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# The SWGRL SPOTLIGHT

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## Food for Fines

**December 2—20, 2013 at your library!**

Food for Fines returns to your public library! Bring in canned food items to any library location in Decatur, Miller, and Seminole Counties. Food for Fines will be held from **Monday, December 2** through **Friday, December 20, 2013**.

Bring in non-expired, non-dented canned foods 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 materials, damaged materials, or other fees. No canned food items will be accepted beginning **Saturday, December 21, 2013**. All food received will be

donated to local food banks.



Support your public library and receive \$1.00 off your overdue fines with Food for Fines from December 2—20, 2013!

## Holiday Closings

**December and January Closings**

The Southwest Georgia Regional Library System will be closed **Tuesday, December 24** through **Thursday, December 26, 2013** in celebration of the Christmas holidays. All library locations will re-open regular business hours on **Friday, December 27, 2013**. All libraries will be closed on **Wednesday,**

**January 1, 2014** for New Year's Day and will re-open on **Thursday, January 2, 2014**.

All library locations will be closed on **Monday, January 20, 2014** in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. All libraries will re-open on **Tuesday, January 21, 2014** to serve you.

While our physical facilities are closed, you can visit our virtual library online at

[www.swgrrl.org](http://www.swgrrl.org), where you can search the online catalog for materials, download an eBook, audiobook, or music, and much more!



Visit our virtual library while the physical facilities are closed this holiday season. We look forward to serving you in 2014!

## January is Braille Awareness Month

Celebrate Braille Awareness Month with the Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services

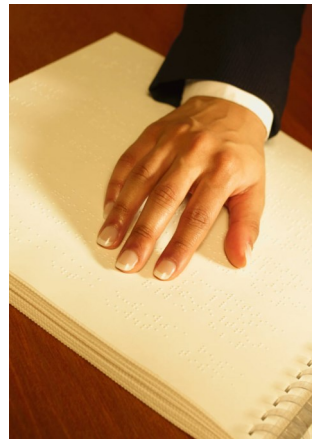
This January, we celebrate Braille Awareness Month and Louis Braille's birthday at the Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services.

Louis Braille (1809-1852) is known for developing the six cell dot system that allows blind individuals to access a wide range of reading materials. As a child, Louis Braille was blinded in an

accident and was blind in both eyes by the time he was five years old. Louis Braille changed the world of reading and writing forever when he developed the six cell dot system.

The Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services has the ability to translate printed

materials into Braille for individuals who need the service. Contact the Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services at 1.800.795.2680 or 229.248.2680 for more information on the ability to translate printed materials into Braille.



Celebrate Braille Awareness Month with the Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services!

## Find the Perfect Gift

Discover the perfect gift for that special someone at your 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? Find the perfect gift for that special person at the library! For book lovers, purchase a bookmark or a letter opener at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library. Bookmarks are only \$7.00 and letter openers are \$10.00.

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. Jones History of Decatur County will be available soon, so place your name on the waiting list to be notified when it is available. Between March and May or Tommy: the Civil War Childhood of a President sell for just \$10.00 each at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library. Other titles for sale at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library include Southwest Georgia Anthology for \$7.00, Decatur County Sesquicentennial 1823-1973 for \$10.00, The History of Shade Tobacco in Decatur County for \$6.00, The

Story of Decatur County's Carpet of Green Gold Turpentine 1889-1968 for \$6.00, and the Jack Wingate DVDs for \$10.00 each.

You can also purchase Marriage Records of Miller County 1893—1994 for \$10.00 at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library.

Many more titles are available at the library. Visit the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Monday through Saturday to purchase that perfect gift for a special person in your life.

"Are you having trouble figuring out what to buy that person...?"

