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Bainbridge, Georgia 39819
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259 E. Main Street
Colquitt, Georgia 39837
229.758.3131

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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. Read below for all the details.

There are plenty of activities to keep your young people busy this summer! The Southwest Georgia Regional Library System is excited to bring you another Vacation Reading Program. The children's theme is, "Dream Big—READ". 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, "Own the Night". More information on the Teen Vacation Reading Program is available on page 7.

Prepare to have a blast this summer at the library by taking advantage of the many activities!

Discuss Intriguing Characters Hot Book Clubs this Summer!

Join us at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library for the First Tuesday Book Club on **Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at 10 a.m.** We will discuss the book Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt by Anne Rice. If you miss this meeting, join us for the next installment of the First Tuesday Book

Club on **Tuesday, August 7, 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.

The First Wednesday Book Club will meet on **Wednesday, June 6,**

2012 at 10 a.m. at the Seminole County Public Library, where the book Burnt Mountain by Anne Rivers Siddons. The First Wednesday Book Club will discuss the book Storming Heaven by Denise Giardina at its following meeting on **Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at 10 a.m.** at the Seminole County Public Library.

The Southwest Georgia Regional
Library System presents:

Dream Big
READ!

*2012 Children's Vacation
Reading Program*



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

Explore the night this summer at the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System! Enjoy stargazing and moon lore, dreams and wishes, space exploration, nocturnal animals, and more through stories, crafts, music, dance, and other activities.

Registration begins Monday, May 14, 2012!

How does it work?

Register for this year's Vacation Reading Program! Registration begins **Monday, May 14, 2012!** 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. Chapter books, regardless of the number of pages, will be counted as **1 book**. Turn in a completed reading log to receive a ticket for a chance to win a prize pack from one of our sponsors! Each completed reading log is worth 1 ticket for a chance to win a prize pack at the end of the summer. Reading logs may have more than 20 books on them, but each reading log will not be counted more than once for the drawing.

Books on CD, eBooks, and downloadable audiobooks count as 1 book each.

Completed Reading Logs are due on or before Tuesday, July 31, 2012!





Don't miss these events at your library!

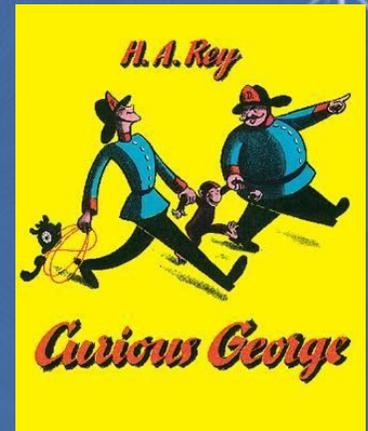
Curious George! - Tuesday, June 5

Enjoy some of your favorite Curious George stories with library staff, and have the opportunity to meet Curious George as he visits the library!

**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.**



Windsor Swing

Delight in the music and magic of Windsor Swing! Magic and illusion for the entire family!

**Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library: Tuesday, June 12
at 10 a.m.**

**Seminole County Public Library:
Tuesday, June 26 at 1 p.m.**

**Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr.
Memorial Library: Thursday, June 14
at 3:30 p.m.**





Dreamin' Green with Mrs. Kate—Tuesday, June 19

Learn about the birds, animals and natural habitats while dreamin' green with singer and storyteller Mrs. Kate! Original and interactive!

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.



Fuzzy and Snuggles

Join clowns Fuzzy and Snuggles for balloon animals and a magic show!

Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library:
Tuesday, June 26 at 10 a.m.

Seminole County Public Library:
Tuesday, June 12 at 1 p.m.

**Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr.
Memorial Library:**
Tuesday, June 26 at 3:30 p.m.





Dream Big with Out of this World Stories!

Time for Toddlers!

Join library staff for Toddler Storytime, Toddler Tales, and Toddler Time this summer! Prepare to dream big with stories, songs, and more!

**Toddler Tales at Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library:
Thursday, June 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 10 a.m.**

**Toddler Storytime at Seminole County Public Library:
Thursday, June 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 1 p.m.**

**Toddler Time at Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr.
Memorial Library:**

Thursday, June 7 at 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 12 at 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 21 and 28 at 3:30 p.m.



