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Make Retirement Fun: Volunteer!

Getting Involved
Through National
Service During
Senior Corp Week,
May 5 - 11th, 2013

The library is
hosting a program
that focuses on hav-
ing a happy healthy
retirement by being
healthy, and by vol-
unteering. The pro-
gram will be held in
the Decatur Coun-
ty —Gilbert H.
Gragg Library
meeting room **Mon-
day, May 6th from
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

Two Volunteer
areas that the
meeting will cover
are Senior Com-
panions and Foster
Grandparents.

With the Senior
Companions pro-
gram, younger sen-
iors are paired with
older seniors who
need a friend. Both

seniors benefit from
the program, en-
riching lives by
providing compan-
ionship, and assis-
tance where need-
ed.

The Foster
Grandparents pro-
gram works within
the school environ-
ment, pairing stu-
dents who need ex-
tra assistance with
caring seniors who
have the time to tu-
tor and talk to
these young people.
The senior has the
satisfaction of
knowing they are
making a difference
both in the life of
the child and in so-
ciety.

Being healthy
and active is anoth-
er component of a
wonderful retire-
ment. Learn to
move at Silver

Sneakers offered by
the YMCA.

Also we will learn
about the resources
your library offers!

Come and get
more information
about these service
opportunities at the
Senior Corp Week
program.



Foster Grandparent Julia Gonzales in Round
Rock, Texas, on March 19, 2008. ©
2008 Corporation for National and Community
Service

**Senior Corp is a non-profit national
program designed to enrich and im-
prove the lives of seniors.**

Holiday Closing

All library locations will be closed on Monday, May 28, 2012 in honor of Memorial Day

All Southwest Georgia Regional Library System locations will be closed on **Monday, May 27, 2013** in honor of Memorial Day. All library locations will re-open regular business hours on **Tuesday, May 28, 2013**.

If you need to return library materials on **Monday, May 27, 2013**, you can drop

them in the outside book drop at all library locations.

While our physical facilities may be closed, make sure you visit our virtual location at www.swgrl.org! Our virtual location is open all the time, and you can search the catalog for available materials, view suggested reading materials for children,

teens, and adults, view upcoming events, search for local information at the Hard Times Resource Guide, register your child or teen for the 2013 Summer Reading Program, and much more!

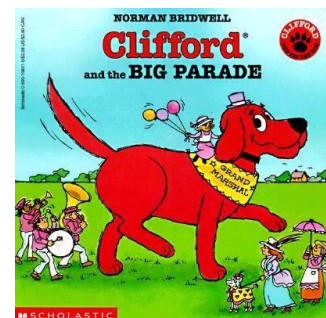
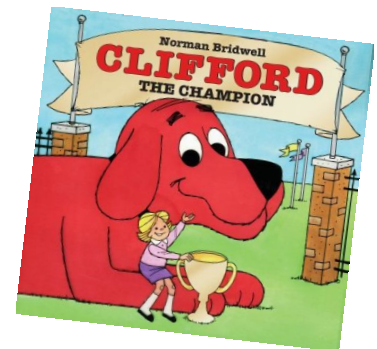
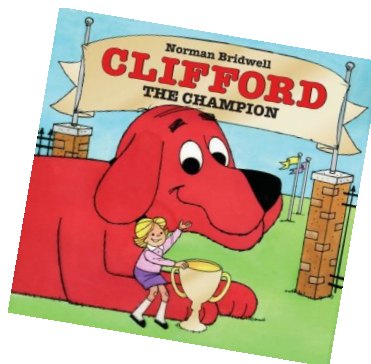
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Clifford the Big Red Dog

The Seminole County Public Library is celebrating Children's Book Week with a visit from Clifford, the Big Red Dog on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. Join storyteller Ms. Ralna for stories and fun about everyone's favorite big red dog. Clifford the Big Red Dog will be available for pictures and to meet and greet your children immediately following the stories.