## 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 to get your hands on these materials at these convenient locations:

- **Monday, December 2:** Attapulugus Community Center, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, December 3:** Spring Creek Grocery, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, December 4:** Wingate's Lodge, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, December 4:** Recovery Community Center, 12—1:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, December 10:** Iron City Convenience Store, 10—11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, December 11:** Parker Park in Climax, 10:30—11:30 a.m.
- **Monday, December 16:** Selman Place Apartments, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, December 17:** Gibbs Bainbridge Village Apartments, 9—10 a.m.
- **Tuesday, December 17:** Brogdon's Grocery, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
- **Monday, January 6:** Attapulugus Community Center, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, January 7:** Spring Creek Grocery, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, January 8:** Parker Park in Climax, 10:30—11:30 a.m.
- **Tuesday, January 14:** Iron City Convenience Store, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, January 21:** Gibbs Bainbridge Village Apartments, 9—10 a.m.
- **Tuesday, January 21:** Brogdon's Grocery, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, January 22:** Spring Creek Park Resort, 9:15—10:15 a.m.
- **Wednesday, January 22:** Parkside Mini Mart, 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.



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

## Book Clubs

In Miller and Seminole Counties

Join us on **Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 10 a.m.** at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library for the next installment of the First Tuesday Book Club. They will discuss the book The Christmas Wedding by James Patterson. The First Tuesday Book Club will meet again on **Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at 10 a.m.** where the book The Light Between Oceans

by Margot Stedman will be discussed. The First Wednesday Book Club at the Seminole County Public Library will meet on **Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at 10 a.m.** They will discuss the book Rules of Civility by Amor Towles. The First Wednesday Book Club will meet again on **Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 10 a.m.** at the Seminole County Public Library where they will discuss Behind the Beautiful

Flowers by Katherine Boo. The Book Club will meet on the second Wednesday of January due to New Year's Day. The History Book Club will meet at the Seminole County Public Library on **Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at 11 a.m.** and will discuss the book Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt. The next meeting of the History Book Club will take place on **Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 11 a.m.** where they will discuss the book Fidel: A Critical Portrait by Tad Szulc.

"The Book Club will meet on the second Wednesday of January due to New Year's Day."

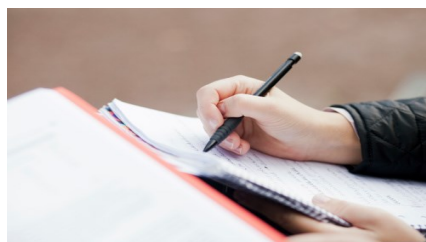
## Scribblers Society

Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 4 p.m.

The Scribblers Society at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library is open to all teens who like to write. The Scribblers Society meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library. The next meeting of the Scribblers Society will take place on **Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 4 p.m.** at the Decatur

County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library. The January meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 4 p.m.** This is a great place for teens to share what they are writing and listen to what others are writing while munching on snacks that will be served at the meetings. Each month there will be a special guest who will discuss their area of writing, including novels,

newspapers, magazines, songs, and screenwriting. December's meeting has award-winning filmmaker Thomas Jackson joining us to share his knowledge and we will collectively write a short screenplay!



Join us at the next meeting of The Scribblers Society at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library with special guest Thomas Jackson!

## Learn to Use a Computer

January 21–23, 2014 at 10 a.m.

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 Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Tuesday, January 21 through Thursday, January 23, 2014 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 your public library!

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

## Toddler Time!

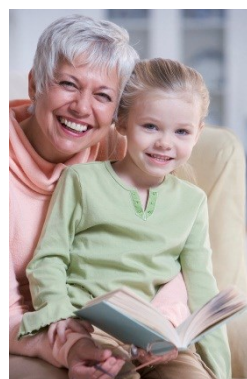
At your library!

The last session of Toddler Time for 2013 at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library will be held **Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 10 a.m.** Make sure to join storyteller Ms. Debbie for holiday stories, games, and more on this last day! Toddler Time will resume on **Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at 10 a.m.** at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library.

Toddler Time at the Seminole County Public Library is moving to Tuesdays! Join Toddler Time with Ms. Ralna every Tuesday beginning **Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.** at the Seminole County Public Library. Toddler Time with Ms. Donna will be on **Thursday, December 19, 2013 and Thursday,**

**January 16, 2014,** both at **3:30 p.m.** at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library.

We can't wait to see you and your little ones at the library for Toddler Time in December and January!