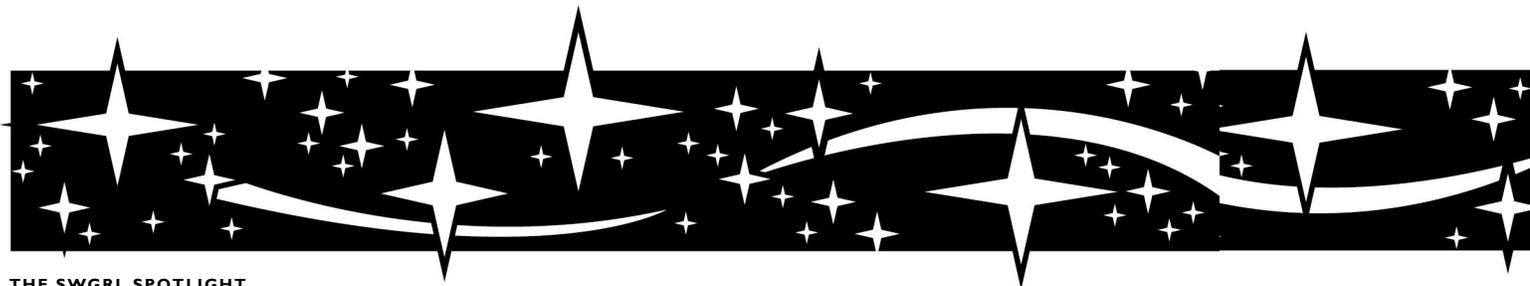
OWN the NIGHT

At the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System!

Vacation Reading Program 2012

**FOR TEENS
AGES 12-18**

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



OWN the NIGHT

Registration begins Monday, May 14, 2012!

How to participate:

Register for this year's Teen Vacation Reading Program! Registration begins **Monday, May 14, 2012!** 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 8 books** to complete a Reading Log. Turn in a completed reading log to receive a ticket for a chance to win a prize pack from one of our sponsors! Each completed reading log is worth 1 ticket for a chance to win a prize pack at the end of the summer.

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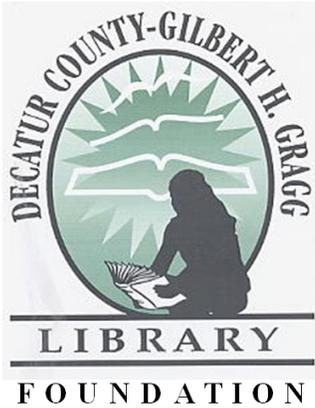
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Summer Schedule!

- June 5: First Tuesday Book Club, 10 a.m.
- June 5: Curious George, 10 a.m.
- June 5: Curious George, 1 p.m.
- June 5: Curious George, 3:30 p.m.
- June 6: First Wednesday Book Club, 10 a.m.
- June 7: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- June 7: Toddler Storytime, 1 p.m.
- June 7: Toddler Time, 3:30 p.m.
- June 12: Windsor Swing, 10 a.m.
- June 12: Fuzzy and Snuggles, 1 p.m.
- June 12: Toddler Time, 3:30 p.m.
- June 14: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- June 14: Toddler Storytime, 1 p.m.
- June 14: Windsor Swing, 3:30 p.m.
- June 19: Dreamin' Green with Mrs. Kate, 10 a.m.
- June 19: Dreamin' Green with Mrs. Kate, 1 p.m.
- June 19: Dreamin' Green with Mrs. Kate, 3:30 p.m.
- June 21: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- June 21: Toddler Storytime, 1 p.m.
- June 21: Toddler Time, 3:30 p.m.
- June 26: Fuzzy and Snuggles, 10 a.m.
- June 26: Windsor Swing, 1 p.m.
- June 26: Fuzzy and Snuggles, 3:30 p.m.
- June 28: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- June 28: Toddler Storytime, 1 p.m.
- June 28: Toddler Time, 3:30 p.m.
- July 11: First Wednesday Book Club, 10 a.m.
- July 18: Seminole County Public Library Board of Trustees meeting, 10 a.m.
- July 18: Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library Board of Trustees meeting, 1 p.m.
- July 18: Southwest Georgia Regional Library System Board of Trustees meeting, 3 p.m.
- July 18: Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Board of Trustees meeting, 5 p.m.
- July 31: Introductory Computer Classes, 10 a.m.