Celebrating 50 years of entertaining children, the

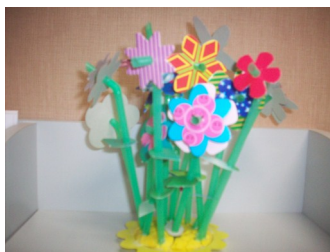
Clifford series of stories are written by Norman Bridwell. Clifford teaches his owner, Emily Elizabeth, and others about the importance of sharing, helping others, and being a good friend.



Celebrate Mother's Day

Come to your local library to make a Mother's Day Craft! All children are welcome. Contact the individual library for more information about their craft. May 9th.

Flower Power @ Decatur
3:45



Tea Time @ Miller 3:45

Read all about crafts for children @ your library!



Coin Purse @ Seminole 4:00

National Children's Book Week Read-In

In honor of National Children's Book Week, the Decatur County - Gilbert H. Gragg Library is hosting an Award Winners Read-

In. The Read-In will be held from **11:00 to 2:00 Friday, May 17, 2013**. The Library will have as many of the Caldecott and New-

bery Award books on hand to read. Come and sign the Read-In Wall and have your picture taken with your favorite book.

Registration for Summer Reading Program Begins this Month

Summer is almost here! We are gearing up for another wonderful summer of fun and reading. Registration begins

on **Monday, May 13th**. River Town Days will have an early bird special sign up on **Saturday, May 11th**.

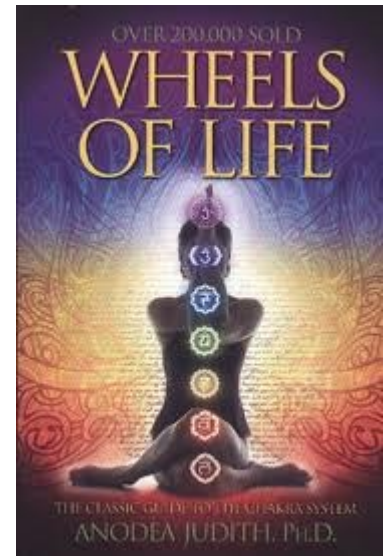


Ancient Art of Yoga and Tai Chi and Qigong

The ancient art of yoga comes to us from the subcontinent of India. The ancient arts of Tai Chi and Qigong comes from China. Both venerable lands have much to offer civilizations of today as their ancient arts are experienced anew. As we hurry scurry through our days and weeks we tend to build up anxiety which can lead to high blood pressure. How can we reduce overly anxious

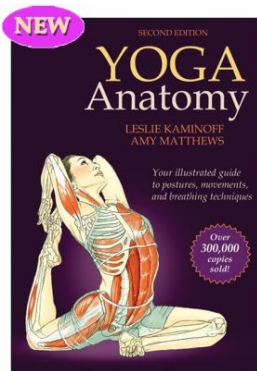
feeling and thoughts? How can we reduce elevated blood pressure? Here are some of the newer titles of books and dvds that are available at your local libraries which teach yoga, tai chi, and qigong. Not only can they help us reduce blood pressure and increase a positive outlook on life, these practices have also been found to increase balance, helping

us avoid falls! Check these titles out today.

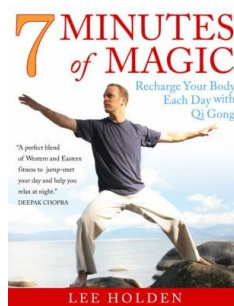


"The Wheels of Life" cover.

