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GEORGIA  
REGIONAL  
LIBRARY SYSTEM**

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Decatur County—Gilbert H.  
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# The SWGRL SPOTLIGHT

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January, 2013**

## Food for Fines

December 1—22, 2012 at your library!

Food for Fines returns to the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System! Food for Fines will be held from **Saturday, December 1, 2012** through **Saturday, December 22,**

**2012.** Bring in canned food to support your community and to reduce your overdue fines. Every canned food item you bring in is worth \$1.00 of overdue fines. This is a special offer and does not apply

towards lost or damaged materials. All food received will be donated to local food banks.



*Reduce your overdue fines by participating in Food for Fines at your library!*

## Give a Unique Gift

For that special someone!

Are you dreading those holiday crowds this season? Instead, 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 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!

## Holiday Closings

### December and January closings

The Southwest Georgia Regional Library System will be closed **Monday, December 24, 2012** through **Wednesday, December 26, 2012** in celebration of the Christmas holidays. All library locations will re-open regular business hours on **Thursday, December 27, 2012**.

The Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library will close at 6 p.m. on **Monday, December 31, 2012** for New Year's Eve. All

libraries will be closed on **Tuesday, January 1, 2013** for New Year's Day and will begin serving you in 2013 on **Wednesday, January 2, 2013**.

All library locations will be closed on **Monday, January 21, 2013** in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. All libraries will re-open on **Tuesday, January 22, 2013** to serve you.

While our physical

facilities are closed, you can visit our virtual library online at [www.swgri.org](http://www.swgri.org), where you can search the online catalog for materials, download an eBook or audiobook, find resources for children, teens, and adults, and much more!



## Introductory Computer Classes

Learn to use a computer at your 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! Classes will be offered at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on

**Tuesday, January 22 through Thursday, January 24, 2012 at 10**

**a.m.** Space is limited; please call 229.248.2665 to reserve your spot today!

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 master the computer with the help of the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library!

"Do you need to learn how to use a computer?"

## Bookmobile Schedule

Visit the Bookmobile at a stop near you!

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

- **Monday, December 3:** Attapulcus Community Center, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, December 4:** Spring Creek Grocery, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, December 5:** Wingate's Lodge, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, December 5:** Recovery Community Center, 12—1:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, December 11:** Iron City Convenience Store, 10—11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, December 12:** Parker Park in Climax, 10:30—11:30 a.m.
- **Monday, December 17:** Selman Place Apartments, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, December 18:** Gibbs Bainbridge Village Apartments, 9—10 a.m.
- **Tuesday, December 18:** Brogdon's Grocery, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, January 2:** Wingate's Lodge, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, January 2:** Recovery Community Center, 12—1:30 p.m.
- **Monday, January 7:** Attapulcus Community Center, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, January 8:** Iron City Convenience Store, 10—11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, January 9:** Parker Park in Climax, 10:30—11:30 a.m.
- **Tuesday, January 15:** Gibbs Bainbridge Village Apartments, 9—10 a.m.
- **Tuesday, January 15:** Brogdon's Grocery, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, January 23:** Spring Creek Park Resort, 9:15—10:15 a.m.
- **Wednesday, January 23:** 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 public 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



Complete your holiday shopping list at your public library!

of Prologue by Maston O'Neal, Raymond Miles' autobiography, Thank You, 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.

## Book Clubs

### In Miller and Seminole Counties

The First Tuesday Book Club at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library will meet on **Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at 10 a.m.** and will discuss the book The Christmas Sweater by Glenn Beck. The following meeting of the First Tuesday Book Club will be held on **Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at 10 a.m.** Please call the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library at 229.758.3131 for the title of the next book that

will be discussed.

Join us on **Wednesday, December 5, 2012 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 Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison. The First Wednesday Book Club will meet again on **Wednesday,**

**January 2, 2013 at 10 a.m.** at the Seminole County Public Library where the book Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand will be discussed.

Don't miss a moment of these exciting discussions!

"They will discuss the book Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison."

