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Welcome to Summer!

From the Editor

Welcome to summer at your Southwest Georgia Regional Library System! It is getting hot outside, so cool off by visiting your library! The Southwest Georgia Regional Library System has many fantastic programs going on this summer. For adults, engaging book discussions at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library and the Seminole County Public Library will keep you talking about some

juicy characters this summer. Learn how to become proficient in Microsoft Excel this July. Turn to page 11 for the details.

There are plenty of activities to keep your children and teens busy this summer! The Southwest Georgia Regional Library System is excited to bring you another Vacation Reading Program. The children's theme is, "One World, Many Stories". Turn to the next page to find out more about the

children's Vacation Reading Program, designed for children up to age 11. The Teen Vacation Reading Program is for ages 12—18 and the theme is, "You Are Here". More information on the Teen Vacation Reading Program is available on page 7. Do you want a chance for your child to win money for college this summer? Find out more on page 12. Prepare to have a blast this summer at the library by taking advantage of the many activities!

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HEADQUARTERS

Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library
301 S. Monroe Street
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259 E. Main Street
Colquitt, Georgia 39837
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Seminole County Public Library
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Donalsonville, Georgia 39845
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Discuss Intriguing Characters

Hot Book Clubs this Summer!

Join us at the Seminole County Public Library for the First Wednesday Book Club on **Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at 10 a.m.**

We will discuss the book The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society by Mary Ann Shaffer. If you miss this meeting, join us for the next installment of the First

Wednesday Book Club on **Wednesday, July 6, 2011 at 10 a.m.** at the Seminole County Public Library, where they will discuss the book Praying for Sheetrock by Melissa Fay Greene.

The First Tuesday Book Club will meet on **Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at 10 a.m.** at

the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library, where the book The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo by Steig Larsson. The First Tuesday Book Club will not meet until **Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 10 a.m.** at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library.



The Southwest Georgia Regional
Library System presents:

One World, Many Stories

2011 Children's Vacation
Reading Program

Visit the library for special
programs, suggested reading, and
to register for this year's Vacation
Reading Program!





Reading Takes You Places

Travel the world in books this summer at the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System! Explore places from Oceania to Russia through stories, crafts, music, dance, and other activities!

Registration begins Monday, May 16, 2011!



How does it work?



Register for this year's Vacation Reading Program! Registration begins **Monday, May 16, 2011!** Visit your local library to register, or register online at www.swgrl.org. Participants will receive a reading log to keep track of the books they have read. Participants **must read 20 books** to complete a Reading Log. If participants read **25 pages in a chapter book**, it will be counted as one book. For example, **if a participant reads a book with 50 pages**, that will be counted as **2 books!** **Books must have at least 50 pages to be counted as 2 books.** Turn in a completed reading log to receive admission into the End of Summer Party in your respective county! During each party, we will have games, crafts, fun, and door prizes! The End of Summer Parties will be held on:

Saturday, July 23, 2011 from 1—4 p.m.: Seminole County Public Library

Friday, July 29, 2011 from 2—5 p.m.: Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library

Saturday, July 30, 2011 from 12—3 p.m.: Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library

Completed Reading Logs are due on or before Friday, July 22, 2011!





Don't miss these events at your library!

A World of Stories—Tuesday, June 7

Join Ms. Taryn and Ms. Debbie for a world of stories! Listen to fun stories such as Bark, George, The Wide-Mouthed Frog, Brown Bear, Brown Bear and more!

Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library:
10 a.m.

Seminole County Public Library: 1 p.m.

**Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr.
Memorial Library: 3:30 p.m.**



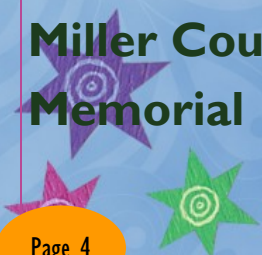
Uncle Mike's Polka Variety Show—Tuesday, June 14

Enjoy learning about the alphabet, occupations, personal hygiene, and other languages through polka music!

Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library:
10 a.m.

Seminole County Public Library: 1 p.m.

**Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr.
Memorial Library: 3:30 p.m.**



Culture Man to the Rescue!—Tuesday, June 21

Meet the superhero who knows how stories help solve problems as he travels the world gathering cultural lore with lessons including hard work, sharing, and honesty.

Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library:

10 a.m.

Seminole County Public Library: 1 p.m.

Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr.

Memorial Library: 3:30 p.m.



Didgeridoo Down Under—Tuesday, June 28

A high-energy, Australia-themed show that combines music, puppetry, and much more! Interactive, educational and super fun, a one-of-a-kind musical and cultural experience for all ages!

Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library:

10 a.m.

Seminole County Public Library: 1 p.m.

Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr.

Memorial Library: 3:30 p.m.



Book a trip to the library with these programs!

Time for Toddlers!—Thursday, June 9 and 23

Join library staff for Toddler Storytime, Toddler Tales, and Toddler Time this summer! Prepare to have a fun time with global stories, songs, and more!

Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library:

10 a.m.

Seminole County Public Library: 1 p.m.

Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr.

Memorial Library: 3:30 p.m.



Wide World of Crafts—Thursday, June 16 and 30

Join library staff to make fun crafts from around the world! We will be making a Japanese Koi and a Didgeridoo! You won't want to miss out on the fun!

Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library:

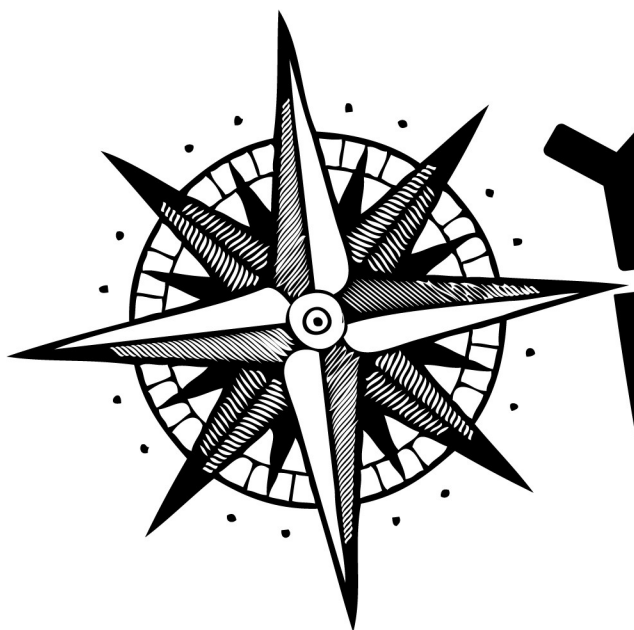
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Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr.

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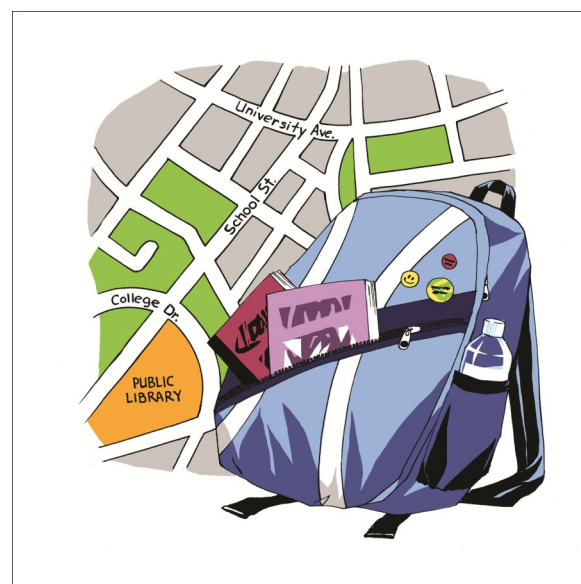
YOU ARE HERE

At the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System!