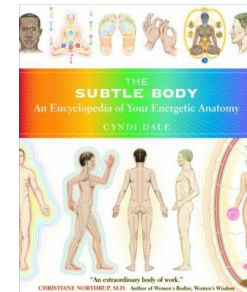
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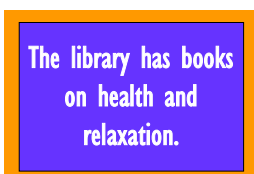
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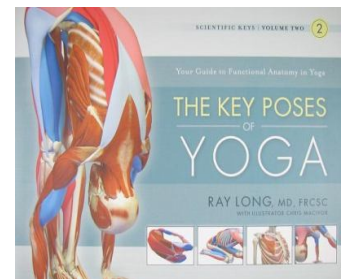
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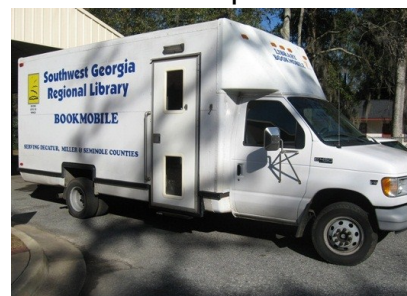
Bookmobile Schedule

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 a stop near you:

- **Monday, May 6:** Attapulcus Community Center, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, May 7:** Spring Creek Grocery, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, May 1:** Wingate's Lodge, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, May 1:** Recovery Community Center, 12—1:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, May 14:** Iron City Convenience Store, 10—11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, May 8:** Parker Park in Climax, 10:30—11:30 a.m.
- **Monday, May 20:** Selman Place Apartments, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, May 21:** Gibbs Bainbridge Village Apartments, 9—10 a.m.

- **Tuesday, May 21:** Brogdon's Grocery, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, May 22:** Spring Creek Park Resort, 9:15—10:15 a.m.
- **Wednesday, May 22:** 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

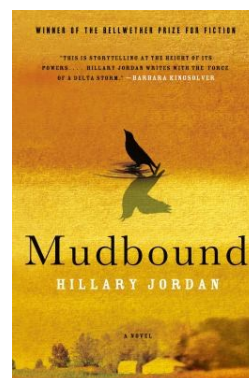
In Miller and Seminole Counties!

The First Tuesday Book Club at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library will meet on **Tuesday, May 7 2013 at 10 a.m.** and discuss the book Velva Jean Learns to Drive by Jennifer Niven. The next meeting of the First Tuesday Book Club will be held on **Tuesday, August 6, 2013 at 10 a.m.**

Join us on **Wednesday, May 1, 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 Home Again by Kristin Hannah. The First Wednesday Book Club will meet again on **Wednesday, June 1, 2013 at 10 a.m.** at the Seminole County Public Library where they will

"Don't miss a moment of these exciting discussions!"

discuss Mud Bound by Hillary Jordan.



Don't miss a moment of these exciting discussions!

Summer Reading Program is Coming Up!

Summer is almost here! Plan on spending time with us this year by attending the programs we have scheduled for you and your children.

June 4: Visit from *Geronimo Stilton*

10:00 Decatur; 1:00 Seminole; 3:30 Miller

June 6: *Toddler Time*

10:00 Decatur; 1:00 Seminole; 3:30 Miller

June 11: *Arthur Atsma Magician*

10:00 Decatur; 1:00 Seminole; 3:30 Miller

June 13: *Toddler Time*

10:00 Decatur; 1:00 Seminole; 3:30 Miller

June 18: *Chehaw Park Animal Visit*

10:00 Decatur; 1:00 Seminole; 3:30 Miller

June 20: *Toddler Time*

10:00 Decatur; 1:00 Seminole; 3:30 Miller

June 25: Games Day

10:00 Decatur; 1:00 Seminole; 3:30 Miller

June 27: *Toddler Time*

10:00 Decatur; 1:00 Seminole; 3:30 Miller

July 2: No events scheduled this week due to holiday.

July 4: Closed for Holiday

July 9: *How to Find Arrowheads*

10:00 Decatur Kevin Dowdy

1:00 Seminole Son Anderson

3:30 Miller Son Anderson

July 11: *Toddler Time*

10:00 Decatur; 1:00 Seminole; 3:30 Miller

July 16: *Magic Scratch Off Board Art Project*

10:00 Decatur; 1:00 Seminole; 3:30 Miller

July 18: *Toddler Time*

10:00 Decatur; 1:00 Seminole; 3:30 Miller

July 23: *End of the Summer Reading Program Party with Fuzzy the Magician*

10:00 Decatur; 1:00 Seminole; 3:30 Miller

Using Novelist to find "Read-a-Likes" Finding Good Books is Easy!

