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Books for Children

Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library Awarded Books for Children Grant!

The Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library is pleased to announce that the Libri Foundation has awarded the library with a Books for Children grant totaling \$1,400. The grant was made possible by a generous donation by Southwind Ford of \$350, which the

Libri Foundation then matched in a 3 to 1 ratio. Funds will be used to purchase children's books with a portion being designated specifically for science and math books. The Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library will receive 81 new children's books. Each book

will have a special bookplate inserted acknowledging the generosity of Southwind Ford and the Libri Foundation.



The Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library was awarded a Books for Children grant!

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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Celebrate Children's Book Week!

Thursday, May 10, 2012 at all library locations!

Celebrate Children's Book Week from May 7—13, 2012 at the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System! On **Thursday, May 10, 2012**, celebrate this fun week by attending The Wide Mouthed Frog program at all library locations! There will be stories, games, and crafts for all to

enjoy! This program is based on the popular children's book The Wide-Mouthed Frog by Keith Faulkner. This program is designed for ages 4—9. On **Thursday, May 10, 2012** the Wide Mouthed Frog program will be held at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial

Library at **3:30 p.m.**, the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library at **4 p.m.**, and the Seminole County Public Library at **4:30 p.m.** Children's Book Week is a national celebration which has been observed since 1919. Please visit www.bookweekonline.com for more information on the national celebration.

Dream BIG—READ!

Register your child for the 2012 Vacation Reading Program!

Summer will be here very soon, and it is soon time for the 2012 Vacation Reading Program at the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System! This year's children's theme is "Dream BIG—READ!". Readers ages 0–11 will explore the night this summer and will enjoy stargazing and moon lore, dreams and wishes, space exploration, nocturnal animals, and more through stories, music, dance, and other activities. Delight in the 2012 Vacation Reading Program with reading, programs, prizes, and much more! Children who read at least 20 books this summer will earn an entry to win a fabulous prize pack, including coupons for free meals at

local restaurants, posters, games, and more. Participants will enjoy fun programs every Tuesday and Thursday in June at all library locations. Teens ages 12–18 can register for the 2012 Teen Vacation Reading Program, "Own the Night". Teens can read at least 8 books to earn an entry into a prize pack as well! Registration for the 2012 Vacation Reading Program will begin

Monday, May 14, 2012.

Register in person at any library location or online at



Register your child or teen for the 2012 Vacation Reading Program beginning Monday, May 14, 2012!

www.swgrl.org!

The 2012 Vacation Reading Program is sponsored by Hardee's, Kickback Wings, the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Foundation, the Georgia Rural Library Initiative Grant, First Port City Bank, Birdsong Peanuts, Subway, Seminole County Family Connections, Seminole County Schools Special Education Department, and the Captain's Cup.

Find out more about the 2012 Vacation Reading Program in a special summer edition of *The SWGRL Spotlight*, released in May!

Holiday Closing

All library locations will be closed on Monday, May 28, 2012 in honor of Memorial Day

All Southwest Georgia Regional Library System locations will be closed on **Monday, May 28, 2012** in honor of Memorial Day. All library locations will re-open regular business hours on **Tuesday, May 29, 2012.**

If you need to return library materials on **Monday, May 28, 2012,**

you can drop them in the outside book drop at all library locations.

While our physical facilities may be closed, make sure you visit our virtual location at www.swgrl.org! Our virtual location is open all the time, and you can search the catalog for available materials, view suggested reading materials for children,

teens, and adults, view upcoming events, search for local information at the Hard Times Resource Guide, register your child or teen for the 2012 Vacation Reading Program, and much more!

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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:

- **Tuesday, May 1:**
Spring Creek Grocery, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, May 2:**
Wingate's Lodge, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, May 2:**
Recovery



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

- Community Center, 12—1:30 p.m.
- **Monday, May 7:**
Attapulgus Community Center, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, May 8:** Iron City Convenience Store, 10—11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, May 9:**
Parker Park in Climax, 10:30—11:30 a.m.
- **Tuesday, May 15:**
Brogdon's Grocery, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

- **Monday, May 21:**
Selman Place Apartments, 10—11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, May 23:**
Spring Creek Park Resort, 9:15—10:15 a.m.
- **Wednesday, May 23:**
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.

Investigate Your Ancestry

In Decatur and Miller Counties

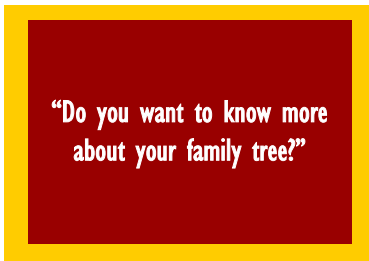
Do you want to know more about your family tree? Are you starting to research your ancestors? Do you need help learning what records to use in your research? Join us on **Thursday, May 17, 2012 at 2 p.m.** at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library for an informative genealogy program. 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. Space is limited; please call the library at 229.758.3131 to reserve your spot.

If you miss that session, discover your family tree at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on

Saturday, May 19, 2012 at 10 a.m. Space is limited; please call the library at 229.248.2665 to reserve your spot today!

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



Download Digital Books

Using BARD: Braille and Audio Reading Download

What is BARD? BARD stands for Braille & Audio Reading Download. Digital books from the National Library Service (NLS) are available for download using BARD. This service is available from the NLS BARD main page, located at <https://nlsbard.loc.gov>. More than 20,000 digital books and 40 magazines are available to download, and new titles are constantly being added.

You can download the digital books to a USB flash drive or on to a blank talking book cartridge. USB flash drives have a



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variety of different names, including thumb drive, memory stick, and jump drive. All of these are referring to the same product. The books downloaded from BARD are about 100-120 Megabytes (MB) each, so 4-6 books will fit on a 1 Gigabyte (GB) flash drive. You can purchase a blank

talking book cartridge and a USB cable to connect it to your computer during the download process from The American Printing House for the Blind at

<http://shop.aph.org> or call 800.223.1839. Cartridges are also available from Adaptive Technology Online at www.perkinsproducts.org, or call 978.462.3817.

First-time visitors will need to apply for BARD with the link provided on the BARD website.

For more information on BARD, please contact the Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services at 229.248.2680 or 1.800.795.2680.

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, May 1, 2012 at 10 a.m.** They will discuss the book The Weed that Strings the Hangman's Bag by Laura Bush. If you miss this discussion, be sure to join the following meeting of the First Tuesday Book

Club on **Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at 10 a.m.**

where the book Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt by Anne Rice will be discussed.

Join us on **Wednesday, May 2, 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 Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter by Tom Franklin. The next book that will be discussed is Burnt Mountain by Anne Rivers Sid-

dons on **Wednesday, June 6, 2012 at**

"They will discuss the book Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter by Tom Franklin."

Schedule of Events

- May 1: **First Tuesday Book Club, 10 a.m.**
- May 2: **First Wednesday Book Club, 10 a.m.**
- May 8: **Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Foundation Board of Trustees meeting, 5 p.m.**
- May 10: **The Wide-Mouthed Frog, 3:30 p.m.**
- May 10: **The Wide-Mouthed Frog, 4 p.m.**
- May 10: **The Wide-Mouthed Frog, 4:30 p.m.**
- May 14: **Registration for the 2012 Vacation Reading Program begins**
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- May 17: **Investigate Your Ancestry, 2 p.m.**
- May 19: **Investigate Your Ancestry, 10 a.m.**