Vacation Reading

Program 2010

**FOR TEENS
AGES 12—18**



**ATTENTION, TEENS! VISIT THE
LIBRARY THIS SUMMER FOR
WORLDLY PROGRAMS, PRIZES,
READS, AND MORE!**

YOU ARE HERE



Registration begins Monday, May 16, 2011!

How to participate:

Register for this year's Teen Vacation Reading Program! Registration begins **Monday, May 16, 2011!** Visit your local library to register, or register online at www.swgrl.org. Participants will receive a reading log to keep track of the books they have read. Teens **must read 13 books (with a minimum of 50 pages)** to complete a Reading Log.

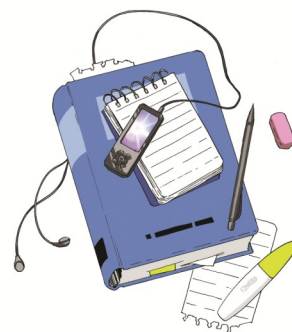
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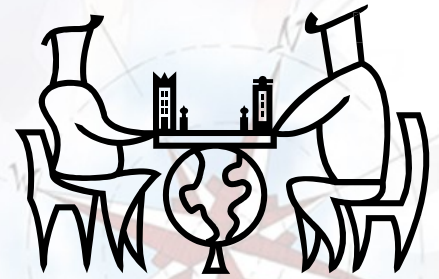
World Wide Gaming

Play different types of video games from around the world on the Nintendo Wii!

Monday, June 6 at 1 p.m.: Seminole County Public Library

Monday, June 6 at 3:30 p.m.: Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library

**Wednesday, June 8 at 2 p.m.:
Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library**



Cooking Around the World

Learn how to prepare delicious dishes from around the world at home from Keiser University's Culinary team!

Monday, June 13 at 1 p.m.: Seminole County Public Library

Monday, June 13 at 3:30 p.m.: Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library

**Wednesday, June 15 at 2 p.m.:
Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library**





Geocaching

Join the Sowega Cachers and learn how to find treasures with a GPS! Attend for your chance to find a treasure at your library!

Monday, June 20 at 1 p.m.: Seminole County Public Library

Monday, June 20 at 3:30 p.m.: Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library

**Wednesday, June 22 at 2 p.m.:
Decatur County—Gilbert H.
Gragg Library**



Oh, Canada! Party

Enjoy the likes of Canada! Play Canada games, trivia, and learn how to make maple syrup!

Monday, June 27 at 1 p.m.: Seminole County Public Library

Monday, June 27 at 3:30 p.m.: Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library

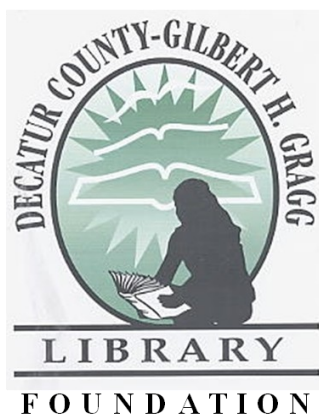
**Wednesday, June 29 at 2 p.m.:
Decatur County—Gilbert H.
Gragg Library**



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Program Sponsors:*



**Georgia
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Win Money for College!

Destination: College Savings Sweepstakes

The Southwest Georgia Regional Library System is proud to be a part of the Destination: College Savings Sweepstakes throughout Georgia's public libraries this summer! One lucky Georgia citizen (born after 1995) will win **\$5,529** towards their college education just by entering the online sweepstakes this summer! Simply sign your child up for the Vacation Reading Program at the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System in order to

be eligible to enter the sweepstakes. Once you register for your child, you will receive a bookmark with information on how to enter the sweepstakes.