From time to time you may need a little extra help finding the "right" book that matches your tastes, temperament, and interests. You can easily do this using Novelist. Go to the library's website at swgrl.org, and select a resource called GALILEO. You may do this from the library's computers, or get the quarterly password while you are at the library to access it from home. GALILEO provides access to a range of online databases including Novelist.

This resource is a database of authors and book reviews which was created to provide fiction bibliographies of authors and to suggest read-a-

likes. Read-a-likes lets you see authors that write in a similar vein as your favorite author. For example you if you love Judith McNaught, type her name in, hit enter, and a list of other author's will come up describing why these authors are similar.

You may also search by genre or time period. For example, you may like to read fiction based in Victorian England. The database will provide you with a list of recommended titles from which to choose.

Another resource is Fantastic Fiction. It is located online at: Fantasticfiction.co.uk. Besides providing bibliographies

of authors, many authors have shared the titles of books that they like to read!

Whichever way you decide to go, the books are available through your library. Just ask, if they aren't currently on the shelf, they can be put on hold, or borrowed through PINES.

Where to look when you run out of books?

Try:

Novelist's

Read a likes

New Awe Computers!

Early Literacy Station Computers from the AWE Company are now available for children visiting the library. They have all sorts of awesome educational fun games that will stretch your imagination and brain power! These games are especially designed to



Enjoy playing on the new computers this month!

both entertain, and educate children ages 3 to 10. These computers are bright, easy to use, have sound, and have screen touchable interactive activities.

Some of the games loaded are: Giggles My Musical World / Giggles ABCs and

123s/ Nursery Rhymes; JumpStart Phonics; ClueFinders 3rd Grade and 4th Grade Adventures; and Math Blaster 5-7, just to give a few examples of what is available on these computers.

To access them just ask at the circulation desk for the headphones. Don't forget your library card!

Summer Teen Programs

June 3 @ 5 p.m.

Money and Check-books: How to get started for good financial health.

June 10 @ 5 p.m.

IN's and OUT's of MOVING OUT. Plus map bulletin board craft.

BENEATH the SURFACE

June 17 @ 5 p.m.

How to find the best post HS educational program for you.

June 24 @ 5 p.m.

Credit: How to establish it, and maintain it for life.

These teen programs will be held at: Southwest Georgia Regional Library 301 S. Monroe Street, Bainbridge, GA 39819. For more information call Carole Albyn at 229 248-2665 #114

SAT and ACT Study Groups.

