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New Name and Service Area

For blind and physically handicapped patrons

The Bainbridge Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped is proud to announce that its new name is **Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services.**

served by the Middle Georgia Subregional Library in Macon. Blind and physically handicapped patrons in Echols, Lanier, and Lowndes Counties were previously served by the Valdosta Subregional Library.

conventional methods due to a temporary or permanent handicap. Please contact the Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services at 1.800.795.2680 or visit our website at www.swgrrl.org/handicap.php for more information.

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
229.524.2665

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The library now serves 22 counties in Southwest Georgia, which are Baker, Brooks, Calhoun, Clay, Colquitt, Decatur, Dougherty, Echols, Early, Grady, Lanier, Lee, Lowndes, Miller, Mitchell, Quitman, Randolph, Seminole, Terrell, Thomas, Webster, and Worth counties. Patrons in Dougherty, Lee, and Worth Counties were previously

The Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services continues to provide the same excellent service, but now serves a larger area. Books and magazines on cassette tapes and digital books are available at the Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services for those who cannot hold, handle, or see well enough to read materials printed by



Southwest Georgia Library
for Accessible Services



Introducing the Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services!

Recycle Your Ink Cartridges!

Give them to your library!

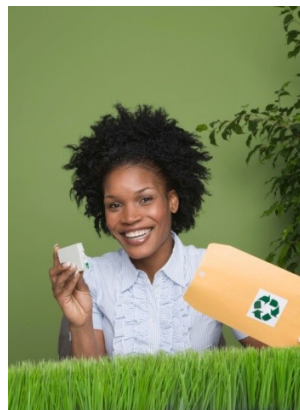
Have you ever wondered what you should do with your ink cartridges from your printer, once they are out of ink? Don't throw them away! Instead, support your library and give your used inkjet cartridges to the library!
How does it work? Simply bring your used printer cartridge to any library location.

Both color and black inkjet cartridges are accepted. Any brand of inkjet cartridge is acceptable; however, toner cartridges are not accepted for this project.

Funds raised from recycling the used ink cartridges will

be used to support the 2012 Vacation Reading Program.

Please visit our website at www.swgri.org for more information on supporting your library with your used inkjet cartridges!



Support your library and recycle your inkjet printer cartridges with us!

Game Day

Fun for teens at your library!

Do you have the blues? That is, the back to school blues? Bring your friends and join us for an afternoon of video games on the Nintendo Wii and the PlayStation 2 at your library this month!

We will be having Game Day at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on

**Tuesday,
August**

16, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. Game Day will be held at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library on **Thursday, August 18, 2011 at 4 p.m.** Or, play video games with us at the Seminole County Public Library on **Thursday, August 25, 2011 at 4 p.m.**

"Bring your friends and join us for an afternoon of video games!"

This program is

designed for teens ages 12—18. Play our video games or bring your own! If you decide to bring your own video games, they must be rated either E or E+.

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, August 1:** Attapulcus Community Center, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, August 2:** Spring Creek Grocery, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, August 3:**



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

- Wingate's Lodge, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, August 3:** Recovery Community Center, 12—1:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, August 9:** Iron City Convenience Store, 10—11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, August 10:** Parker Park in Climax, 10:30—11:30 a.m.
- **Monday, August 15:**

- Selman Place Apartments, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, August 16:** Brogdon's Grocery, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, August 24:** Spring Creek Park Resort, 9:15—10:15 a.m.
- **Wednesday, August 24:** Parkside Mini Mart, 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Are you interested in setting up a Bookmobile stop? Please call 229.248.2665 for more information on how to set up a Bookmobile stop near you.

Introductory Computer Classes

In Decatur and Seminole Counties!

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 Seminole County Public Library on **Tuesday, August 2 through Thursday, August 4, 2011 at 10 a.m.** Space is limited; please call the library at 229.524.2665 to reserve your spot. Learn

how to use a computer at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Tuesday, August 23 through Thursday, August 25, 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 how to use a computer with assistance from the library..."

Have You Met?

Donna Weeks at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library

Have you met Donna Weeks? Donna is the Branch Manager at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library. She has been employed at the library for four months. Donna loves to read and she enjoys being around all of the new books. It is exciting for her to choose and order the books for the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library each month. Donna likes meeting new people and interacting with all of the people

that visit the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library. She really enjoys helping people find the materials that they need when they visit the library. Donna is looking forward to making the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library the best library it can be.

When Donna is not working, she enjoys

cooking, working with her flowers, cross-stitch and, of course, reading. She has been married for 18 years and has two sons, ages 16 and 12. They also have a dog that they adopted from the animal shelter.



Meet Donna Weeks at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library!

Next time you visit the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library, make sure you meet Donna Weeks!

Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2007

Monday, August 15, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library

Have you ever been confused by all of those little boxes in Microsoft Excel? What exactly do they mean, anyway? Learn how to use Microsoft Excel 2007 at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Monday, August 15, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.** This class

will cover important topics in Microsoft Excel including working with formulas, formatting spreadsheets, and creating charts and graphs.

