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Meet Carole Albyn!

New Youth Services and Community Relations Librarian

Carole Albyn has been hired as Southwest Georgia Regional Library System's new Youth Services and Community Relations Librarian. She officially started on March 1, 2013. Her position was previously held by Taryn Brown, who resigned last year.

Carole has a Master's of Library Science degree from Texas Women's University. She brings over 23 years of experience in public libraries, science libraries, and school libraries in Texas and Alabama. She is the co-author of The Multi-Cultural Cookbook for Students, which is a reference book with cultural information and easy recipes for children from around the world. Carole calls it "the hamburgers of Afghanistan". In addition, she has conducted *The Secrets of Successful Storytimes* workshop for childcare providers in Texas and hopes to

continue that work in Georgia. She was most recently employed as a school librarian in Huntsville, Alabama.

Ms. Albyn is excited about getting into the communities in Decatur, Miller, and Seminole counties. Her favorite part about her new position is that she loves the staff and the patrons, and she loves that everyone truly wants what is best for the communities in Southwest Georgia. As a children's librarian she stated that, "You never know what you're going to get into as a children's librarian, from making toffee to having a helicopter land in your parking lot". She also states that she is never bored working as a children's librarian.

Ms. Albyn is currently working on planning the library's annual Vacation Reading Program where this year's themes are "Dig Into Reading" (Children) and

"Beneath the Surface" (Teens). She is passionate about youth ages 0 – 17, and loves storytime for the young children and desires to improve the graduation rate in Decatur, Miller, and Seminole counties. Her future plans include setting up study groups, increasing teen programming, and having lots of craft programs for teens.

When she is not working, Ms. Albyn enjoys reading, playing with her cat, and walking in the park. She has been married for 24 years and her husband is employed with NASA. She also has two daughters enrolled in college.

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Meet Carole Albyn, the new Youth Services and Community Relations Librarian!

Great American Clean Up

Saturday, April 20, 2013 at 9 a.m.

Celebrate Earth Day at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library with the Great American Clean Up! Join us on **Saturday, April 20, 2013 at 9 a.m.** at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library for the Great American Clean Up. Help Keep Decatur County Beautiful by picking up litter. Groups and individuals are invited to join together on this day to beautify America!

You can register the location you prefer to clean up and it will be assigned to you on a first come, first serve basis. Meet us at the parking lot at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Saturday, April 20, 2013 at 9 a.m.** to participate. Trash bags and other supplies will be provided. The Great American Clean Up is open to all ages. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Be a part of the greater community by joining

forces to make our place the best that it can be!



Participate in the Great American Clean Up at your library!

Communities Matter at Your Library!

Celebrate National Library "Month" at your library!

It's April, and time for National Library Week. However, your Southwest Georgia Regional Library System is celebrating National Library Week all month long! National Library Month is a time to highlight the value of libraries, librarians and library workers nationwide. Libraries today are more than repositories for books. Often the heart of their communities, libraries are deeply committed to the places where their patrons live, work, study, and play.

Libraries are trusted places where everyone in the community can gather to reconnect and reengage with each other to enrich and shape the community and address local issues.

Librarians work with many people including elected officials, small business owners, educators, students, community resource providers, clubs and

organizations, and the general public to discover what their

"Contact your public library today so we can meet your needs!"

your chance to master

communities needs are and meet them.

Your Southwest Georgia Regional Library System strives to meet these needs, ranging from offering eBooks and downloadable audiobooks to free computer classes to the Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services to programs for all ages to the Bookmobile service. We are listening to what our community needs and wants.

Do you have a suggestion for an added service? Contact your public library today so we can meet your needs!

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, April 1:**
Attapulgus Community Center, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, April 2:**
Spring Creek Grocery, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, April 3:**
Wingate's Lodge, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, April 3:**
Recovery Community Center, 12—1:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, April 9:** Iron City Convenience Store, 10—11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, April 10:**
Parker Park in Climax, 10:30—11:30 a.m.
- **Monday, April 15:**
Selman Place Apartments, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, April 16:**
Gibbs Bainbridge Village Apartments, 9—10 a.m.

- **Tuesday, April 16:**
Brogdon's Grocery, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, April 24:**
Spring Creek Park Resort, 9:15—10:15 a.m.
- **Wednesday, April 24:**
Parkside Mini Mart, 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.