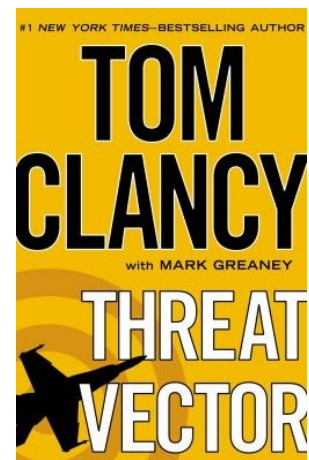
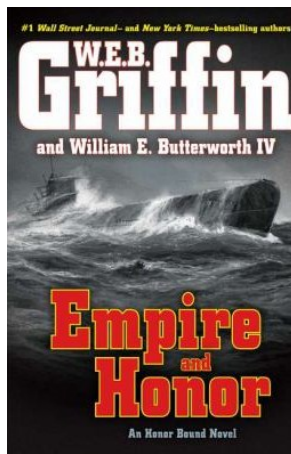
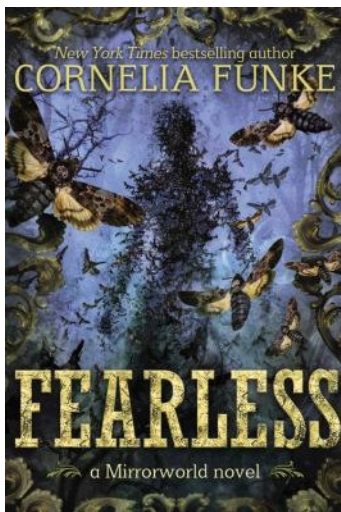
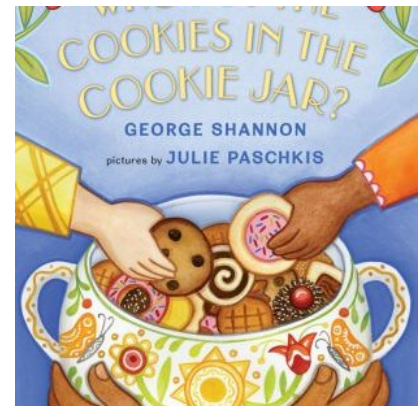
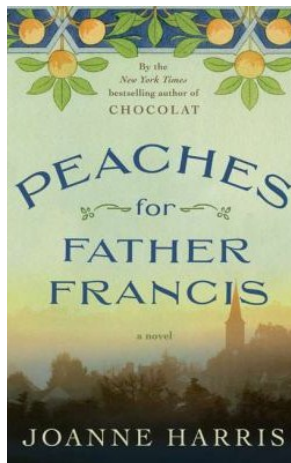
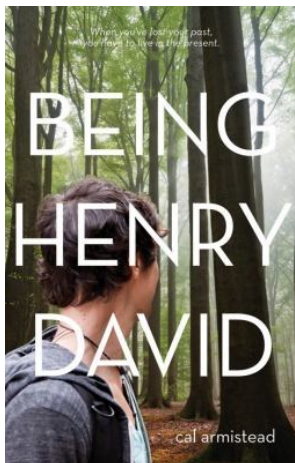
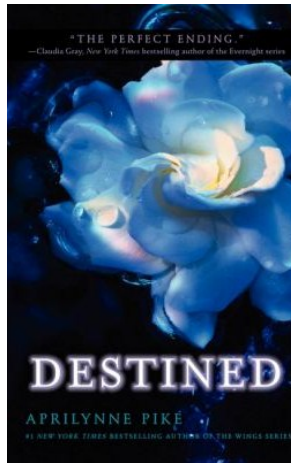
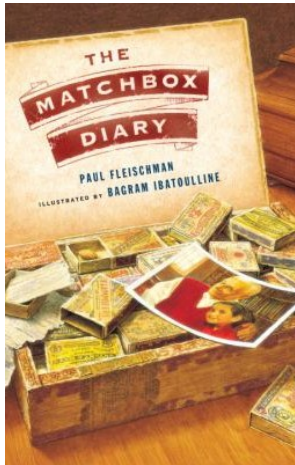
Misery likes company right? Make friends, bring friends. Tap into library resources to make the grade.

Every Wednesday at 2:00 in June and July.

All teens are welcome!

Next month read all about Catherine Vanstone
A top 40 under 40!

New Materials at Your Library!



Schedule of Events

- May 1: First Wednesday Book Club, 10 a.m. (S)
- May 6: Senior Corp Volunteer Program, 10 a.m. (D)
- May 7: First Tuesday Book Club, 10 a.m. (M)
- May 9: Mother's Day Craft, 3:30 p.m. (D)
- May 9: Mother's Day Craft, 3:45 p.m. (M)
- May 9: Mother's Day Craft, 4 p.m. (S)
- May 14: Clifford the Big Red Dog, 9:30 a.m. (S)
- May 14: Decatur County-Gilbert H. Gragg Library Foundation meeting, 5 p.m. (D)
- May 17: National Children's Book Week Read-in. (D)
- May 23: Pajama Storytime, 4 p.m. (S)
- May 27: All Libraries Closed for Memorial Day



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Seminole Counties

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Dig Into Reading!



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

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