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SOUTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM

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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
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SOUTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL LIBRARY TO OFFER DOWNLOADABLE MUSIC FROM THEIR WEBSITE

The Southwest Georgia Regional Library has joined Library Ideas™ network of Public Library websites that offer access to over 7 million songs including Sony Music's catalog of legendary artists.

The Freegal™ Music Service will allow the Southwest Georgia Regional Library to increase the size and diversity of its collection by offering access to over 28,000 music labels from 85 different countries.

Under the terms of the agreement, registered card holders of the Southwest Georgia Regional Library can download a select number of Freegal Music tracks in the MP3 format each month at no direct cost via www.swgrrl.org. The library will underwrite the purchase of the music. Starting in August, the Freegal Music Service will also have popular music videos for download.

Libraries all over the world subscribe to the Freegal Music Service, including the Princeton (NJ) Public Library, Maricopa County Library District (AZ), The Edmonton Public Library (AB), Orange County Public Library (FL), The Biblioteche di Bologna (IT), Nashville Public Library (TN) and Fairfield Public Library (CT).

The Freegal Music Service has free mobile apps for registered cardholders of subscribing libraries. The Freegal Music apps are

available in the Apple® App Store and Google Play®.

"We are very excited to offer a service like this that delivers great music, compatibility with lots of devices and simplicity of use. We think this will be incredibly popular with our patrons and will help the library in marketing all its services to the community," said Catherine Vanstone, Assistant Director.

"Sony Music has an incredibly expansive and popular catalog and we are really excited to partner with them on this, a very important product for libraries," said Brian Downing, co-founder of Library Ideas. "The participation of so many leading independent labels will also help the library reach as many patron groups as possible."

For further information please email info@libraryideas.com.

About Southwest Georgia Regional Library: The Southwest Georgia Regional Library provides library services to the citizens of Decatur, Miller, and Seminole Counties. The library offers access to books, DVDs, books on CD, downloadable eBooks and audiobooks, newspapers, and magazines. The library also offers free wi-fi as well as computers with Internet access and Microsoft Office 2010.

About Library Ideas: Library Ideas is a global leader in

providing digital content to all kinds of libraries, and is located in Fairfax, Virginia. The Company offers music, eBook and language learning solutions to libraries as part of its developing product suite. Library Ideas was named "One of the Top 100 Companies in the Digital Content Industry for 2011-12" by *EContent Magazine*.

About Sony Music Entertainment

Sony Music Entertainment is a global recorded music company with a current roster that includes a broad array of both local artists and international superstars. The company boasts a vast catalog that comprises some of the most important recordings in history. It is home to premier record labels representing music from every genre, including Arista Nashville, Beach Street Records, BNA Records, Columbia Nashville, Columbia Records, Day 1, Epic Records, Essential Records, Flicker Records, Kemosabe Records, LaFace Records, Legacy Recordings, MASTERWORKS, Polo Grounds, RCA Records, RCA Nashville, Reunion Records, Roc Nation, Sony Classical, Sony Music Latin, Star Time International, Syco Music, Verity Gospel Music Group, and Volcano Entertainment. Sony Music Entertainment is a wholly owned subsidiary of Sony Corporation of America.

Deposit Collections Available

Access materials for blind and/or physically handicapped individuals

Did you know that you can access materials for blind and/or physically handicapped individuals at community area throughout the Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Service's 22 counties? That's right, several places that serve blind and/or physically handicapped individuals have deposit collections available from the Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services. Enjoy digital books featuring stories from many genres, including classics, romance, mysteries, and westerns. Collections in the deposit centers are changed out periodically for readers to

enjoy new materials. Deposit collections throughout the 22 county service area are located at places such as public libraries, schools, convalescence homes, nursing homes, and hospitals. Blind and/or physically handicapped individuals who are not currently receiving materials at their home can also sign up to be a patron of the Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services.

Do you know a facility that serves blind and/or physically handicapped individuals that could benefit from having a deposit collection? Please contact the Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services at 229.248.2680 or 1.800.795.2680 to set up a deposit collection today.



