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**SOUTHWEST
GEORGIA
REGIONAL
LIBRARY SYSTEM**

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Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library
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Create Your Own Story!

Celebrate National Library Month in April!

It's April, and time for National Library Week. However, your Southwest Georgia Regional Library System is celebrating National Library Week all month long! National Library "Month" is a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians, and library workers nationwide. Libraries are places for new beginnings. Whether you are getting your first library card, learning new

computer skills or planning a trip, the library is the place where your story begins. This National Library "Month", join the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System and create your own story at your library. Visit your library to take part in interesting programs and classes for all ages, read up on a wide selection of books, or enjoy free entertainment by checking out DVDs.

First sponsored in 1958,

National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

For more information on National Library "Month", visit our website at www.swgri.org.



Create your own story at your library this month!

Zoo Atlanta

Free passes to Zoo Atlanta at your library!

Patrons can now obtain Zoo Atlanta Family Passes throughout the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System. The pass is valid for two adults and up to two children (ages 3—11). Simply check out a Zoo Atlanta DVD at either the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg

Library, the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library, or the Seminole County Public Library and return it to receive a Zoo Atlanta Family Pass. The Zoo Atlanta Family Pass is redeemable for one week and you must present your library card when you go to

the zoo. The pass is not valid for fee-based events or programs and may not be combined with other discounts or promotions. Standard general admission will apply to families with additional children; children must be accompanied by an adult. What a fun way to enjoy Zoo Atlanta for free!

Bunny Bash!

Saturday, April 16, 2011

The Easter Bunny will be at the Seminole County Public Library and at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Saturday, April 16, 2011!**

Join us at the Seminole County Public Library for fun with the Easter Bunny at **10 a.m. and 11 a.m.** We will have Easter stories, games, and crafts! Then, don't miss your chance for your child to meet and have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. Space is

limited to 20 children per session. This program is sponsored by the Georgia Rural Library Initiative Grant. Please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 to reserve your child's spot today!

If you can't make it to meet the Easter Bunny at the Seminole County Public Library, make plans to join us at the Decatur

County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library that afternoon, starting at **2 p.m.!** There will be Easter crafts and fun for all. Make sure your child wears their Easter best and have their photo taken with the Easter Bunny. Space is limited to the first 30 children that arrive.

"Don't miss your chance for your child to...have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny."

Both programs are designed for children ages 2—8.

Discover Your Family Tree

At the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library and the Seminole County Public Library

Do you want to know more about your family tree? Are you starting to research your ancestors? Do you need help learning what records to use in your research? Join us on **Monday, April 18, 2011 at 5:30**

p.m. at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library for an

informative genealogy program.

Library staff members will show off all of the genealogical resources that your library has to offer, and will provide an introduction to Ancestry

Library Edition, a valuable genealogical research resource. Space is

limited; please call the library at 229.248.2665 to reserve your spot.

If you miss that session, discover your family tree at the Seminole County Public Library on **Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 10 a.m.** Space is limited; please call the library at 229.524.2665 to reserve your spot today!

Learn all you need so that you can start researching your family tree!



Learn how to research your family tree at the library this month!

Bookmobile Schedule

Visit the Bookmobile at a stop near you!

The Bookmobile contains books, DVDs, and more that travel to a stop near you! Visit Mr. Max or Mr. Terry on the Bookmobile to get your hands on these materials at a stop near you:

- **Monday, April 4:**
Attapulgus Community Center, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, April 5:**
Spring Creek Grocery, 10—11:30 a.m.



Visit the Bookmobile for the latest and greatest books, DVDs, and more!

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

- **Tuesday, April 19:**
Brogdon's Grocery, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, April 27:**
Spring Creek Park Resort, 9:15—10:15 a.m.
- **Wednesday, April 27:**
Parkside Mini Mart, 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Visit the Bookmobile as it travels to a stop near you!

Learn PINES!

Saturday, April 16, 2011 at 10 a.m.!

Join us at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Saturday, April 16, 2011 at 10 a.m.** to learn how to navigate PINES!

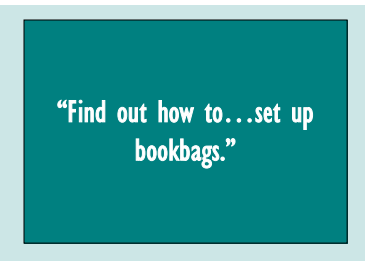
get your hands on and set up bookbags. We will also learn how to search the online catalog to retrieve the right results every time.

Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library at 229.248.2665 to reserve your spot today!

During this course, participants will learn how to navigate the PINES online card catalog using a computer. In addition, find out how to reserve that book you've been waiting to

This class is designed for those who have a basic knowledge of Windows and the Internet.

Space is limited; please call the



Water Safety

Presented by the Army Corps of Engineers

Are you looking forward to enjoying the water this summer? Join us at the Seminole County Public Library on **Thursday, April 7, 2011 at 4 p.m.** to learn about how to stay safe in the water. Or, join us at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Friday, April 8, 2011 at 4 p.m.** to learn about safety at the beach and in swimming pools this summer. If you can't make it to either of these sessions, be sure to learn about water safety at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library on **Thursday,**

April 21, 2011 at 4 p.m. Representatives from the Army Corps of Engineers will discuss the life jacket loaner program and will have several types of life jackets on display. Also, learn how to stay safe in and on the water this summer with helpful tips from the Army Corps of Engineers. There will be fun prizes, giveaways, and more during this program.

The Army Corps of Engineers provides recreation facilities for over

33 million people each year. The Mobile District manages more than 500,000 acres of land and water at 12 Natural Resource Projects in Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, and Georgia. These projects operate 454 recreation areas that include campgrounds, picnic areas, beaches, marinas, boat ramps, parks, and nature trails. Don't miss this informative program at your library!



Join the Army Corps of Engineers to learn about water safety!

Introductory Computer Classes

April 12–14, 2011 at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library

Do you need to learn how to use a computer? Learn how to use a computer with assistance from the library and join us for Introductory Computer Classes this month!

Introductory Computer Classes will be held at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library

on **Tuesday, April 19 through Thursday, April 21, 2011**

at 10 a.m. Space is limited; please call the library at 229.248.2665 to place your name on the waiting list.

Introductory Computer Classes is a three-day course; attendance is required on all three days of the course. The topics that will be covered

include How to Use the Mouse and Keyboard, navigating the Windows environment, Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007, and Introduction to the Internet and E-Mail.

Don't miss out on your chance to learn how to use a computer with ease!

“Learn to use a computer with assistance from the library...”

Learn PowerPoint!

At the Seminole County Public Library!

Slideshows? Presentations? Power Point? Have you ever wanted to know how you can create a dazzling presentation in Microsoft Power Point? Learn the basics of using Microsoft Power Point 2007 at the Seminole County Public Library on **Thursday, April 7, 2011 at 10 a.m.**

Microsoft Power Point 2007, including creating a basic presentation, inserting clip art into a presentation, working with text and bullets, using animations, and printing a presentation. This class is designed for those who are comfortable with using the mouse and keyboard.

before taking this class.

Space is limited; please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 to reserve your spot today!

This class will cover the basics of

“This class will cover the basics of Microsoft Power Point 2007...”

A working knowledge of Microsoft Word is preferred

Through It All

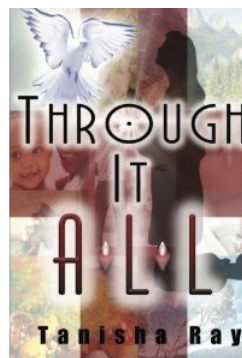
Meet published author Tanisha Handsford Ray!

Meet published author Tanisha Handsford Ray this month for a special book sale and signing for her new book of poetry, Through It All. Ms. Ray will be at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Saturday, April 9, 2011 from 1—3 p.m.** and at the Seminole County Public Library on **Saturday, April 30, 2011 from 2—4 p.m.**

This book is a powerful collection of inspirational poems. Through It All indicates life’s different patterns including consequences, circumstances, and love that men and women encounter from day to day. During the program, she will discuss

some of the inspirational poems in her book.

Tanisha Handsford Ray was born and raised in Bainbridge, Georgia. She is married with three children and has a passion for writing.



Meet Tanisha Handsford Ray this month at your library!

Need Tax Help?

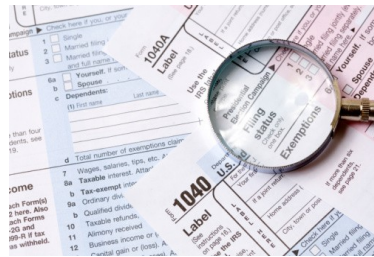
Visit the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library for help filing your taxes!

