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Visit Santa at Your Library!

Santa will be in Decatur, Miller, and Seminole Counties in December!

Don't forget about Breakfast with Santa! Please call the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library at 229.758.3131 to sign your child up to meet Santa on **Saturday, December 3, 2011**. There are two sitting times for this program; they are at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. This program is designed for children ages 2—5 and is sponsored by Ameris Bank, First State Bank, and Peoples South Bank. The Seminole County

Public Library will also be hosting Breakfast with Santa on **Saturday, December 3, 2011**. The sitting times are 9 a.m., 10 a.m., and 11 a.m. Please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 to sign your child up to see Santa today! This program is designed for children ages 2—9 and is sponsored by the Georgia Rural Library Initiative Grant. In addition, Santa will be appearing at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on

Saturday, December 10, 2011 for three sittings, which are at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., and 11 a.m. Space is already filled for this program, which is sponsored by First Port City Bank and is suitable for children up to age 9.



Don't miss the chance for your child to visit Santa at the library!

Special Thanks To Our Breakfast with Santa Sponsors:



**Georgia Rural
Library Initiative
Grant**



First State Bank

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Bainbridge, Georgia 39819
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259 E. Main Street
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Holiday Closings

For December and January

The Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library and the Seminole County Public Library will be closed **Friday, December 23, 2011 through Monday, December 26, 2011** in celebration of the Christmas holidays. The libraries will re-open regular business hours on **Tuesday, December 26, 2011.**

The Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library will be closed **Friday, December 23, 2011 through Tuesday, December 27, 2011** for the Christmas holidays and

will re-open at 11:30 a.m. on **Wednesday, December 28, 2011.** All libraries will be closed on **Monday, January 2, 2012** in celebration of New Year's Day. The libraries will re-open regular business hours on **Tuesday, January 3, 2012.** Also, the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System will be closed on **Monday, January 16, 2012** in honor of Martin Luther King,

Jr. Day. The libraries will re-open regular business hours on **Tuesday, January 17, 2012.** During this time, you can visit our virtual library, which is always open at www.swgri.org, where you can view upcoming events, search the online catalog, download eBooks and audiobooks, and much more! Happy Holidays from the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System!



Storytime Schedules

Toddler Storytime, Toddler Tales, and Toddler Time at the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System!

The last session of Toddler Tales for 2011 at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library will be held **Thursday, December 1, 2011 at 10 a.m.** There will be a special holiday party for those who attend! Make sure to join storytellers Ms. Debbie and Ms. Taryn for stories, games, and more! Toddler Tales will

resume on **Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 10 a.m.** at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library. Toddler Storytime at the Seminole County Public Library and Toddler Time at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library will resume in January, 2012. Toddler Storytime with Ms. Ralna will

resume on **Thursday, January 5, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.** at the Seminole County Public Library. Toddler Time with Ms. Taryn will resume on **Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 3:30 p.m.** at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library.

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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, December 5:** Attapulug Community Center, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, December 6:** Spring Creek Grocery, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, December 7:** Wingate’s Lodge, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, December 7:** Recovery Community Center, 12—1:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, December 13:** Iron City Convenience Store, 10—11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, December 14:** Parker Park in Climax, 10:30—11:30 a.m.
- **Monday, December 19:** Selman Place Apartments, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, December 20:** Brogdon’s Grocery, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, December 28:** Spring Creek Park Resort, 9:15—10:15 a.m.
- **Wednesday, December 28:** Parkside Mini Mart, 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, January 3:** Spring Creek Grocery, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, January 4:** Wingate’s Lodge, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, January 4:** Recovery Community Center, 12—1:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, January 10:** Iron City Convenience Store, 10—11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, January 11:** Parker Park in Climax, 10:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.
- **Tuesday, January 17:** Brogdon’s Grocery, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, January 25:** Spring Creek Park Resort, 9:15—10:15 a.m.
- **Wednesday, January 25:** Parkside Mini Mart, 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Please call 229.248.2665 for more information on how to set up a Bookmobile stop near you.