## Download eBooks and Audiobooks

This January at your library

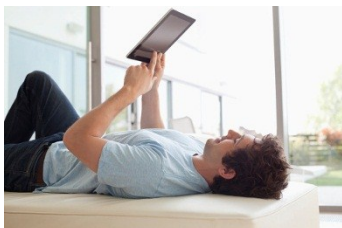
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days per week.

If you need help learning how to download eBooks and audiobooks from the library, be sure to join us on **Monday, January 7, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.** at the Decatur

County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library. This class will also be offered on **Saturday,**

**January 12, 2013 at 4 p.m.** at the Seminole County Public Library and on **Monday,**



*Learn to download eBooks and audiobooks at your library in January!*

**January 14, 2013 at 3:30 p.m.** at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library.

Attendees will learn how to search for books, place holds, and how to download and transfer materials to their portable devices.

Space is limited; please reserve your spot for these classes by calling your public library today!

## Fred's Head

From the American Printing House for the Blind

Do you know about Fred's Head? Fred's Head from the American Printing House for the Blind (APH) is an online way to access scads of information about many topics. This blog has tips, tutorials, in-depth articles, and resources for and by blind or visually impaired people. The blog is named after Fred Gissoni of APH's Customer Relations Department. You can use this site to

subscribe to really simple syndication (RSS) feeds, read newsletters, articles, and learn about topics as varied as computer games, knitting, preschool, or social security. To learn more, visit their website at <http://www.fredshead.info>

This is just one of the many resources that the Southwest Georgia

Library for Accessible Services provides to individuals who are blind or physically handicapped. Please call 229.248.2680 or 1.800.795.2680 for more information on the Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services.

"This blog has tips, tutorials, in-depth articles, and resources..."



## Top 20 Children's Novels

### According to School Library Journal

Have you ever wondered which books are considered the greatest children's novels of all time? According to *School Library Journal*, the top 20 children's novels are:

1. Charlotte's Web by E.B. White
2. A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle
3. Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J.K. Rowling
4. The Giver by Lois Lowry
5. The Lion, the Witch, and the



Enjoy one of the Top 20 Children's Novels at your library!

- Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis
6. Holes by Louis Sachar
7. From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg
8. Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery
9. The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin
10. Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
11. When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead
12. Harry Potter and

- the Prisoner of Azkaban by J.K. Rowling
13. The Thief by Megan Whalen Turner
14. The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien
15. The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett
16. Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt
17. Harriet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh
18. The Book of Three by Lloyd Alexander
19. Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder
20. Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

## Top 20 Children's Picture Books

### According to School Library Journal

Have you ever wondered which books are considered the greatest children's picture books of all time? According to *School Library Journal*, the top 20 children's picture books are:

1. Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
2. The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
3. Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus by Mo Willems
4. Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown
5. The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats

6. Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey
7. Knuffle Bunny by Mo Willems
8. Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst
9. Bark, George by Jules Feiffer
10. The Monster at the End of This Book by Jon Stone
11. Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes
12. Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss
13. Miss

- Rumphius by Barbara Cooney
14. Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina
15. Frog and Toad are Friends by Arnold Lobel
16. Harold and the Purple Crayon by Crockett Johnson
17. The Story of Ferdinand by Munro Leaf
18. A Sick Day for Amos McGee by Philip Stead
19. The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter
20. Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes by Eric Litwin

"According to *School Library Journal*, the top 20 children's picture books are..."

## Storytime Schedules

Toddler Storytime, Toddler Tales, and Toddler Time at your library

The last session of Toddler Tales for 2011 at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library will be held **Thursday, December 6, 2012 at 10 a.m.**

Make sure to join storyteller Ms. Debbie for holiday stories, games, and more on this last day! Toddler Tales will resume on **Tuesday, January 15,**



*Join us for storytime at your library!*

**2013 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, 2013.

Toddler Storytime with Ms. Ralna will resume on **Thursday, January 3,**

**2013 at 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.** at the Seminole County Public Library. Toddler Time with Ms. Donna will resume on **Thursday, January 17, 2012 at 3:30 p.m.** at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library.

## Spelling Bee

Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 3:45 p.m.