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

Discuss Interesting Reads and Characters

In Miller and Seminole Counties!

The First Tuesday Book Club at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library will meet on **Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 10 a.m.** and will discuss the book Killing Lincoln by Bill O'Reilly. The following meeting of the First Tuesday Book Club will be held on **Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 10 a.m.** where Velvejean Learns to Drive by

Jennifer Niven will be discussed.

Join us on **Wednesday, April 3, 2013 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 Half Moon and Empty Stars by Jerry Spence. The First Wednesday Book Club will meet again on

Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at 10 a.m. at the Seminole County Public Library where they will discuss Home Again by Kristin Hannah.

Don't miss a moment of these exciting discussions!

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The Fundamental Concepts of Marketing

Learn about marketing with Marketing SWGLAS: A Customer-Centered Approach

During November 2011, the Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services presented "Marketing SWGLAS: A Customer-Centered Approach" with Christie Koontz, Ph.D. Attendees learned the fundamental concepts of marketing, the practical steps in any marketing plan, and identified marketing activities in reference to the Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services. Marketing is a process you do

over and over again—a tried and true systematic approach for matching services and products (offers) to a customer's wants, needs, and desires. Successful marketing is the systematic process of identifying a customer group and what they want, efficiently delivering that offer, effectively communicating the offer, and evaluating success based on measurable

objectives.

You can see this presentation at your convenience. This valuable workshop was recorded and is available for download at our website for your viewing pleasure at www.swgrl.org/handicap.php.



Review these important marketing concepts presented on our website!

Learn to Use a Computer

In Decatur and Miller Counties

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 Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library from **Tuesday, April 9 through Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 10 a.m.** Space is limited; please call 229.758.3131 to

reserve your spot today! Classes will also be held at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library from **Tuesday, April 23 through Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 10 a.m.** Please call 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 master the computer with the help of the your library!

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

Fun for Toddlers!

At your Library!

Bring your toddler **every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.** for Toddler Storytime at the Seminole County Public Library! Join us as storyteller Ms. Ralna presents stories, games, and fun for all during Toddler Storytime! Please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 for more information.

Toddler Time continues at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library on the third Thursday of each month, which will



Enjoy storytime for your little ones at the library this month!

be held on **Thursday, April 18, 2013 at 3:30 p.m.** Join storyteller Ms. Donna for stories, games, fun, and much more! Please call the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library at 229.758.3131 for more information on Toddler Time. Also, join us at the Decatur County—Gilbert H.

Gragg Library **every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m.** for Toddler Tales! Storyteller Ms. Debbie will introduce your child to a love of reading and the

library with books, songs, crafts, and more! Please call the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library at 229.248.2665 ext. 121 for more information. There will not be any Toddler Tales programs on **Tuesday, April 2 or Thursday, April 4, 2013** due to Spring Break. Look for Toddler Tales to return on **Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 10 a.m.**

These programs are designed for children ages 18 months—4 years old. Help your little ones discover the library with these fantastic programs!

