments, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, February 16:** Brogdon's Grocery, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, February 24:** Parkside Mini Mart, 10—11 a.m.

Come visit the Bookmobile and see what you've been missing!

Tax Time!

Free tax preparation assistance at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library!

Tax time is here again! Don't stress over preparing your taxes this year—the library can help! Visit the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library **every Thursday from 12 p.m. until 3 p.m. and on Saturday, February 6, 2010 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.** to receive help on preparing your taxes, sponsored by the Decatur County Family Connections and the Decatur

County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library. Volunteers are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Appointments will not be accepted.

IRS trained volunteers will provide free tax preparation and e-file for families and individuals. This is designed for families with incomes less than \$40,000 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 documents with you: All W-2s and 1099s (if any), Social Security Cards or Taxpayer Identification (ITIN) for all family members, a copy of your 2008 tax return (if available), a bank account and routing number (if choosing to direct deposit your refund), and a valid photo identification.

Please call 229.243.6451 for more information.

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Beginning Computer Classes

At the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library this month!

Do you have a computer, but not sure how to use it? Or, do you want to use one of the library's public computers to access the Internet, but not sure how to use the Internet? Enroll in beginning computer classes at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library this month and learn how to use a computer with ease.

Classes will be held on **Tuesday, February 16, Wednesday,**

February 17, and Thursday, February 18, 2010.

Beginning Computer Classes is a three-day course designed for those who have little or no experience.

Attendance is required at all three days of the course. Topics covered during this course



Learn how to use a computer with ease at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library this month!

include how to use the mouse and keyboard, how to use Microsoft Word

2007, and how to use the Internet and E-Mail.

Space is limited;

please call the Decatur

County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library at 229.248.2665 to place your name on the waiting list.

Heartburn: An Un-Valentine's Day

Friday, February 12, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.

Hey, teens! Are you dreading Valentine's Day? Do you need to get away from all of the hearts, candy, hugs, and talk about love? Then join us for Heartburn, an Anti-Valentine's Day celebration

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at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Friday, February**

12, 2010 at 3:30

p.m.! We will have all kinds of anti-Valentine's Day fun,

including trivia, games, and much more!

This program is designed for teens ages 11—18. Please call the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library at 229.248.2665 for more information.

Love Your Library February is Library Lovers' Month!

It's February, and love is in the air. It is also Library Lovers' Month—the perfect time to love your library! Here are a few ways that you can love your library:

- Prepare to tackle home improvement projects with how-to books and DVDs.
- Use the library's computers free of charge.
- Keep up with news and trends through newspapers and magazines.
- Plan a vacation anywhere from Argentina to Zanzibar.
- Take a practice test to become a police officer, firefighter, graduate student, or citizen.
- Get the lyrics or the CD of that old song you heard on the radio 37 years ago.
- Learn about how to obtain a U.S. patent or trademark.
- Turn in a list of books that you would like to see the library acquire.



Celebrate Library Lovers' Month and discover ways to love your library!

These are just a few ways to love your library. Discover more ways to love your library by visiting any library location today!

Book Clubs

Here's your chance to discuss some interesting reads!

Join us on **Tuesday, February 2, 2010 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 *Olive Kitteredge* by Elizabeth Strout. New members and visitors are always welcome at the book club. The next meeting of the First Tuesday Book Club will be held on **Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 10 a.m.** Please call the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library at

229.758.3131 for the title of the book that will be discussed at this meeting.

Don't forget to join us on **Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 10 a.m.** at the Seminole County Public Library for the First Wednesday Book Club. This month, we will discuss the book *Outliers* by Malcolm

Gladwell. If you miss this discussion, don't forget to join in on the next meeting of the First Wednesday Book Club on **Wednesday, March 3, 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 this meeting.



Discuss some interesting reads in Miller and Seminole counties this month!

Learn Microsoft PowerPoint 2007

At the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on Thursday, February 11, 2010!

Slideshows? Presentations? PowerPoint? Have you ever wanted to know how you can create a presentation in Microsoft PowerPoint? Learn the basics of using Microsoft PowerPoint 2007 at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on

Tuesday, February 11, 2010 at 10 a.m. This class will cover the basics of Microsoft PowerPoint 2007,

including creating a basic presentation, inserting clip art into a presentation, working with text and bullets,

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. Space is limited; please call the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library at 229.248.2665 to sign up for this class.

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Schedule of Events

- Tuesday, February 2—**First Tuesday Book Club, 10 a.m.**
Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- Wednesday, February 3—**First Wednesday Book Club, 10 a.m.**
- Thursday, February 4—**Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
Tax Assistance, 12—3 p.m.
- Saturday, February 6—**Tax Assistance, 10 a.m.—2 p.m.**
- Tuesday, February 9—**Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Foundation Board Meeting, 5 p.m.
- Thursday, February 11—**Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2007, 10 a.m.
Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
Tax Assistance, 12—3 p.m.
African-American History Month Jeopardy, 4 p.m.
- Friday, February 12—**Heartburn: An Un-Valentine's Day, 3:30 p.m.**
- Tuesday, February 16—**Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
African-American History Month Jeopardy, 3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 16—Thursday, February 18—**Beginning Computer Classes, 10 a.m.**
- Thursday, February 18—**Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
Tax Assistance, 12—3 p.m.
African-American History Month Jeopardy, 3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, February 20—**Prom Preview, 11 a.m.—1 p.m.**
- Tuesday, February 23—**Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- Thursday, February 25—**Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
Tax Assistance, 12—3 p.m.