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 on **Thursday, April 7, 2011 and Thursday, April 14, 2011 from 12 p.m. until 3 p.m. and on Saturday, April 2, 2011 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 those with incomes less than \$49,000 per year.

with you: All W-2s and 1099s (if any), Social Security Cards or Taxpayer Identification (ITIN) for all family members, a copy of your 2009 tax return (if available), a bank account and routing number (if choosing to direct deposit your refund), and a valid photo identification.

To receive the free tax preparation and e-file, please bring the following documents



Don't stress about taxes! The library can help!

Park Passes!

Available at your library!

Are you interested in taking a trip to one of Georgia's state parks this spring? The Southwest Georgia Regional Library System is making it easier than ever for you to visit any Georgia State Park with a ParkPass! You can now borrow Georgia State Park ParkPasses and Historic Site passes

with a valid library card. These passes are good for free parking or admission at more than 60 parks and historic sites statewide. Simply present your library card to check out a ParkPass folder, which is valid for seven days. Folders include an annual ParkPass that exempts visitors from paying the daily parking fee at

state parks, an annual Historic Site pass good for free admission for one visitor to any of Georgia's 18 state historic sites and a copy of the Guide to Georgia State Parks & Historic Sites featuring descriptions, photos, directions and a map of all locations. Visit your library to check out one of these ParkPasses today to have a great time at one of Georgia's state parks!

"These passes are good for free parking or admission at more than 60 parks and historic sites..."

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 **Tuesday, April 5, 2011 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 *Warm Springs* by Susan Richards Shreve. The next meeting of the First Tuesday Book Club will be held on **Tuesday, May 3, 2011 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 the next meeting.

Also, don't forget to join us on **Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 10 a.m.** at the Seminole County Public Library for the First Wednesday Book Club. This month, we will discuss the book *Rich Boy* by Sharon Pomerantz.

If you miss this discussion, don't forget to join in on the next meeting of the First Wednesday Book Club on **Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at 10 a.m.** where the book *City of Thieves* by David Benioff will be discussed. Please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 for more information on the First Wednesday Book Club.

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Storytime Schedules

Important information about storytime at your library!

Toddler Time at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library will have its final spring session on **Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 3:30 p.m.**

Toddler Time will briefly resume in the summer, and then will resume its regular schedule in the fall. Toddler Tales at the Decatur County—Gilbert

H. Gragg Library will take a Spring Break! Toddler Tales will not be held on

Tuesday, April 5, 2011 or on Thursday, April 7, 2011.

Toddler Tales will hold its final session for Spring, 2011 on **Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 10 a.m.** After a special return

this summer, Toddler Tales will return in August. In the meantime, you can enjoy Toddler Storytime at the Seminole County Public Library **every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.** with storyteller Ms. Ralna!

Stay tuned to the SWGRL Spotlight for more information!



Enjoy Toddler Storytime at the Seminole County Public Library!

Schedule of Events

- April 2: Tax Assistance, 10 a.m.
- April 5: First Tuesday Book Club, 10 a.m.
- April 6: First Wednesday Book Club, 10 a.m.
- April 7: Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2007, 10 a.m.
- April 7: Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- April 7: Tax Assistance, 12 p.m.
- April 7: Water Safety, 4 p.m.
- April 8: Water Safety, 4 p.m.
- April 9: Through It All, 1 p.m.
- April 12: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- April 14: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- April 14: Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- April 14: Tax Assistance, 12 p.m.
- April 16: Learn PINES!, 10 a.m.
- April 16: Bunny Bash, 10 a.m.
- April 16: Bunny Bash, 2 p.m.
- April 18: Ancestry Library Edition, 5:30 p.m.
- April 19: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- April 19—21: Introductory Computer Classes, 10 a.m.
- April 20: Seminole County Public Library Board of Trustees meeting, 10 a.m.
- April 20: Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library Board of Trustees meeting, 1 p.m.
- April 20: Southwest Georgia Regional Library System Board of Trustees meeting, 3 p.m.
- April 20: Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Board of Trustees meeting, 5 p.m.
- April 21: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- April 21: Ancestry Library Edition, 10 a.m.
- April 21: Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- April 21: Toddler Time, 3:30 p.m.
- April 21: Water Safety, 4 p.m.
- April 26: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- April 28: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- April 28: Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- April 30: Through It All, 2 p.m.