There are bonuses for the library, as well. The sweepstakes winner's home library will receive **\$1,529** for children's and teen services! In addition, the Georgia public library system with the

greatest percentage of registered users entered into the sweepstakes will receive **\$1,529** for children's and teen services!

Visit your library beginning **Monday, May 16, 2011** to sign your child up for the 2010 Vacation Reading Program and to enter your child for a chance to win **\$5,529** for their college education!

"One lucky Georgia citizen...will win \$5,529 towards their college education!"

Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2007

Saturday, July 23, 2011 at 10 a.m. at the Seminole County Public Library

Have you ever been confused by all of those little boxes in Microsoft Excel? Learn how to use Microsoft Excel 2007 at the Seminole County Public Library on

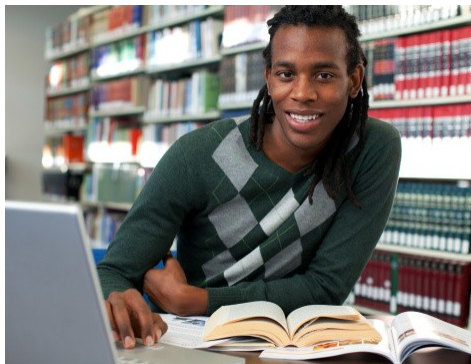
**Saturday,
July 23,
2011 at
10 a.m.**

This class will cover important

topics in Microsoft Excel including working with formulas, formatting spreadsheets, and creating charts. 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 Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 to reserve your spot today!



Summer Schedule!

- June 1: First Wednesday Book Club, 10 a.m.
- June 6: World Wide Gaming, 1 p.m.
- June 6: World Wide Gaming, 3:30 p.m.
- June 7: A World of Stories!, 10 a.m.
- June 7: First Tuesday Book Club, 10 a.m.
- June 7: A World of Stories!, 1 p.m.
- June 7: A World of Stories!, 3:30 p.m.
- June 8: World Wide Gaming, 2 p.m.
- June 9: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- June 9: Toddler Storytime, 1 p.m.
- June 9: Toddler Time, 3:30 p.m.
- June 13: Cooking Around the World, 1 p.m.
- June 13: Cooking Around the World, 3:30 p.m.
- June 14: Uncle Mike's Polka Variety Show, 10 a.m.
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- June 15: Cooking Around the World, 2 p.m.
- June 16: Wide World of Crafts, 10 a.m.
- June 16: Wide World of Crafts, 1 p.m.
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- June 23: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- June 23: Toddler Storytime, 1 p.m.
- June 23: Toddler Time, 3:30 p.m.
- June 27: Oh, Canada! Party, 1 p.m.
- June 27: Oh, Canada! Party, 3:30 p.m.
- June 28: Didgeridoo Down Under, 10 a.m.
- June 28: Didgeridoo Down Under, 1 p.m.
- June 28: Didgeridoo Down Under, 3:30 p.m.
- June 29: Oh, Canada! Party, 2 p.m.
- June 30: Wide World of Crafts, 10 a.m.
- June 30: Wide World of Crafts, 1 p.m.
- June 30: Wide World of Crafts, 3:30 p.m.
- July 6: First Wednesday Book Club, 10 a.m.
- July 19—21: Introductory Computer Classes, 10 a.m.
- July 20: Seminole County Public Library Board of Trustees meeting, 10 a.m.
- July 20: Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library Board of Trustees meeting, 1 p.m.
- July 20: Southwest Georgia Regional Library System Board of Trustees meeting, 3 p.m.
- July 20: Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Board of Trustees meeting, 5 p.m.
- July 23: Introduction to Microsoft Excel, 10 a.m.
- July 23: End of Summer Party, 1—4 p.m.
- July 29: End of Summer Party, 2—5 p.m.
- July 30: End of Summer Party, 12—3 p.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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Stay tuned!

Have a great summer! The SWGRL

Spotlight will return in September to bring
you all of the fantastic library happenings
this fall!

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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