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Back to School

The library can help students and teachers this school year!

Another summer has flown by, and school will be back in session very soon. We can say hello once again to homework, projects, teachers, tests, and other assignments. Don't worry though, because the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System is here to help you survive yet another school year. You can access GALILEO (Georgia Library Learning Online) any time to access online databases. GALILEO provides many resources that allow you to search for biographical and historical information, and can even help with your homework. To access GALILEO from home, you need to request a password by calling your public library. Your public library is here to assist with

your back to school needs by providing access to GALILEO, access to computers to type that important paper and conduct research, and so much more.

The Southwest Georgia Regional Library System helps teachers, as well. The library 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 Classroom Management Handbook by Dave Foley and Classroom Management that Works by Robert J. Marzano.

Do you have a homework assignment or research project that requires students to use materials from the library? Visit our

Homework Alert section of 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.

Whether you are a teacher or student, make sure to take advantage of the many resources that the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System offers to make this school year your best yet!



Make this school year your best yet with assistance from the library!

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

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103 W. Fourth Street
Donalsonville, Georgia 39845
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The Return of Storytime

Storytimes return to your library in August!

School will be back in session soon, and that means the fall storytime season at your library will soon be kicking off! Make sure to join us for the return of Toddler Storytime at the Seminole County Public Library beginning **Thursday, August 6, 2012** at 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Your children will have a fantastic time with storyteller Ms. Ralna with stories, songs, games, and more! Toddler Storytime will be held every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Seminole County Public Library. Toddler Time at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library will resume on **Thursday,**

August 16, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. Storyteller Ms. Donna will have your children enjoying themselves with stories, crafts, and more! Toddler Time will be held on the third Thursday of each month at 3:30 p.m. at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library. And, join us for the return of Toddler Tales at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Tuesday, August 28, 2012 at 10 a.m.** Prepare for your child to have a

blast with storyteller Ms. Debbie as they have fun with stories, songs, games, crafts, and more. Toddler Tales will be held every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library.

Storytimes are designed for children ages 1—4. It is a great way to introduce your young children to reading, the library, and other toddlers.

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.



Regularly scheduled storytimes return to your library in August!

Introductory Computer Classes

Learn to use a computer with assistance from the 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 Seminole County Public Library on **Tuesday, July 31 through Thursday, August 2, 2012 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 21 through Thursday, August 23, 2012 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 2010, 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..."

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:

- **Wednesday, August 1:** Wingate's Lodge, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, August 1:** Recovery Community Center, 12—1:30 p.m.
- **Monday, August 6:**



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

- **Tuesday, August 7:** Spring Creek Grocery, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, August 8:** Parker Park in Climax, 10:30—11:30 a.m.
- **Tuesday, August 14:** Iron City Convenience Store, 10—11 a.m.
- **Monday, August 20:** Selman Place Apartments, 10—11 a.m.

- **Tuesday, August 21:** Brogdon's Grocery, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, August 22:** Spring Creek Park Resort, 9:15—10:15 a.m.
- **Wednesday, August 22:** 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.

Book Clubs

In Decatur and Miller Counties

The First Wednesday Book Club at the Seminole County Public Library will meet on **Tuesday, August 1, 2012 at 10 a.m.** and will discuss the book Bel Canto by Ann Patchel. If you miss this discussion, be sure to join the following meeting of the First Wednesday Book Club on **Wednesday, September 5, 2012 at 10 a.m.** Please call the Seminole County Public

Library at 229.524.2665 for the title of the book that will be discussed at this meeting.

Join us on **Tuesday, August 7, 2012 at 10 a.m.** at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library for the next installment of the First Tuesday Book Club. They will discuss the book Winter

Garden by Kristin Hannah. The First Tuesday Book Club will meet again on **Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at 10 a.m.** at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library. Please call the library at 229.758.3131 for the title of the book that will be discussed.

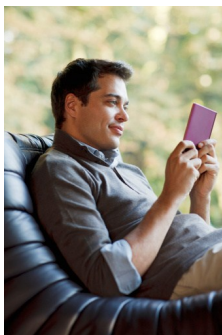
“They will discuss the book Winter Garden by Kristin Hannah.”

Download eBooks and Audiobooks

Check out books any time from your library!

Have you ever wanted to check out a book from the library when the library is closed? Now, you can check out books anytime using the library's eBooks and downloadable audiobooks service!

If you have an Amazon Kindle, Barnes and Noble Nook, Sony Reader, iPad, iPhone, smartphone, or other portable device, you can check out books anytime from our



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website at www.swgrl.org. If you do not have any of these devices, you can still check out materials and download them to your computer and read them from there.

The Pew Research Center's "Libraries, Patrons, and E-books" study shows that 12% of eBook readers have borrowed an eBook from their library. If you have

not checked out an eBook from the library, join the ranks and do it today!

All you need is a library card and PIN number, which can be obtained for free by visiting any library location. Remember, eBooks and downloadable audiobooks are available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Instructions for downloading eBooks and audiobooks can be found on our website at <http://www.swgrl.org/ebooks.php>.

Learn Microsoft Excel 2010

Monday, August 20, 2012 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 2010 at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Monday, August 20, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.** This class will cover important topics in Microsoft Excel 2010 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!

"Learn Microsoft Excel 2010 at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library..."

Schedule of Events

- July 31—August 2: **Introductory Computer Classes, 10 a.m.**
- August 1: **First Wednesday Book Club, 10 a.m.**
- August 2: **Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.**
- August 2: **Toddler Storytime, 4:30 p.m.**
- August 7: **First Tuesday Book Club, 10 a.m.**
- August 9: **Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.**
- August 9: **Toddler Storytime, 4:30 p.m.**
- August 14: **Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Foundation Board meeting, 5 p.m.**
- August 16: **Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.**
- August 16: **Toddler Time, 3:30 p.m.**
- August 16: **Toddler Storytime, 4:30 p.m.**
- August 20: **Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2010, 5:30 p.m.**
- August 21—23: **Introductory Computer Classes, 10 a.m.**
- August 23: **Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.**
- August 23: **Toddler Storytime, 4:30 p.m.**
- August 28: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- August 30: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- August 30: **Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m.**
- August 30: **Toddler Storytime, 4:30 p.m.**