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

Complete Your Holiday Shopping List!

At Your Library!



Are you having trouble figuring out what to buy that person on your shopping list this holiday season? You know the one, that person who seems to have everything? Look to your library for your holiday shopping needs! For that special book lover, purchase a bookmark or a letter opener/ruler at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library. Or, you could purchase a black canvas tote bag at any library location for that book lover to tote their books around in.

What would be a good gift for a history or genealogy enthusiast? Purchase titles such as the Jones History of

Decatur County for \$35.00 or I Remember Life in a Small Town for just \$7.50 at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library. You can also purchase Marriage Records of Miller County 1893—1994 for \$10.00 at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library. Stop by the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library to purchase a copy of Prologue by Maston O’Neal, Raymond Miles’ autobiography, Thank You,



Buy something for that special someone in your life this holiday season from the library!

Bainbridge, or Frederick Smallwood’s autobiography, My War: Frederick Smallwood in the Battle of the Bulge During World War II for \$15.00 each. In addition, you can purchase All in the Timing: From Operating Room to Board Room by Dr. Charles Hatcher, Jr. at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library. Paperbacks are priced at just \$16.00 and hardbacks are priced at \$30.00. Proceeds from these books benefit the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Foundation.

Top 20 Children’s Books of All Time

Get Your Hands on These Great Books!

Have you ever wondered which books are considered the greatest children’s books of all time? According to The Telegraph (UK), the top 20 children’s books of all time are:

1. Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame
2. Lord of the Rings series by J.R.R. Tolkien
3. Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling
4. His Dark Materials by Phillip Pullman
5. The Chronicles of Narnia: the

6. The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
7. The Faraway Tree by Enid Blyton
8. Babar by Jean de Brunhoff
9. Treasure Island by R.L. Stevenson
10. The Railway Children by E. Nesbit
11. Swallows and Amazons by Arthur Ransome
12. Winnie the Pooh by A.A. Milne

13. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
14. The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson
15. Peter and Wendy (Peter Pan) by J.M. Barrie
16. Watership Down by Richard Adams
17. The Story of Tracy Beaker by Jacqueline Wilson
18. The Tiger Who Came to Tea by Judith Kerr
19. The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter
20. Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

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Marketing SWGLAS: A Customer-Centered Approach

Tuesday, November 8, 2011

On Tuesday, November 8, 2011, the Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services hosted “Marketing SWGLAS: A Customer-Centered Approach” with Christie Koontz, Ph.D. Attendees learned the fundamental concepts of marketing, the practical steps in any successful marketing plan and identified marketing activities in reference to the Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services. An evaluation was provided at the

conclusion of the workshop for attendees. 100% of the respondents indicated that the workshop was relevant to their jobs, provided useful knowledge and skills, introduced new information and practices, provided a balance of theory and practical application, met their expectations, was valuable for their professional development, provided relevant handouts, and it

was what they expected based on the workshop description. The broadcast of this workshop will be available on our website at www.swgri.org/handicap.php.

“Attendees learned the fundamental concepts of marketing...”

*Special Thanks To Those for Assisting with
“Marketing SWGLAS: A Customer-Centered
Approach”*



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Investigate Your Ancestry

Saturday, January 28, 2012 at 10 a.m.

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

**Saturday,
January
28, 2012
at 10 a.m.**

at the



Investigate your ancestry at the Seminole County Public Library!

Seminole County Public Library for an informative genealogy session.

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.

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

Feed My Lambs

Thursday, December 1, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Join Chris Smith, author of the children's book Feed My Lambs: Alphabet Scripture Songs, at the Decatur County–Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Thursday, December 1, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.** Children attending the program will learn some of her songs. Her book and CD will be available for sale and signing during the event.

Chris Smith is a pastor's wife, mother of three daughters, and enjoys singing, songwriting, and writing about her travels abroad. Smith has a Master's degree

in Foreign Language Education through the Auburn University Study Abroad Program. Her studies and sojourn with a French family inspired her to write *France Insolite: Spiritual Journeys in France*. Teaching languages has helped her to make many multi-cultural friendships partnering her with mission trips in Mexico, Martinique, Haiti, and France.