*Toddler Time resumes at your library in 2014!*

## Give a Unique Gift

A Gift for the Community

Are you dreading those holiday crowds this season? Are you unsure of making online purchases for your holiday gifts? Instead of that, why not donate a book in honor of that special someone in your life. Donating a book is a gift that will last many years and will be enjoyed by many at the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System.

Please send a check so the library can order the item! This is a terrific 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 of our convenient locations

throughout Decatur, Miller, and Seminole Counties.

This year give the gift that is opened again and again that the entire community can enjoy!

"This year, give the gift that the entire community can enjoy!"



## Welcome Tedd Arnold

Thursday, January 30 and Friday, January 31, 2014

Children's author Tedd Arnold will visit the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Thursday, January 30, 2014 at 4 p.m.** and the Seminole County Public Library on **Friday, January 31, 2014.**

Mr. Arnold is the author and illustrator of the popular *Fly Guy* children's book series. Other children's books that he has written and illustrated include Parts, No More, Water in the Tub, Green

Wilma, No Jumping on the Bed, and The Yuckiest, Stinkiest, Best Valentine Ever. During the presentations, he will discuss his books, how he became an artist and author, how ideas become stories, and how stories create pictures.

The visit at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library is sponsored by the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Foundation and Wal-Mart. The visit at the Seminole County Public Library is

sponsored by the Georgia Rural Library Initiative Grant. Don't miss out on your chance to meet children's author and illustrator Tedd Arnold!



Join us at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library and the Seminole County Public Library for a visit from Tedd Arnold!

## Learn to Download eBooks and Audiobooks

This January at your library

Do you have an Amazon Kindle, Barnes and Noble Nook, Sony Reader, iPad, iPhone, smartphone, or other portable device? Don't forget that you can download free eBooks and audiobooks from the library with any of the above devices! All you need is a library card and PIN number, which can be obtained for free by visiting any library location. eBooks and downloadable audiobooks are available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

If you need help learning how to download eBooks

and audiobooks from the library, be sure to join us on **Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 2 p.m.** at the Seminole County Public Library. This class will also be offered on **Monday, January 13, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.** at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library and on **Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 2 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!

"All you need is a library card and PIN number, which can be obtained for free by visiting any library location."

## Breakfast with Santa

Meet Santa this holiday season!

Don't forget about Breakfast with Santa at your library in December! Breakfast with Santa will be held at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Saturday, December 7, 2013.**

Three sittings will be available; the sittings will be 9 a.m., 10 a.m., and 11 a.m. This program is designed for children ages 2—9 and is sponsored by First Port City Bank.

Santa will be at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial

Library on **Saturday, December 7, 2013.**

Two sittings will be offered; the sitting times will be 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. This program is designed for ages 2—5 and is sponsored by Ameris Bank, Peoples South Bank, and First State Bank.

Breakfast with Santa will also be held at the Seminole County Public Library on **Saturday,**

**December 7, 2013;** Santa will be available for three sittings at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., and 11 a.m. This program is designed for children ages 2—9 and is sponsored by the Georgia Rural Library Initiative Grant.

Don't miss out on your child's chance to meet Santa at your library!



Meet Santa this December at your library!

## Learn How to Download Music

Thursday, January 16, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

Did you know that you can download free music from the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System? Just visit the library's website at [www.swgrl.org](http://www.swgrl.org), navigate to your county library's page, and click on the Freegal icon to begin downloading music.

If the thought of downloading music is too overwhelming, the Southwest Georgia

Regional Library System can help! Attend a class on **Thursday, January 16, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.** at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library and learn how to download music using Freegal. Space is limited; please call the library at 229.248.2665 to reserve

your spot today. Freegal is one of the newest services provided by your public library. During the class, attendees will learn how to download the Freegal music app, how to set up an account, and more.

"Did you know that you can download free music...?"