Set up a deposit collection with the Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services today!

Back to School

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

Another summer has passed, and a new school year is beginning. 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 make this school year your best. 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 in-

formation, 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.

Teachers, 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.

Teachers and students, 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!

"Teachers and students, make sure to take advantage of the many resources...make this school year your best yet!"

your chance to master

Bookmobile Schedule

Visit the Bookmobile at a stop near you!

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

- **Monday, August 5:**
Attapulugus Community Center, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, August 6:**
Spring Creek Grocery, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, August 7:**
Wingate's Lodge, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, August 7:**
Recovery Community Center, 12—1:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, August 13:**
Iron City Convenience Store, 10—11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, August 14:**
Parker Park in Climax, 10:30—11:30 a.m.
- **Monday, August 19:**
Selman Place Apartments, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, August 20:**
Gibbs Bainbridge Village Apartments, 9—10 a.m.
- **Tuesday, August 20:**
Brogdon's Grocery, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, August 28:**
Spring Creek Park Resort, 9:15—10:15 a.m.
- **Wednesday, August 28:**
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!

Join us on **Wednesday, August 7, 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 The Tortilla Curtain by T. Coraghessen Boyle, where a freak accident causes two couples and their different worlds to collide. The First Wednesday Book Club will meet again on **Wednesday, September 4,**

2013 at 10 a.m. at the Seminole County Public Library where they will discuss Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver.

The First Tuesday Book Club at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library will not meet in August. Their next meeting will be on

Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at

10 a.m. They will discuss the book Velva Jean Learns to Fly by Jennifer Niven. This is a captivating adventure about a young woman who receives a flying lesson that ignites a brand new dream. What is that new dream? Find out by checking out this book and discussing the new dream at the First Tuesday Book Club at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library.

Don't miss a moment of these exciting discussions!

"Find out by checking out this book and discussing the new dream at the First Tuesday Book Club..."

Autism Spectrum Parent Meeting

Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at 12 p.m.

Join us on **Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at 12 p.m.** at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library for an autism spectrum parent meeting. This meeting is for parents of children who are autistic or are within the autism spectrum. During the meeting, librarians will share resources that parents may not be aware of and will explore

additional resources as needed.

Join us for an informal Brown bag lunch style meet and greet. Bring your lunch and get to know other parents whose children are autistic and are within the autism spectrum.

There is nothing to join nor are

there any forms to fill out. Simply join us for old fashioned talk and idea exchange. We are looking

forward to seeing you for the autism spectrum parent meeting on

Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at 12 p.m.

at the Decatur County—Gilbert H.

Gragg Library.



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Learn to Use a Computer

In Decatur and Miller Counties

Do you need to learn how to use a computer? Learn to use a computer with assistance from the library and join us for Introductory Computer Classes this month! Classes will be offered at the Seminole County Public Library from **Tuesday, August 6 through Thursday, August 8, 2013 at 10 a.m.** Space is limited; please call 229.524.2665 to reserve your spot today!

Classes will also be held at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library from **Tuesday, August 20 through Thursday, August 22, 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!

"Learn to use a computer with assistance from the library and join us for Introductory Computer Classes this month!"

Toddler Time!

In Miller and Seminole Counties!

Toddler Time will be held at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library and at the Seminole County Public Library in August.

There will be stories, songs, and fun for all! Be prepared to have a blast with storyteller Ms. Ralna at the Seminole County Public Library for Toddler Time!

Join storyteller Ms. Donna at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library on **Thursday, August 15, 2013 at 3:30 p.m.**



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

Toddler Time returns to the Seminole County Public Library **every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.** Stories,

songs, games, fun, and much more await all who for Toddler Time at the Seminole County Public Library!

Toddler Time will resume on **Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at 10 a.m.** at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library. Storyteller Ms. Debbie will delight your children with stories, songs, games, crafts, and fun. Toddler Time will be held at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. thereafter.

