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Library Lovers Month

So many reasons to love your library!

Welcome to February! Love is in the air everywhere, even at your public library! February is Library Lovers' Month, and it is a great time to share why you love your public library. There are so many reasons to love your public library including:

- Plan a vacation from Australia to Zimbabwe and everywhere in between.
- Find federal statistics on everything from cell phones to Internet use across the U.S. and around the world.
- Find out how to replace a lost birth certificate.
- Enroll in free computer classes to sharpen your technology skills.
- Purchase used books and help support the library.
- Check out large print books.
- Escape from the weather! (Too hot, too cold, too wet!)
- Have your child play games such as "Who Wants to be a Millionaire: Kids Edition" on computers just for children.
- View lovely displays on a variety of topics, including dolls, teddy bears, and more.
- Help your blind or physically handicapped family member sign up for talking books through the Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services.
- Learn how to write a great essay.
- Download eBooks and audiobooks for 24/7 access to intriguing reads.
- Find biographies of the good, the bad, and the ugly.

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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
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Valentine's Day Celebrations!

Celebrate Valentine's Day at your library!

Celebrate Valentine's Day on February 14 with celebrations at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library and the Seminole County Public Library!

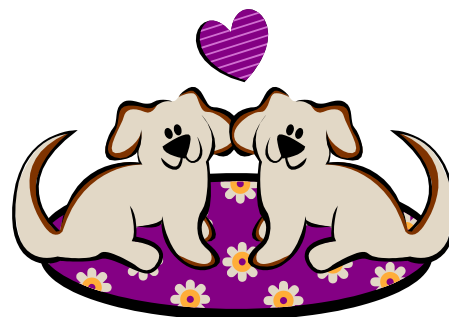
The Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library will host a Valentine's Day party on **Thursday, February 14, 2013 at 3:45**

p.m. where there will be Valentine's Day themed stories, games, crafts, and snacks. This

program is designed for ages 5—8 and registration is required. Please call the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library at 229.758.3131 to register your child.

The Seminole County Public Library will also be celebrating Valentine's Day by holding its annual Valentine's Tea Party. The celebration will be held on **Thursday, February 14, 2013 at 4 p.m.** at the

Seminole County Public Library. Children ages 7—10 are invited for tea, music, crafts, and refreshments. Space is limited for the Tea Party. Please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 to register your child today!



Happy Valentines Day!

Learn Microsoft Excel 2010

Monday, February 11, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

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, February 11, 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.

“Attendees will learn to create a workbook, insert text and formulas...”

your chance to master

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

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, February 4:** Attapulcus Community Center, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, February 5:** Spring Creek Grocery, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, February 6:** Wingate's Lodge, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, February 6:** Recovery Community Center, 12—1:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, February 12:** Iron City Convenience Store, 10—11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, February 13:** Parker Park in Climax, 10:30—11:30 a.m.
- **Monday, February 18:** Selman Place Apartments, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, February 19:** Gibbs Bainbridge Village Apartments, 9—10 a.m.
- **Tuesday, February 19:** Brogdon's Grocery, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, February 27:** Spring Creek Park Resort, 9:15—10:15 a.m.
- **Wednesday, February 27:** 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, February 5, 2013 at 10 a.m.** and will discuss the book Raney by Clyde Edgerton. The following meeting of the First Tuesday Book Club will be held on **Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 10 a.m.** where Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter by Tom

Franklin will be discussed.

Join us on **Wednesday, February 6, 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 Life of Pi by Yann Martel. The First

Wednesday Book Club will meet again on **Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at 10**

a.m. at the Seminole County Public Library where they will discuss The Lotus Eaters by Tatjana Soli.

Don't miss a moment of these exciting discussions!