## Legos and Games

Every Thursday 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 every Thursday from 4—6 p.m. to play Legos and board games. Legos and Games will be held on **Thursdays, December 5, 12, and 19, 2013 and January 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2014 from 4—6 p.m.**

We play all types of board games from classic to modern board games. There

are 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.



Join us for Legos and Games on Thursday afternoons from 4—6 p.m.

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

## Shoot Your Own Summer Reading Program Video!

At the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library in January

Teens are invited to shoot their own 30 to 90 second Summer Reading Promotional videos in January at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on Monday afternoons. This year's Summer Reading Program theme for teens is "Spark a Reaction". Video shooting times will be held at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg on Monday

afternoons in January. The times include **Monday, January 6, 2014 from 2—4 p.m., Monday, January 13, 2014 from 4—6 p.m., and Monday, January 27, 2014 from 4—6 p.m.**

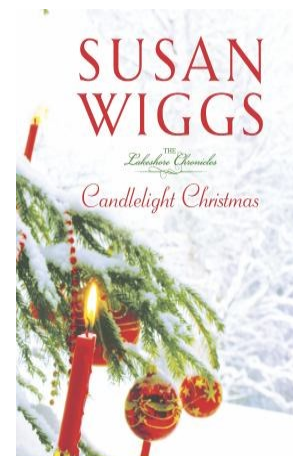
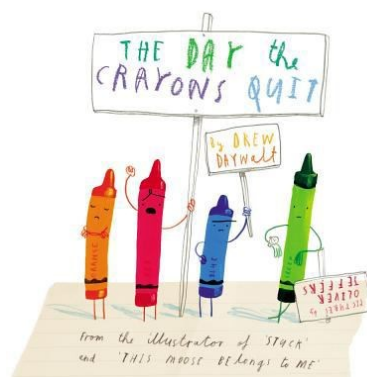
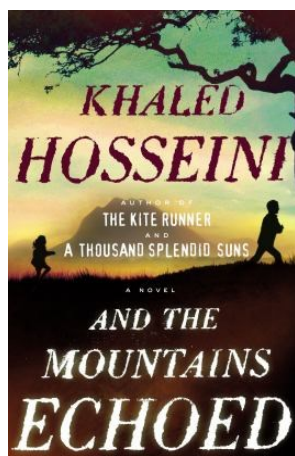
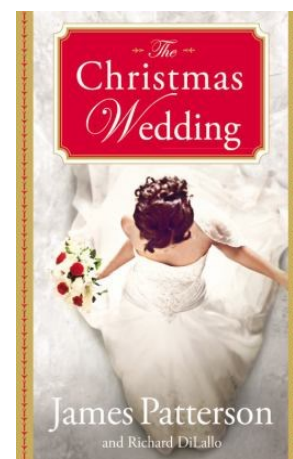
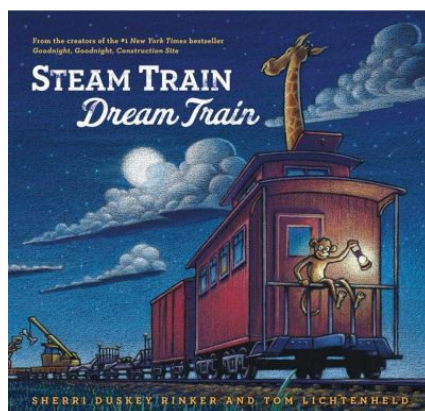
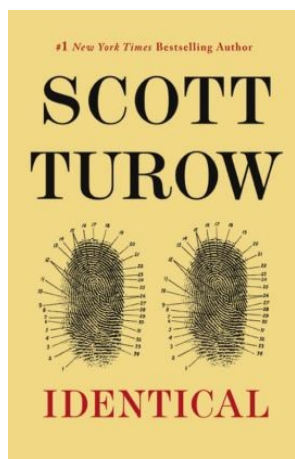
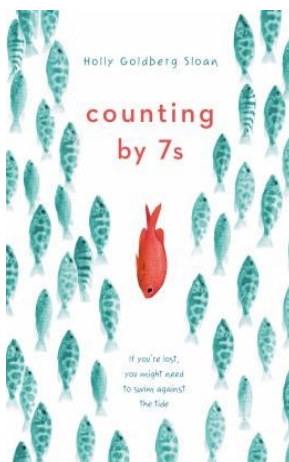
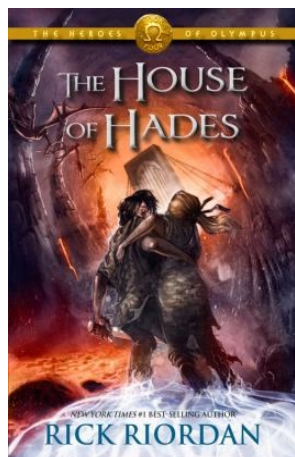
If you cannot make any of those sessions, please contact the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library to schedule a shoot time. The

