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Echoes of Ireland

Saturday, October 23, 2010 at 2 p.m.!

Back by popular demand, the popular Irish musical group Celtic Fire returns to the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Saturday, October 23, 2010 at 2 p.m.!**

There's no blarney in this program of spritely dance tunes and haunting airs performed by professional harpist Nella Rigell and master musician John Maschinot on the Celtic harp, uilleann (Irish) bagpipes, wooden flute, tin whistle and bodhran

(hand-drum). The history, culture, and character of the Emerald Isle are communicated through Gaelic words and phrases, charming songs, and exciting percussive footwork performed by champion Irish step-dancer Katie Baughman. Professional harpist Nella Rigell and master musician John Maschinot share their love of the music and lore of Ireland with people of all ages. Irish step dancer, Katie Baughman, will be performing exciting and

percussive traditional dances sure to get everyone's toes tapping. This program is made possible by the Lesley Sevier Simmons Endowment through the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Foundation.



Don't miss Celtic Fire at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library!

SOUTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM

HEADQUARTERS

Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library
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Bainbridge, Georgia 39819
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Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library
259 E. Main Street
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Holiday Closing

Closed on Monday, October 11, 2010 for Columbus Day

The Southwest Georgia Regional Library System will be closed on **Monday, October 11, 2010** in honor of Columbus Day. In addition, the library will hold its annual Staff Training Day so that all staff can refresh their skills to better serve you.

All library locations will re-open regular business hours on **Tuesday, October 12, 2010.**

While our physical facilities will be closed, you can still access the library anytime online at www.swgrrl.org, where you can find suggested reading materials for all

ages, download an application for a library card, search the online card catalog for that book or DVD you have been wanting to check out, and much more!

We look forward to serving you again on **Tuesday, October 12, 2010.**

Harry Potter's World: Renaissance Science, Magic, and Medicine

At the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library through Saturday, October 16!

Don't forget to visit the national exhibit, "Harry Potter's World: Renaissance Science, Magic, and Medicine" at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library through **Saturday, October 16, 2010.**



Illustration of a dragon at "Harry Potter's World: Renaissance Science, Magic, and Medicine"

materials from the National Library of Medicine, explores Harry Potter's world, its roots in Renaissance science, and the ethical questions that affected not only the wizards of Harry Potter, but also the historical thinkers featured in the series.

The exhibit is co-sponsored by the National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health and the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Foundation.

Don't miss your chance to view the exhibit and learn how the popular seven-book series was created using Renaissance science, magic, and medicine.

This exhibition, using

Computer Classes

Learn how to use a computer at your library this month!

Have you ever used a computer before? Do you feel like computer terms are written in a different language? Enroll in Introductory Computer Classes at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library from **Tuesday, October 19 through Thursday, October 21, 2010.**

"Do you feel like computer terms are written in a different language?"

Space is limited; please call the library at 229.248.2665 to place your name on the waiting list.

Introductory Computer Classes will also be held at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library from **Tuesday, October 26 through Thursday, October 28, 2010.** Please call

the library at 229.758.3131 to reserve your spot today!

This is a three-day course; attendance is required on all three days of the course. The topics that will be covered include Introduction to Computers and Windows, how to use the mouse and keyboard, Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007, and Introduction to the Internet and E-Mail.

Here Comes the Bookmobile!

The Bookmobile will visit a stop near you this month!

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, October 4:** Attapulgis Community Center, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, October 5:** Spring Creek Grocery, 10—11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, October 6:** Wingate's Lodge, 10—11:30 a.m.

- **Wednesday, October 6:** Recovery Community Center, 12—1:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, October 12:** Iron City Convenience Store, 10—11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, October 13:** Parker Park in Climax, 10:30—11:30 a.m.
- **Monday, October 18:** Selman Place Apartments, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, October 19:**

Brogdon's Grocery, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

- **Wednesday, October 27:** Spring Creek Park Resort, 9:15—10 a.m.
- **Wednesday, October 27:** Parkside Mini Mart, 10:15—11 a.m.



Don't miss the Bookmobile at a stop near you!

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

25 Books All Young Georgians Should Read

Georgia Center for the Book Releases Inaugural List

The Georgia Center for the Book has released the inaugural list of "25 Books All Young Georgians Should Read". This list features books written by Georgia authors appropriate for children in Pre-K through 8th grade.

One of these books is Peaches by Jodi Lynn Anderson, which is about three teenaged girls from very different backgrounds who were thrown together to pick

peaches in a Georgia orchard during summertime.

For readers in grades 4—8, try The Tree that Owns Itself and Other Adventure Tales from Out of the Past by Loretta Johnson Hammer, which is a collection of short fictional stories from different periods of Georgia history.

A children's picture book on the list is 14 Cows for America by

Carmen Agra Deedy. Maasai tribal members, after hearing the story of the September 11th attacks from a young Massai, who was in New York on that day, decide to present the American people with fourteen sacred cows as a healing gift.

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Teen Read Week: Books with Beat!

Celebrate from October 18–23, 2010 at your library!

Celebrate Teen Read Week from Monday, October 18—Saturday, October 23, 2010 at the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System! This year's theme is, "Books with Beat". This theme encourages teens to read a variety of materials, including poetry, audiobooks, and books about music.

