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## Harry Potter's World:

Renaissance Science, Magic, and Medicine Exhibit from September 5—October 16, 2010!

The Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library is proud to host the exhibit, "Harry Potter's World: Renaissance Science, Magic, and Medicine" from September 5—October 16, 2010.

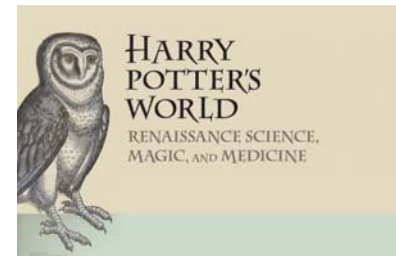
The Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library will host a variety of programs for all ages to celebrate this exhibit, including *Harry Potter Jeopardy* on Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 3:30 p.m., *Harry Potter Extravaganza* on Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at 3:30 p.m., *Growing Herbs in Your Garden* on Saturday, September 25, 2010 at 2 p.m., *From Magic and Dangerous Nature* on Monday, September 27, 2010 at 5:30 p.m., and *Magic at Home* on Saturday, October 9, 2010 at 2 p.m. In 1997, British author J.K.

Rowling introduced the world to Harry Potter and a literary phenomenon was born. Millions of readers have followed Harry to the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry where he discovers his heritage, encounters new plants and animals, and perfects his magical abilities. Although a fantasy story, the magic in the *Harry Potter* books is partially based on Renaissance traditions that played an important role in the development of Western science, including alchemy, astrology, and natural philosophy. Incorporating the work of several 15th and 16th century thinkers, the seven-part series examines important ethical topics such as the desire for knowledge, the effects of prejudice, and the responsibility that comes with power. This

exhibition, using 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.

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

This is an exhibit you won't want to miss out on!



Harry Potter's World letterhead with owl. Visit "Harry Potter's World: Renaissance Science, Magic, and Medicine" at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library from September 5—October 16, 2010!

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# Congratulations!

## LaTiffany Pittman is the top reader in the Vacation Reading Program!

Over 1,100 children ages 0-11 throughout Decatur, Miller, and Seminole Counties registered for the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System's Vacation Reading Program this summer. LaTiffany Pittman, a 2nd grade student at West Bainbridge Elementary School, was the top child reader in this year's program. She read 2,238 books this summer! Because she was the top child reader, LaTiffany won two single-day admission tickets to Wild Adventures Theme Park in Valdosta. She has never been to

Wild Adventures and is excited about going there with her family.

During the summer, she read approximately 24 books per day. Her favorite books featured Strawberry Shortcake. When she is not reading, LaTiffany loves to draw and write.

LaTiffany is the daughter of Bryan and Ida Gadson. Mrs.

Gadson stated that she is "very excited for her" and that her daughter loves to read and visit the library. They visited the library almost every day during the

summer. LaTiffany comes from a reading family. Her older sister, Elisia, and two older brothers, Johnny and Jimmy, read every day this summer. LaTiffany's brother, Jimmy, who is an 8th grade student at Bainbridge Middle School, was the top teen reader and read 1,214 books this summer.

Along with a very successful Vacation Reading Program, over 1,400 children attended summer programs throughout the library system.

Stay tuned for details next spring regarding the 2011 Vacation Reading Program at the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System!



LaTiffany Pittman poses with Taryn Brown, Youth Services and Community Relations Librarian. LaTiffany read 2,238 books this summer!

## Library Card Sign-Up Month!

At the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System

What is the most important card in a person's wallet? It's not a credit card. It's not even an identification card or a driver's license. The most important card in a person's wallet is their library card! Celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month at the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System by signing up to put the most valuable card in

your wallet! You can get something for free—a library card.

A library card is also the most important school supply for your child. Studies show that children who read at home and who use the

library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning.

It is easy to get a library card. An applicant for a new library card is required to provide proper identification showing current local address. Please call us or visit our website at [www.swgrl.org](http://www.swgrl.org) for more information on the identification required for a new library card.

National Library Card Sign-Up Month has been observed since 1987.

"The most important card in a person's wallet is their library card!"

## 1,214 Books!

Jimmy Pittman, 8th grade student, reads 1,214 books this summer!

Over 160 teens ages 12—18 throughout Decatur, Miller, and Seminole Counties registered for the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System’s Teen Vacation Reading Program this summer. Jimmy Pittman, an 8th grade student at Bainbridge Middle School, was the top teen reader in this year’s program. He read 1,214 books this summer! Because he was the top teen reader, Jimmy won a \$50 gift card to Wal-Mart. He is very excited about winning, and plans to use the gift card to buy some new clothes.

During the summer, he read about 12 books per day.