winning video will be submitted for the state of Georgia contest, which will be judged by select librarians and a panel of expert/celebrity judges. There is a cash prize for the top video in Georgia. Start thinking about your videos and be prepared to shoot them at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library in January!

"Teens are invited to shoot their own Summer Reading Promotional videos in January..."



# Featured Library Materials!



# Schedule of Events

- December 3: **First Tuesday Book Club**, 10 a.m. (M)
- December 3: **Toddler Time**, 10 a.m. (D)
- December 4: **First Wednesday Book Club**, 10 a.m. (S)
- December 5: **Toddler Time**, 10 a.m. (D)
- December 5: **Legos and Games**, 4 p.m. (D)
- December 7: **Breakfast with Santa**, 9 a.m., 10 a.m., and 11 a.m. (S)
- December 7: **Breakfast with Santa**, 9 a.m., 10 a.m., and 11 a.m. (D)
- December 7: **Breakfast with Santa**, 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. (M)
- December 12: **Legos and Games**, 4 p.m. (D)
- December 17: **Scribblers Society**, 4 p.m. (D)
- December 18: **History Book Club**, 11 a.m. (S)
- December 19: **Toddler Time**, 3:30 p.m. (M)
- December 19: **Legos and Games**, 4 p.m. (D)
- January 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30: **Legos and Games**, 4 p.m. (D)
- January 6: **Summer Reading Promotional Shoots**, 2 p.m. (D)
- January 7: **First Tuesday Book Club**, 10 a.m. (M)
- January 7, 14, 21, and 28: **Toddler Time**, 10 a.m. (D)
- January 7, 14, 21, and 28: **Toddler Time**, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. (S)
- January 8: **First Wednesday Book Club**, 10 a.m. (S)
- January 9, 16, 23, and 30: **Toddler Time**, 10 a.m. (D)
- January 9: **Download eBooks and Audiobooks**, 2 p.m. (S)
- January 13 and 27: **Summer Reading Promotional Shoots**, 4 p.m. (D)
- January 13: **Download eBooks and Audiobooks**, 5:30 p.m. (D)
- January 14: **Download eBooks and Audiobooks**, 2 p.m. (M)
- January 15: **Seminole County Board of Trustees meeting**, 10 a.m. (S)
- January 15: **History Book Club**, 11 a.m. (S)
- January 15: **Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library Board of Trustees meeting**, 1 p.m. (M)
- January 15: **Southwest Georgia Regional Library System Board of Trustees meeting**, 3 p.m. (M)
- January 15: **Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Board of Trustees meeting**, 5 p.m. (D)
- January 16: **Toddler Time**, 3:30 p.m. (M)
- January 16: **Download Music with Freegal**, 5:30 p.m. (D)
- January 21—23: **Introductory Computer Classes**, 10 a.m. (D)
- January 21: **Scribblers Society**, 4 p.m. (D)
- January 30: **Tedd Arnold Visit**, 4 p.m. (D)
- January 31: **Tedd Arnold Visit** (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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## Fabulous February!

Stay tuned to the February, 2014 issue of *The SWGRL Spotlight* for more programs, events, news, and information from your Southwest Georgia Regional Library System!

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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

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