Chris has also served as an interpreter for the deaf and as a teacher of Special Friends

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Sunday School class with her Down's syndrome daughter, Carey Beth. She has directed Children, Youth, and Adult choirs, summer music camps and community-wide musicals. Her love for sharing Christ through music has led her to produce three albums: *Feed My Lambs Alphabet Scripture Songs* for young children; *Power in the Pages*, a gospel album; *Trinity Treasures: Redeemer* a

contemporary Christian album; and three singles: *God is Our Refuge and Strength*, *I Can Do All Things*, and *Spinnin' Ginny*.

Book Clubs

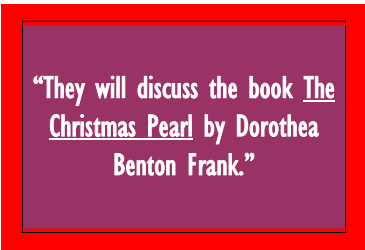
In Miller and Seminole Counties!

The First Tuesday Book Club at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library will meet **Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 10 a.m.** They will discuss the book The Christmas Pearl by Dorothea Benton Frank. If you miss this discussion, be sure to join the following meeting of the First Tuesday Book Club on **Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 10 a.m.** where the book The Christmas Pearl by Markus Zusak will be discussed. Please call the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr.

Memorial Library at 229.758.3131 for more information on the First Tuesday Book Club.

Join us on **Wednesday, December 7, 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 The Heart Mender by Andy Andrews. The First Wednesday Book Club's following meeting

will be on **Wednesday, January 4, 2012 at 10 a.m.** where the book Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson will be discussed. The next meeting of the Dog Ears Book Club will be held at the Seminole County Public Library on **Saturday, January 21, 2012 at 11:30 a.m.** Please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 for the title of the book that will be discussed.



Give a Unique Gift

For that special someone!



Are you dreading those holiday crowds this season? Are you unsure of making online purchases for your holiday gifts? Instead of that, why not donate a book in honor of that special someone in your life.

You can give the library either a new book or you

can send a check so the library can order the item. This is a great gift idea for that person in your life who is difficult to buy for. Each book will have a special bookplate inserted recognizing your loved one. You



Give the gift that the entire community can enjoy!

can do this at any one of our convenient locations in Decatur, Miller, or Seminole counties.

This year, give the gift that the entire community can enjoy!

Schedule of Events

- December 1: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- December 1: Feed My Lambs, 5:30 p.m.
- December 3: Breakfast with Santa, 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m.
- December 3: Breakfast with Santa, 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
- December 6: First Tuesday Book Club, 10 a.m.
- December 7: First Wednesday Book Club, 10 a.m.
- December 10: Breakfast with Santa, 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m.
- January 3: First Tuesday Book Club, 10 a.m.
- January 4: First Wednesday Book Club, 10 a.m.
- January 5: Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- January 10: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- January 12: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- January 12: Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- January 17: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- January 18: Seminole County Public Library Board of Trustees meeting, 10 a.m.
- January 18: Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library Board of Trustees meeting, 1 p.m.
- January 18: Southwest Georgia Regional Library System Board of Trustees meeting, 3 p.m.
- January 18: Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Board of Trustees meeting, 5 p.m.
- January 19: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- January 19: Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- January 19: Toddler Time, 3:30 p.m.
- January 21: Dog Ears Book Club, 11:30 a.m.
- January 24: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- January 24—26: Introductory Computer Classes, 10 a.m.
- January 26: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- January 26: Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- January 28: Investigate Your Ancestry, 10 a.m.
- January 31: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.

Color code: Purple=Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Red=Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library
Green=Seminole County Public Library



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Serving Decatur, Miller, and
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February Fun!

Stay tuned to the February, 2012 issue of The SWGRL
Spotlight for new programs, suggested reading materials,
computer classes, and more!

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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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