Jimmy read a lot of biographies this summer, which were his favorite books to read. He learned valuable information about famous people, past and present. Jimmy stated that the most interesting person he learned about was Susan B. Anthony.

Jimmy is the son of Bryan and Ida Gadson. Mr. and Mrs.

Gadson stated that they are happy Jimmy is the top reader; he loves to read and visit the library.

Teens in Decatur, Miller, and

Seminole Counties read over 3,100 books this summer. Over 175 teens took advantage of teen library programs during the summer and attended programs including a Twilight-series themed program to celebrate the June 30th movie release of *Eclipse* and several programs featuring opportunities to play video

games including Wii Sports, Wii Sports Resort, Guitar Hero World Tour, and Just Dance.



Jimmy is a part of a reading family. Pictured L to R Top to Bottom: Elisia, Jimmy, LaTiffany, and Johnny. Congratulations, Jimmy!

## Growing Herbs

Saturday, September 25, 2010 at 2 p.m.

Join us at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Saturday, September 25, 2010 at 2 p.m.** for Growing Herbs in Your Garden. Lisa Reeves will visit the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library to discuss the basics of growing herbs in southwest Georgia.

Have you ever tried to grow a specific herb in your garden, but it just does not seem to grow? Ms. Reeves will talk about the best kinds of herbs to plant in order to have those fresh and delicious herbs in your garden.

This program is open to all ages and is a part of the celebration of the exhibit, “Harry Potter’s World: Renaissance Science, Magic, and Medicine”. You won’t

want to miss out on this informative event!

“Lisa Reeves will...discuss the basics of growing herbs in southwest Georgia.”

## From Magic and Dangerous Nature

Monday, September 27, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

Join us at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Monday, September 27, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.** for an interesting program on the development of science in England from Bainbridge College Professor Dr. David Nelson.

Dr. Nelson will discuss how science in England was developed from one of magic and dangerous nature to one of science and biology. This time period basically discusses the Renaissance period and Scientific Revolution.

This program is in celebration of

“Dr. Nelson will discuss how science in England was developed from one of magic and dangerous nature...”

the exhibit, “Harry Potter’s World: Renaissance Science, Magic, and Medicine” at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library. Please call the Decatur County—Gilbert H.

Gragg Library at 229.248.2665 for more information on this insightful program!

## Introductory Computer Classes

September 21–23, 2010 at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library

Did you or someone you know recently purchase or receive a new computer as a gift? Do you have a computer and are unsure how to use it correctly? Enroll in introductory computer classes at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library this month! Learn how to use a computer **Tuesday, September 21**

**through Thursday, September 23, 2010!**

This class is a three-day course and is designed for those with little to no computer experience. Topics covered include: how to use the mouse and keyboard, the

Windows environment, 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.



Enroll in Introductory Computer Classes at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library this month!

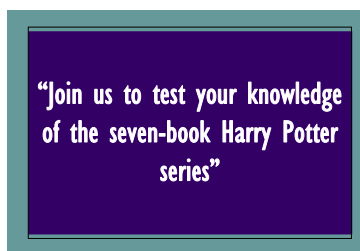
## Jeopardy Time!

Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.

Test your Harry Potter smarts at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library for “Harry Potter Jeopardy” on **Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.**

Join us to test your knowledge of the seven-book *Harry Potter*

series, written by J.K. Rowling with an exciting quiz game. Designed for ages 10—18, this program is in celebration of the exhibit, “Harry Potter’s World: Renaissance Science, Magic, and Medicine”



at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library. Don’t miss the chance to compete and see who will become the supreme Jeopardy champion!

## Book Clubs

In Miller and Seminole Counties!

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 **Wednesday, September 1, 2010 at 10 a.m.** at the Seminole County Public Library for the First Wednesday Book Club! We will be discussing To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee. The next meeting of the First Wednesday Book Club will be held on **Wednesday, October 6, 2010 at**

**10 a.m.** as we discuss the book Little Bee by Chris Cleave. Don’t forget to join us on **Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 10 a.m.** at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library for the First Tuesday Book Club. This month, we will discuss the book Dragon House by John Shors. If you



Participate in the First Tuesday Book Club at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library or the First Wednesday Book Club at the Seminole County Public Library!

miss this discussion, don’t forget to join in on the next meeting of the First Tuesday Book Club on **Tuesday, October 5, 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.

# Bookmobile Schedule

Find out when the Bookmobile will visit your area!

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!

- **Wednesday, September 1:** Wingate's Lodge, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, September 1:** Recovery Community Center, 12—1:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, September 7:** Spring Creek Grocery, 10—11 a.m.