Join us on **Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 3:45 p.m.** at the Seminole County Public Library for the first annual Spelling Bee! Test your spelling skills at the Seminole County Public Library's Spelling Bee! See if you've got the smarts to spell all your words right. Start studying now so you can be the library's first Spelling Bee champion!

Refreshments will be served and face painting will be available for those in attendance.

This program is designed for ages 12-14. Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

Please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665

to reserve your spot in the first annual Spelling Bee!

**"Test your spelling skills at the Seminole County Public Library's Spelling Bee!"**

## Snowflake Craft

Thursday, December 13, 2012 at 3:45 p.m.

Get in the holiday spirit with the Seminole County Public Library! Join us on **Thursday,**

**December 13, 2012 at 3:45 p.m.** at

the Seminole County Public Library. Make snowflakes with us and hang them on your Christmas tree or doorknob. Or, hang the



*Make a snowflake at the Seminole County Public Library!*

finished snowflakes wherever you please! This program is designed for children

ages 4—10. Please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 for more information on the snowflake craft program.



## Gift Wrapping Class

Monday, December 17, 2012 at 3:45 p.m.

Your holiday shopping is finally done. You have your scissors, tape, wrapping paper, and bows all ready to wrap all the gifts that you have for others. But, something is missing. You know you can't wrap gifts that well. What do you do? The Seminole County Public Library is here to help! Join us on **Monday,**

**December 17, 2012 at 3:45 p.m.** at the Seminole County Public Library for a gift wrapping class! Library staff will instruct attendees on how to wrap presents like a professional. Warm cider and cookies will be provided while you are perfecting the

art of gift wrapping. Please bring your own wrapping paper and bows. This program is designed for all ages; please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 for more information.

*"Library staff will instruct attendees on how to wrap presents like a professional."*



## Visit Santa at Your Library!

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

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 1, 2012.**

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 1, 2012.**

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 up to age 7



Meet Santa at your library in December!

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 8, 2012**

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.

*Thank you to our  
Breakfast with Santa sponsors:*

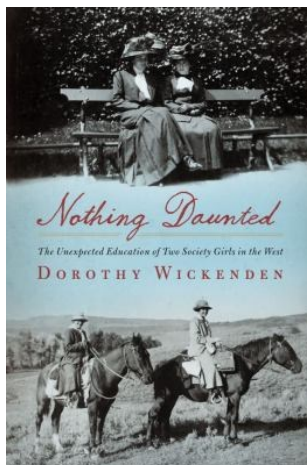
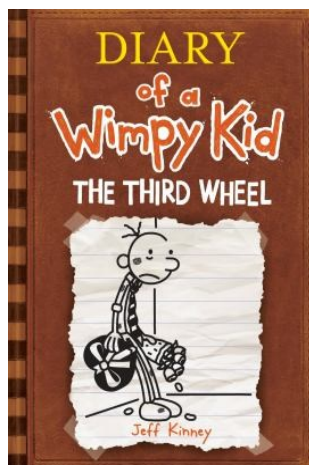
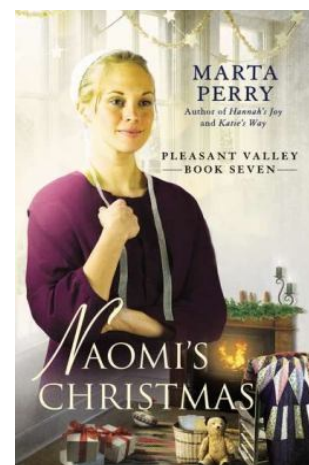
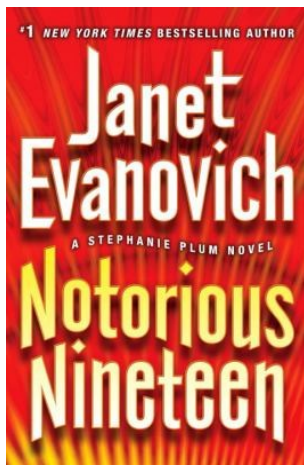
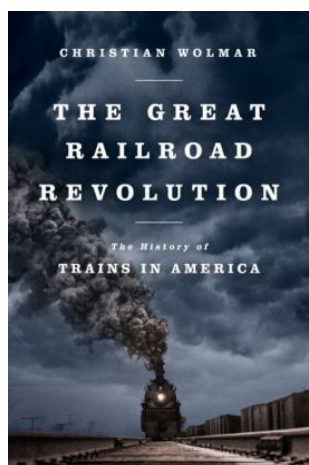
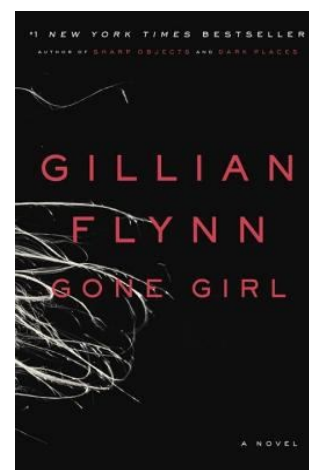
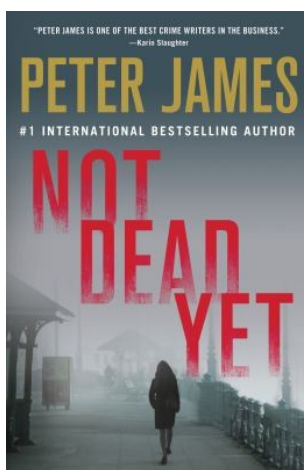
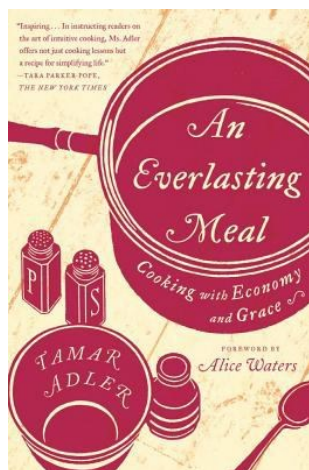