Attendees will learn how to create a workbook, insert text and

formulas, and how to delete and insert columns and rows. Participants must know how to use Microsoft Word before enrolling in this class. Space is limited; please call the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library at 229.248.2665 to reserve your spot today!

“Attendees will learn how to create a workbook, insert text and formulas...”

Fun for Toddlers!

Storytimes resume at your library this month!

Bring your little one to the library for the return of storytimes this month! Toddler Storytime resumes this month at the Seminole County Public Library beginning on **Thursday, August 4, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.** Storyteller Ms. Ralna will have loads of fun with stories, fun, and more **every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.** At the

Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library, Toddler Time will return on **Thursday, August 18, 2011 at 3:30 p.m.** Toddler Time with storyteller Ms. Taryn will continue on the **third Thursday of each month.** And don't forget to join us at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library for Toddler Tales, beginning **Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at 10**



Storytimes at your library resume this August! Bring your little one for stories, songs, games, crafts, and a whole lot more!

a.m. Toddler Tales will be held **every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m.** with storytellers Ms. Debbie and Ms. Taryn, with stories, songs, games, crafts, and a whole lot more!

These programs are ideal for children ages 1—4 and are designed to introduce children to reading and the library. There are many positive benefits to attending library storytimes for children. Stories help develop a child's imagination, discover new ideas, and help nurture a child's listening abilities.

Book Clubs

In Miller and Seminole Counties!

Join us on **Wednesday, August 2, 2011 at 10 a.m.** at the Seminole County Public Library for the next installment of the First Wednesday Book Club. They will discuss the book Encore Provence: New Adventures in the South of France by Peter Mayle. The First Wednesday Book Club's following meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at**

10 a.m. where the book Franklin and Eleanor: An Extraordinary Marriage by Hazel Rowley will be discussed. Please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 for more information on the First Wednesday Book Club. The First Tuesday Book Club at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr.

Memorial Library will not meet until **Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 10 a.m.** They will discuss the book Saving CeeCee Honeycutt by Beth Hoffman. For more information on the First Tuesday Book Club, please call the Miller

"They will discuss the book Saving CeeCee Honeycutt by Beth Hoffman."

County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library at 229.758.3131.

Just for Teachers!

Prepare for a successful school year with assistance from your library!

Hey, teachers! The Southwest Georgia Regional Library System is jam-packed with resources to make your life easier this school year. For example, the library has several great books to help with classroom management, including [101 Great Classroom Games](#) by Alexis Ludewig and Amy Swan, Ph.D., and [Blogs, Wikis, Podcasts, and Other Powerful Web Tools for Classrooms](#) by Will Richardson. Also, the library has several editions of [The Mailbox](#), which contain many classroom ideas in language arts, math, science,

social studies, arts and crafts, and classroom displays. These books are available in several levels, including Kindergarten, Grades 2—3, and Intermediate.

Do you have a homework assignment or research project that requires students to use materials from the library? Visit our Homework Alert section on our website at

www.swgrl.org/homework_alert.php. Simply fill out the online form with the assignment details, and we will be able to gather materials from our library and others around the state. This way, the materials will be easily accessible for your students.



Teachers, let the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System assist you in making this the best school year yet!

Take advantage of the library's resources to help teachers so you can help your students succeed this school year!

Vacation Reading Program 2011

“One World, Many Stories” - “You Are Here”

The 2011 Vacation Reading Program at the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System has ended. Thank you for your child's participation this summer! The children's theme was, “One World, Many Stories” and the teen theme was “You Are

Here”. Over 1,100 children and teens throughout Decatur, Miller, and Seminole registered for the Vacation Reading Program and read over 11,000 books this summer. Wow! We have some fantastic readers in our community! Stay tuned to

the September issue of *The SWGRL Spotlight* for the top readers in each county! Be sure to join us for a fun-filled Vacation Reading Program next summer, where the children's theme will be “Dream Big—Read” and the teen's theme will be “Own the Night”.

“Thank you for your child's participation this summer!”

Schedule of Events

- August 2—4: Introductory Computer Classes, 10 a.m.
- August 3: First Wednesday Book Club, 10 a.m.
- August 4: Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- August 9: Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Foundation Board meeting, 5 p.m.
- August 11: Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- August 15: Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2007, 5:30 p.m.
- August 16: Game Day, 3:30 p.m.
- August 18: Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- August 18: Toddler Time, 3:30 p.m.
- August 18: Game Day, 4 p.m.
- August 23: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- August 23—25: Introductory Computer Classes, 10 a.m.
- August 25: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- August 25: Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- August 25: Game Day, 4 p.m.
- August 30: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.



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Serving Decatur, Miller, and
Seminole Counties

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Sneak Peek: September!

Have a fun-filled September at your library! Watch for the September issue of The SWGRL Spotlight which will contain information on the top summer readers, new programs, new computer classes, and much more! Don't miss it!

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Library Locations

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

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

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

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

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