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Master Recipes with Assistance

From the Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services

If you watched season three of Fox TV's reality cooking show "MasterChef," you re-member the big smile that lit up Christine Ha's face every time she impressed the judges with her bold flavors -- and especially when her three-course meal of Vietnamese comfort food won Ha the "MasterChef" title. What casual viewers may not have realized right away is that the amateur cook from Houston, Texas is blind. In 2003 Ha was diagnosed with neuromyelitis optica (NMO), a rare neurological condition that deteriorates the optic nerves and spinal cord. By 2007, Ha had lost most of her vision. But she had regained her love of reading, with help from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS). "[NLS] reignited my love for literature. It was what kept me sane when I went through my first bouts of NMO," says Ha, who also authors the blog theblindcook.com. "When I went through some of my worst health issues in 2003 --

complete paralysis from my neck down due to spinal inflammation, and complete blindness -- all I could do was lie in bed and listen to NLS audiobooks." NLS, part of the Library of Congress, oversees a free reading program for U.S. residents and citizens living abroad who are blind, have low vision, or cannot hold a book because of a physical disability. NLS patrons may choose from tens of thousands of books and dozens of magazines in audio, including dozens of cookbooks, such as "O, the Oprah Magazine Cookbook" and titles by Julia Child, James Beard, and other famous foodies. NLS also loans the



Master recipes with the Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services!

portable playback equipment needed to read the audiobooks. Computer savvy patrons may access books online through the NLS Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) service. Ha, who is pursuing a master of fine arts

degree at the University of Houston, always has a book checked out from NLS. Recently she was reading Gail Caldwell's "Let's Take the Long Way Home". And she currently is working on her "MasterChef" cookbook, which is set for a spring 2013 release. The Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services, in partnership with your public library and NLS, provides free materials in audio format for patrons who are blind and/or physically handicapped. Curious cooks who are blind and/or physically handicapped can sharpen their skills in the kitchen by listening to books including The Art of Simple Food by Alice Waters or The Family Style Soul Food Diabetes Cookbook by Roniece Weaver. Please call the Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services at 229.248.2680 or 1.800.795.2680 for more information on how the Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services can help blind cooks become master chefs.

Learn to Use a Computer

February 19–21, 2013 at 10 a.m.

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 Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Tuesday, February 19 through Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 10 a.m.** Space is limited; please call

229.248.2665 to reserve your spot today! 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 Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library!

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

Storytime Schedules

Fun for your little ones!

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. Raina 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, February 21, 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.

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

Advanced Microsoft Word 2010

Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.

Do you need to enhance your Microsoft Word skills? Do you know the basics of Microsoft Word but want to learn more about this versatile program? The library can help!

Join us on **Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.** at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library for Advanced