Learn Microsoft Excel 2010

Monday, August 19, 2013 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 19, 2013 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!

"Have you ever been confused by all of those little boxes in Microsoft Excel?"

Legos and Games

Starting Thursday, August 22, 2013 from 4—6 p.m.

Do you like to play Legos and games? So do we! Join us at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Thursday, August 22, 2013 from 4—6 p.m.** to play Legos and board games. We will be playing all types of board games from classic to modern board games. There will also be lots of Legos available! Build any creation your heart desires using the library's new Lego collection. The Lego collection is made possible by the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Foundation. Children

of all ages are welcome to play Legos and games at the library. You can play for the entire two hours, or just play for a portion of the time. We will be playing Legos and games at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library **every Thursday thereafter**

from 4—6 p.m. Please call the Decatur

County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library at 229.248.2665 for more information on the new Legos and games afternoons.



Play Legos and games at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library!

iPads and iPhones

Monday, August 12, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library

Do you have an iPad or an iPhone and you don't really know how to use it? Does the touch screen and all the icons not seem to make sense?

Join us at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Monday, August 12, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.** to learn how use the basics of the iPhone

and iPad. We will discuss how to use apps, navigate through the iPad and the iPhone, and learn to use the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System's downloadable materials.

You must know your Apple ID and password before the class begins. Space is

limited; please call the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library at 229.248.2665 to reserve your spot today.

"We will discuss how to use apps, navigate through the iPad and iPhone, and learn to use the...downloadable materials."

School Craft

Thursday, August 1, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.

Do you have the Back to School blues? Are you dreading those pencils, books, teachers, and backpacks already?

Prepare for a super fabulous time at the Seminole County Public Library after school! Join Ms. Ralna at the Seminole



Combat the back to school blues with a school craft at the Seminole County Public Library!

County Public Library on **Thursday, August 1, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.** for a back to school

celebration! We will kick off the start of a new school year by making a fun school craft. This program is designed for children ages 4—8. Space is limited, so please

arrive early! Please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 for more information on the school craft program.

History Book Club

Wednesday, August 19, 2013 at 11 a.m. at the Seminole County Public Library

Join us at the Seminole County Public Library on **Wednesday, August 19, 2013 at 11 a.m.** for a new book club. The History Book Club will meet the third Wednesday of every month to discuss thought-provoking books with other history buffs. Enjoy a cup of coffee as we discuss historical titles and modern titles based on characters throughout history. We

will discuss the book Fallen Founder: the Life of Aaron Burr by Nancy Isenberg.