**Georgia Rural  
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# New Materials at Your Library!



# Schedule of Events

- December 1: Breakfast with Santa, 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m. (S)
- December 1: Breakfast with Santa, 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. (M)
- December 4: First Tuesday Book Club, 10 a.m. (M)
- December 4: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m. (D)
- December 5: First Wednesday Book Club, 10 a.m. (S)
- December 6: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m. (D)
- December 8: Breakfast with Santa, 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m. (D)
- December 13: Snowflake Craft, 3:45 p.m. (S)
- December 17: Gift Wrapping Class, 3:45 p.m. (S)
- January 2: First Wednesday Book Club, 10 a.m. (S)
- January 3: Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (S)
- January 7: Download eBooks and Audiobooks, 5:30 p.m. (D)
- January 10: Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (S)
- January 10: Spelling Bee, 3:45 p.m. (S)
- January 12: Download eBooks and Audiobooks, 4 p.m. (S)
- January 14: Download eBooks and Audiobooks, 3:30 p.m. (M)
- January 15: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m. (D)
- January 16: Seminole County Public Library Board of Trustees meeting, 10 a.m. (S)
- January 16: Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library Board of Trustees meeting, 1 p.m. (M)
- January 16: Southwest Georgia Regional Library System Board of Trustees meeting, 3 p.m. (M)
- January 16: Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Board of Trustees meeting, 5 p.m. (D)
- January 17: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m. (D)
- January 17: Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (S)
- January 17: Toddler Time, 3:30 p.m. (M)
- January 22: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m. (D)
- January 22—24: Introductory Computer Classes, 10 a.m. (D)
- January 24: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m. (D)
- January 24: Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (S)
- January 29: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m. (D)
- January 31: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m. (D)

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



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Seminole Counties

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## Fabulous February!

Stay tuned to the February issue of *The SWGRL Spotlight* which will be jam-packed with news, programs, and events, including the annual Valentine's Day Tea Party at the Seminole County Public Library!

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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
10:00—5:30	10:00—5:30	10:00—5:30	10:00—5:30	10:00—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

**NEW  
HOURS!**