Learn Microsoft PowerPoint 2010

Monday, April 22, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library

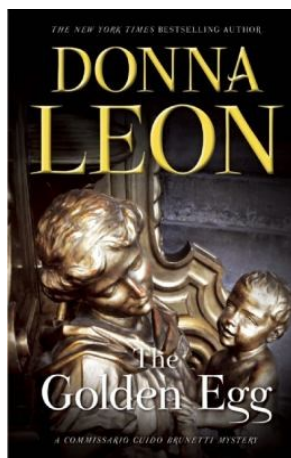
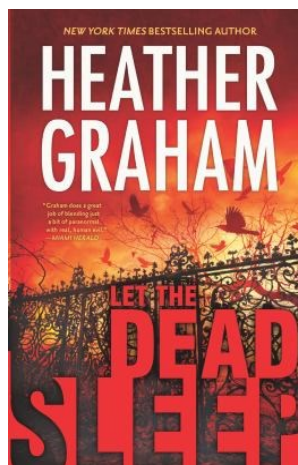
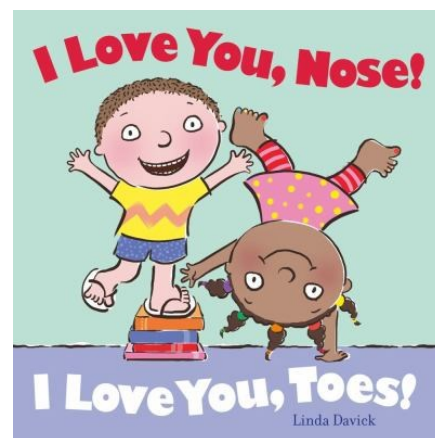
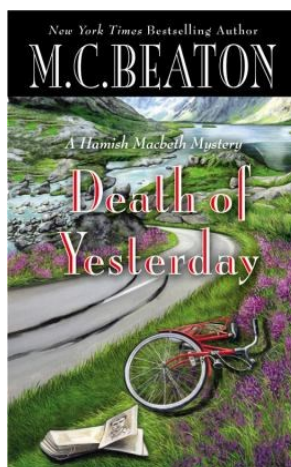
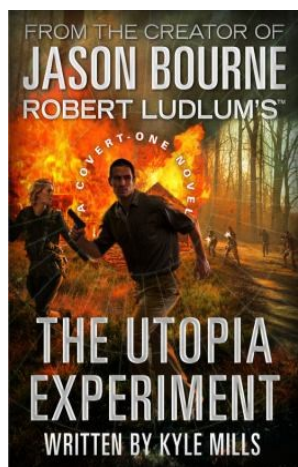
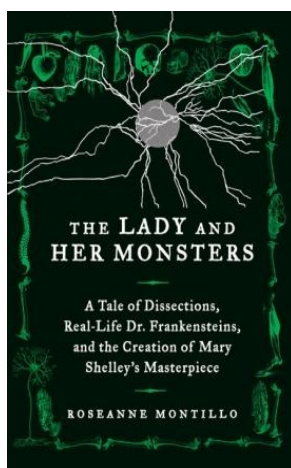
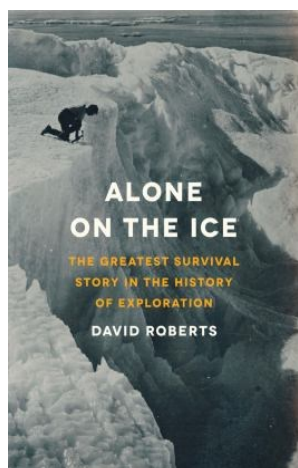
Slideshows? Presentations? PowerPoint? Have you ever wanted to know how you can create a presentation in Microsoft PowerPoint? Learn the basics of using Microsoft PowerPoint 2010 at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Monday, April 22, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.** Space is limited; please call the Decatur

County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library at 229.248.2665 to reserve your spot. This class will cover the basics of Microsoft PowerPoint 2010, including creating a basic presentation, inserting clip art into a presentation, working with text and bullets, and printing a presentation. This class is designed for

those who are comfortable with using the mouse and keyboard. A working knowledge of Microsoft Word is preferred before taking this class.

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New Materials at Your Library!



Schedule of Events

- April 2: First Tuesday Book Club, 10 a.m. (M)
- April 3: First Wednesday Book Club, 10 a.m. (S)
- April 4: Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (S)
- April 9: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m. (D)
- April 9—11: Introductory Computer Classes, 10 a.m. (M)
- April 11: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m. (D)
- April 11: Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. (S)
- April 11: Scavenger Hunt, 4:30 p.m. (S)
- April 16: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m. (D)
- April 17: Seminole County Public Library Board of Trustees meeting, 10 a.m. (S)
- April 17: Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library Board of Trustees meeting, 1 p.m. (M)
- April 17: Southwest Georgia Regional Library System Board of Trustees meeting, 3 p.m. (D)
- April 17: Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Board of Trustees meeting, 5 p.m. (D)
- April 18: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m. (D)
- April 18: Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (S)
- April 18: Toddler Time, 3:30 p.m. (M)
- April 20: Great American Clean Up, 9 a.m. (D)
- April 22: Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2010, 5:30 p.m. (D)
- April 23—25: Introductory Computer Classes, 10 a.m. (D)
- April 23: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m. (D)
- April 25: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m. (D)
- April 25: Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. (S)

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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Serving Decatur, Miller, and
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Dig Into Reading!

Stay tuned to the May issue of *The SWGRL Spotlight* which will have information on the 2013 Vacation Reading Program, "Dig Into Reading" (Children) and "Beneath the Surface" (Teens)!

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Library Locations

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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
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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

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