The library will host some fun programs in celebration of Teen Read Week. We will be playing Guitar Hero: World Tour on the Nintendo Wii at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Monday, October 18,**

2010 at 4 p.m. Create your own band by playing Guitar Hero: World Tour on the Wii at the Seminole County Public Library on **Tuesday, October 19, 2010 at 4 p.m.** If you miss either of those opportunities, join us at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library on **Thursday, October 21, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.** to have a rockin' good time. These programs are designed for ages 10–18.

Parents can celebrate Teen Read Week at home, as well. Parents can set aside time each night for the entire family to read, or parents can share their favorite book with their teen. Another idea is give books or magazine subscriptions to your teen as a gift or reward.

Teen Read Week is held annually during the third week of October. For more information, please visit www.ala.org/teenread.

"Celebrate Teen Read Week from Monday, October 18—Saturday, October 23, 2010 at the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System!"

Book Clubs

Discuss interesting reads at the library!

If you want to participate in some insightful discussion with others, then the library's book clubs are the place to be. Join us on **Tuesday, October 5, 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 *Oxygen* by Carol Cassella. The next meeting of the First Tuesday Book Club will be held on **Tuesday, November 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, October 6, 2010 at 10 a.m.** at the Seminole County Public Library for the First

Wednesday Book Club. This month, we will discuss the book *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave. If you miss this discussion, don't forget to join in on the next meeting of the First Wednesday Book Club on

Wednesday, November 3, 2010 at 10 a.m. where we will discuss the book *Someone Knows My Name* by Lawrence Hill.



Don't miss a minute of these exciting book discussions!

Toddler Fun

Introduce your toddler to fun stories in Decatur, Miller, and Seminole Counties!

Bring your toddler **every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.** for Toddler Storytime at the Seminole County Public Library! Join us as storyteller Ms. Ralna presents stories, games, and fun for all during Toddler Storytime! Please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 for more information.

Toddler Time continues at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library on the third Thursday of each month, which will be held on **Thursday, October 21,**

2010 at 3:30 p.m. Join storyteller Ms. Taryn for stories, songs, fun, and much more! Please call the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library at 229.758.3131 for more information on Toddler Time.

And, join us at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library **every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m.** for Toddler Tales! Storytellers Ms. Debbie



Join us for storytime fun at each library location in October!

and Ms. Taryn will introduce your child to a love of reading and the library with books, songs, crafts, and more! Please call the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library at 229.248.2665 ext. 121 for more information.

These programs are designed for children ages 18 months—4 years old. Help your child discover the library with these fantastic programs!

Magic at Home

Create your own magic tricks using common household items!

Have you ever wondered how a magician can perform all those magic tricks? Now you can perform your own magic tricks with assistance from the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Saturday, October 9, 2010 at 2**

p.m.! Amaze your friends and impress your family by showing off simple magic tricks using common household items. Several books on how to perform simple magic tricks will be available to check out after the program.

“Now you can perform your own magic tricks with assistance from the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library...”

This program is designed for children ages 7—14 and is in celebration of the exhibit, “Harry Potter’s World: Renaissance Science, Magic, and Medicine”. Please call the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library for more information.

Halloween Spooktacular

October 26, 28, and 29, 2010 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 System 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 Seminole County Public Library on **Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at 4 p.m.** Prepare to be scared at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library on **Thursday,**



Have a howlin' good time at the Halloween Spooktacular at the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System!

October 28, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.! And join us at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Friday, October 29, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.** for super spooky fun! This program is designed for children ages 6—11.

Your Movie Ticket

Your library card is your new movie ticket!

Are you searching for some great new movies to watch? Look no further than the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System! Your library card is your ticket to free DVD movies! Searching for new releases? Check out movies such as *Letters to Juliet* or *Stomp the Yard: Homecoming*, which were both released on DVD in September. Your library also has a great selection

of classic films, including *Casablanca*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and *Citizen Kane*. The library is also the right place for children's movies, including *Let's Explore: Dora's Greatest Adventure* and *Goosebumps: The Headless Ghost*. As an added bonus, all of these movies and more are

completely free with your library card! Simply select a movie from the library's collection, present your library card, and the movie is yours for seven days! Return them within this time period to avoid a late fee. So remember, your library card is your ticket to free movies!



Make tonight a movie night courtesy of the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System!

Schedule of Events

- October 5: **First Tuesday Book Club, 10 a.m.**
- October 5: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- October 6: **First Wednesday Book Club, 10 a.m.**
- October 7: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- October 7: **Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.**
- October 9: **Magic at Home, 2 p.m.**
- October 12: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- October 14: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- October 14: **Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.**
- October 18: **Rock On!, 4 p.m.**
- October 19: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- October 19: **Rock On!, 4 p.m.**
- October 19—21: **Introductory Computer Classes, 10 a.m.**
- October 20: **Seminole County Public Library Board of Trustees meeting, 10 a.m.**
- October 20: **Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library Board of Trustees meeting, 1 p.m.**
- October 20: **Southwest Georgia Regional Library System Board of Trustees meeting, 3 p.m.**
- October 20: **Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Board of Trustees meeting, 5 p.m.**
- October 21: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- October 21: **Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.**
- October 21: **Toddler Time, 3:30 p.m.**
- October 21: **Rock On!, 4 p.m.**
- October 23: **Echoes of Ireland, 2 p.m.**
- October 26: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- October 26: **Halloween Spooktacular, 4 p.m.**
- October 28: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- October 28: **Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.**
- October 28: **Halloween Spooktacular, 3:30 p.m.**
- October 29: **Halloween Spooktacular, 3:30 p.m.**