The next meeting of the History Book Club will take place on

Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 11 a.m. at

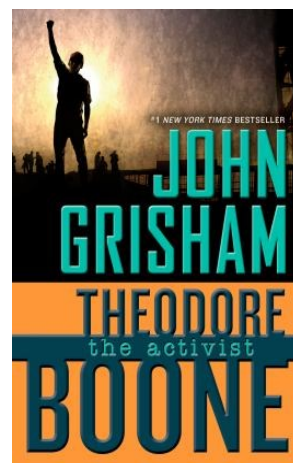
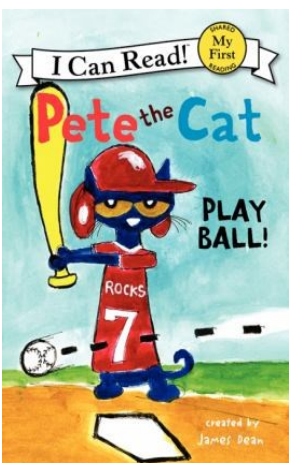
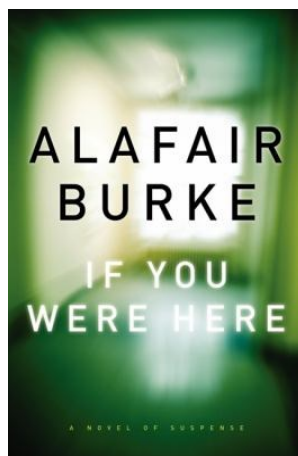
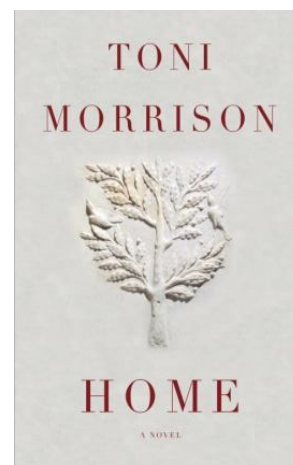
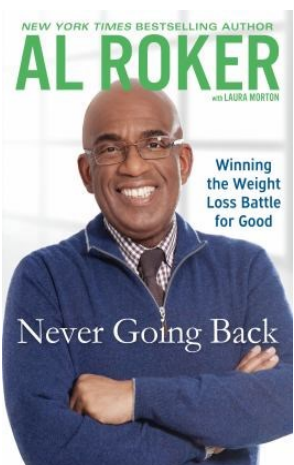
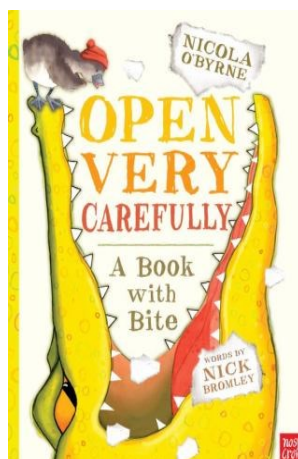
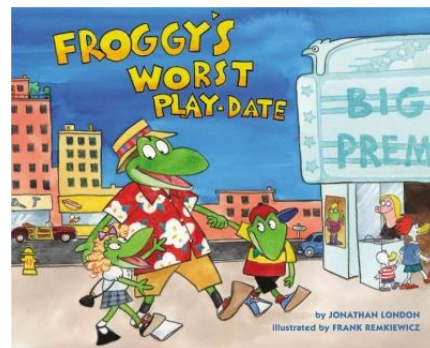
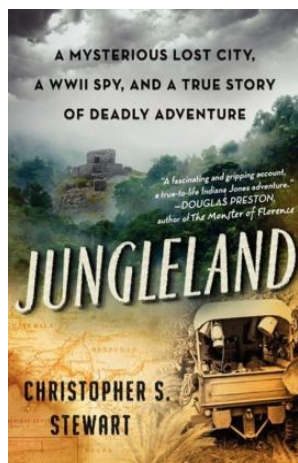
the Seminole County Public Library. Help us decide which book to discuss by

attending the August meeting.

Please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 for more information on the new History Book Club.

“...discuss thought-provoking books with other history buffs.”

New Materials at Your Library!



Schedule of Events

- August 1: School Craft, 4:30 p.m. (S)
- August 6—8: Introductory Computer Classes, 10 a.m. (S)
- August 7: First Wednesday Book Club, 10 a.m. (S)
- August 8: Toddler Time, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. (S)
- August 12: iPads and iPhones, 5:30 p.m. (D)
- August 13: Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Foundation Board of Trustees meeting, 5 p.m. (D)
- August 15: Toddler Time, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. (S)
- August 15: Toddler Time, 3:30 p.m. (M)
- August 19: Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2010, 5:30 p.m. (D)
- August 20—22: Introductory Computer Classes, 10 a.m. (D)
- August 20: Autism Spectrum Parent Meeting, 12 p.m. (D)
- August 21: History Book Club, 11 a.m. (S)
- August 22: Toddler Time, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. (S)
- August 22: Legos and Games, 4 p.m. (D)
- August 29: Toddler Time, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. (S)
- August 29: Legos and Games, 4 p.m. (D)

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Green (S)=Seminole County Public Library



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Do you blog?

Do you blog, or know someone who does? The library needs your help! Contact Carole Albyn at 229.248.2665 ext. 114 if you are interested in presenting a blogging workshop for 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
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