- **Wednesday, September 8:** Climax Pavilion Park, 10:30—11:30 a.m.
- **Tuesday, September 14:** Iron City Convenience Store, 10—11 a.m.
- **Monday, September 20:** Selman Place Apartments, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, September 21:** Brogdon's Grocery, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

- **Tuesday, September 22:** Spring Creek Park Resort, 9:15—10 a.m.
- **Tuesday, September 22:** Parkside Mini Mart, 10—11 a.m.

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



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## Toddler Time Premiers!

Thursday, September 16, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library!

The Southwest Georgia Regional Library System is proud to announce the premier of Toddler Time at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library!

Toddler Time will premier on **Thursday, September 16, 2010 at**

**3:30 p.m.** Children ages 18 months—3 years old are welcome. Ms. Taryn will have stories, songs, rhymes, crafts, fun, and much more! The stories that will be told have

*"The stories that will be told have short text and large colorful pictures."*

short text and large colorful pictures. Toddler Time

lasts approximately 20—30 minutes. A parent must remain with the child during the entire program. Toddler Time will be held on the Third Thursday of each month at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library. Please call the library at 229.758.3131 for more information on Toddler Time!

# Harry Potter Extravaganza

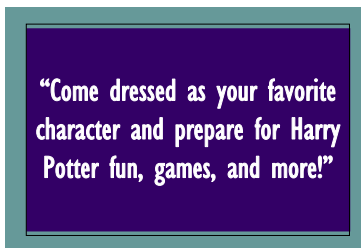
Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.

Calling all muggles! A Harry Potter Extravaganza awaits you at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.!**

Join us for all the wizardry and witchcraft of Harry Potter. Come

dressed as your favorite character and prepare for Harry Potter fun, games, and more! If you like the seven-book *Harry Potter* series, then this event is for you! This program is suitable for ages 10—18 and is in celebration of the exhibit, “Harry Potter’s World:

Renaissance Science, Magic, and Medicine” at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library. Please call the library at 229.248.2665 for more information.



## Holiday Closing

Monday, September 6, 2010

The Southwest Georgia Regional Library System will be closed **Monday, September 6, 2010** in observance of Labor Day. All library locations will re-open for regular business hours on **Tuesday, September 7, 2010.**

If you need to return library materials during

this time, you can use our convenient book drop, which is located at each library location. Don’t worry, though! You can always visit us online at [www.swgrl.org](http://www.swgrl.org) and search our online catalog for materials, find upcoming

events, view suggested reading for children, teens, and adults,

download an application for a library card, and much more!



The Southwest Georgia Regional Library System will be closed on Monday, September 6, 2010 in honor of Labor Day.

## Labels for Education

A great way to support your library!

Are you 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, Pop Secret popcorn, and V-8 juice products and soups. You can also find Labels for Education on many Bic products, including ball pens, dry erase markers, white-out correction tape, and mechanical pencils.

These labels are being accepted at all library locations. The labels will support a

variety of library projects in the future. The Labels for Education program is a great way to support your library.

Please call the library or visit us online at [www.swgrl.org](http://www.swgrl.org) for more information on the Labels for Education program.



Bring your labels for education to all library locations!

## River of Words

September 20–October 3, 2010 at the Seminole County Public Library

Visit the Seminole County Public Library from **September 20 through October 3, 2010** to admire the River of Words exhibit! River of Words, a program of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, is a poetry and art contest open to grades 4 – 12 on the theme of watersheds. This exhibit showcases the state contest

winners. Make sure you come and see the lovely art and poetry created by these talented young Georgians.

The River of Words contest is coordinated by the Georgia Center for the Book and

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Project WET (Water Education for Teachers). Many Georgia students have participated in this contest; over 2,000 entries were received in 2009. For more information about this contest, please visit <http://www.georgiacenterforthebook.org/Student-Competitions/index.php>.



# Schedule of Events

- September 1: **First Wednesday Book Club, 10 a.m.**
- September 2: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- September 2: **Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.**
- September 7: **First Tuesday Book Club, 10 a.m.**
- September 7: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- September 9: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- September 9: **Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.**
- September 14: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- September 14: **Harry Potter Party, 3:30 p.m.**
- September 16: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- September 16: **Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.**
- September 16: **Toddler Time, 3:30 p.m.**
- September 21: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- September 21—23: **Introductory Computer Classes, 10 a.m.**
- September 21: **Harry Potter Extravaganza, 3:30 p.m.**
- September 23: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- September 23: **Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.**
- September 25: **Growing Herbs in Your Garden, 2 p.m.**
- September 27: **From Magic and Dangerous Nature, 5:30 p.m.**
- September 28: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- September 30: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- September 30: **Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.**