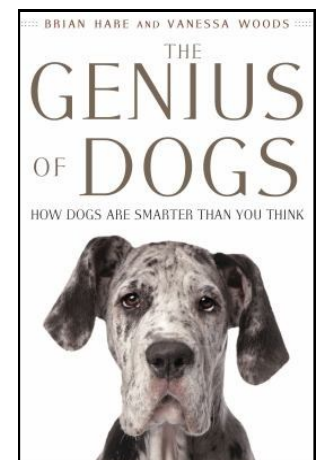
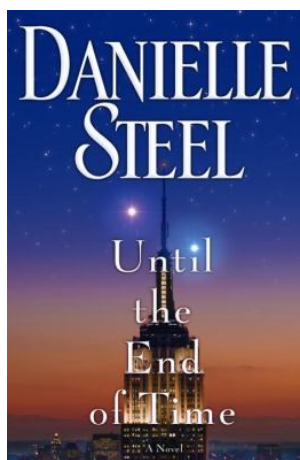
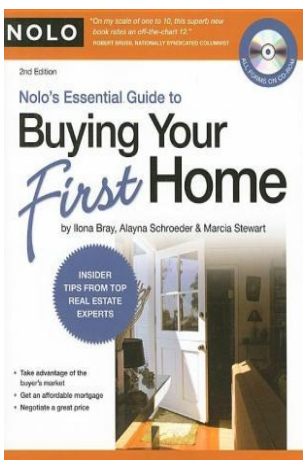
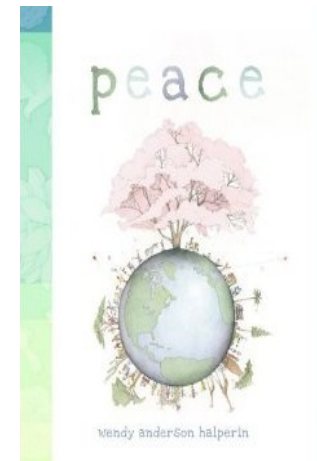
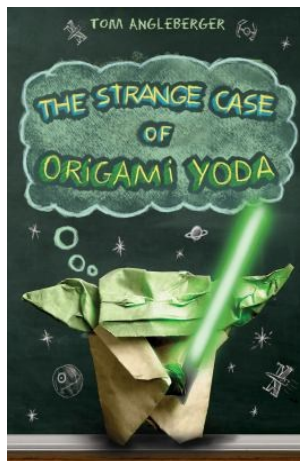
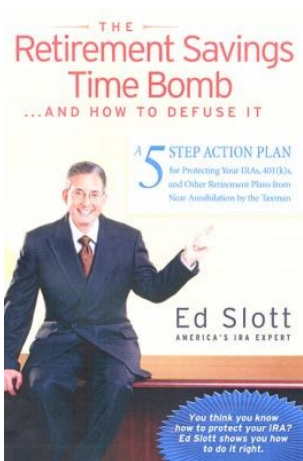
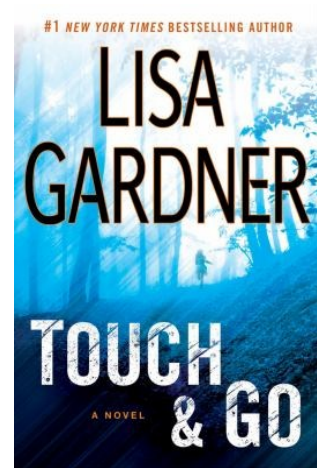
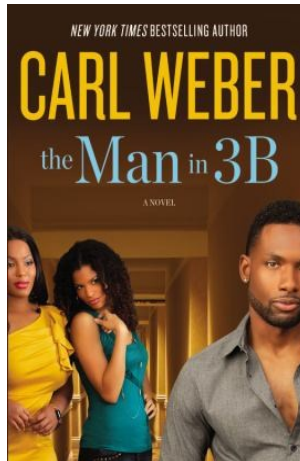
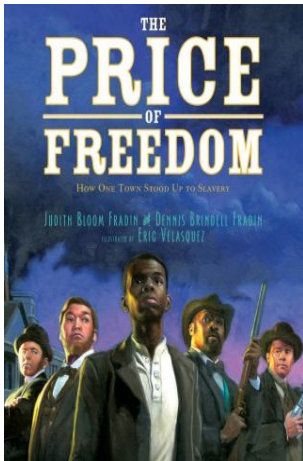
Microsoft Word 2010. Learn advanced topics in Microsoft Word including inserting word art and clipart, working with tables, and much more.

A basic knowledge of Microsoft Word is required before enrolling in this class. Space is limited; please call the Miller County—James W.

Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library at 229.758.3131 to reserve your spot today!

“Do you need to enhance your Microsoft Word skills?”

New Materials at Your Library!



Schedule of Events

- February 5: **First Tuesday Book Club, 10 a.m. (M)**
- February 5: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m. (D)**
- February 6: **First Wednesday Book Club, 10 a.m. (S)**
- February 7: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m. (D)**
- February 7: **Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (S)**
- February 11: **Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2010, 5:30 p.m. (D)**
- February 12: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m. (D)**
- February 12: **Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Foundation Board of Trustees meeting, 5 p.m. (D)**
- February 14: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m. (D)**
- February 14: **Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. (S)**
- February 14: **Valentine's Day Party, 3:45 p.m. (M)**
- February 14: **Valentine's Tea Party, 4 p.m. (S)**
- February 19: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m. (D)**
- February 19—21: **Introductory Computer Classes, 10 a.m. (D)**
- February 21: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m. (D)**
- February 21: **Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (S)**
- February 21: **Toddler Time, 3:30 p.m. (M)**
- February 26: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m. (D)**
- February 26: **Advanced Microsoft Word 2010, 10:30 a.m. (M)**
- February 28: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m. (D)**
- February 28: **Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.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

