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Dr. Who's 50th Anniversary Party

Saturday, November 23, 2013 at 2 p.m.

Join us on
**Saturday,
November 23,
2013 at 2 p.m.**
at the Decatur
County—Gilbert H.
Gragg Library for
Dr. Who's 50th
Anniversary Party!

The first episode of Dr. Who was televised on BBC One on November 23, 1963 at 5:15 p.m. It was originally created as an educational family show to fit between Sunday football and evening programming, according to Dr. Who's website at www.doctorwho.tv.

The original series lasted 26 years (1963-1989). Doctor Who was resurrected in 2006

and has been going strong ever since, watched by over 80 million viewers in over 26 countries. It is the longest running and most successful science fiction television program in the world as stated by the Guinness Book of World Records.

During Dr. Who's 50th Anniversary Party, there will be crafts and trivia. Test your knowledge of the doctors, monsters, companions, and much more on **Saturday, November 23, 2013 at 2 p.m.** at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library.

This celebration is suitable for all ages. Please call the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library at 229.248.2665 for more information on Dr. Who's 50th Anniversary party.



Join us on Saturday, November 23, 2013 at 2 p.m. at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library for Dr. Who's 50th Anniversary Party!

Visually Impaired Reader Inspires Author

Best-selling author Mary Jane Clark inspired by visually impaired reader.

Four years ago, best-selling author Mary Jane Clark spoke at the Friends of the New Jersey Library for the Blind and Handicapped's Fall Festival.

There, she met Ottilie Lucas, a former rehabilitation teacher for people with macular degeneration and other disabilities who is visually impaired herself.

After the festival, "we continued our correspondence and one thing led to another," Lucas says of Clark. "She decided to include a character in her next book with macular degeneration." And so was born Terri Donovan, introduced in the first book in Clark's Wedding Cake Mysteries series, 2011's "To Have and to Kill."

"Mary Jane asked me to give her ways to identify symptoms that a person may be experiencing macular degeneration," Lucas says. These include blurred vision and difficulty discerning the intensity of colors—symptoms shared by Terri Donovan, who runs a bakery and is the mother

of the protagonist of Clark's series, struggling actress Piper Donovan.

Lucas, who was born with retinitis pigmentosa, is a patron of her local talking books library which is affiliated with the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. The Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services is one of many libraries associated with the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, part of the Library of Congress.

The Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services provides materials for those who are blind, have low vision, or cannot hold a printed book due to a disability. Library users may choose

from tens of thousands of books and dozens of magazines, including mysteries by authors such as Mary Jane Clark. The Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services also loans the equipment needed to play the materials. In addition, patrons may access materials online through the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) service.

"Ottilie is such an inspiration," Clark says. "She helped me so much in the creation of Terri Donovan—a mother who faces macular degeneration head-on, who doesn't feel sorry for herself and is determined to adapt to the challenges she faces. I wish I were as brave as Terri and Ottilie!"

To learn more about how the Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services can help you, a loved one, or a friend, please call 229.248.2680 or visit our website at www.swgrl.org/handicap.php



Best-selling author Mary Jane Clark is inspired by a visually impaired reader

Holiday Closing

Closed Thursday, November 28, 2013 for Thanksgiving Day

All Southwest Georgia Regional Library System locations will be closed on **Thursday,**

November 28, 2013

in honor of Thanksgiving Day. All locations will re-open regular business hours on

Friday, November 29, 2013. If

you need to return

materials during this time, simply use the convenient drop box located outside of any library location. You can still access library resources while the library is closed by visiting our virtual branch at www.swgrl.org, which is open 24 hours per day. At

www.swgrl.org, you can search the catalog for available materials, find upcoming events, view recommended reading suggestions, download an application for a library card, download eBooks and audiobooks, and much more! Happy Thanksgiving!

"Happy Thanksgiving!"

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 November! Visit Mr. Max or Mr. Terry to get your hands on these materials at a stop near you:

- **Monday, November 4:** Attapulgus Community Center, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, November 5:** Spring Creek Grocery, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, November 6:** Wingate's Lodge, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, November 6:** Recovery Community Center, 12—1:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, November 12:** Iron City Convenience Store, 10—11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, November 13:** Parker Park in Climax, 10:30—11:30 a.m.
- **Monday, November 18:** Selman Place Apartments, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, November 19:** Gibbs Bainbridge Village Apartments, 9—10 a.m.
- **Tuesday, November 19:** Brogdon's Grocery, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, November 27:** Spring Creek Park Resort, 9:15—10:15 a.m.
- **Wednesday, November 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!

Join us on **Tuesday, November 5, 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 Calico Joe by John Grisham. The First Tuesday Book Club will meet again on **Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 10 a.m.** at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library where the book The Christmas

Wedding by James Patterson will be discussed.

The First Wednesday Book Club at the Seminole County Public Library will meet on **Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at 10 a.m.** They will discuss the book The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald. The First Wednesday Book Club will meet again on

Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at 10 a.m. at the Seminole County Public

Library where they will discuss Rules of Civility by Amor Towles.

The History Book Club will meet at the Seminole County Public Library on **Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at 11 a.m.** and will discuss the book Carolina Kid by Heidi Schnakenberg. The next meeting of the History Book Club will take place on **Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at 11 a.m.** where they will discuss the book Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt.

"They will discuss The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald."

Teen Film Festival Winners

"Seek the Unknown" Teen 48 Hour Film Festival Winners

Last month, the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System celebrated Teen Read Week with "Seek the Unknown", a teen 48 hour film festival. The festival was held Saturday, October 5 through Monday, October 7, 2013 at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library.

The winner of the "Seek the Unknown" 48 Hour Teen Film Competition was The Pearl Production

Company's *The Choice*. Pearl Productions is a team of two teens, Emily New and Olivia Murrah. They shot and edited a short film entitled *The Choice* which may be viewed on Facebook at Southwest Georgia Regional Library System's Facebook page, (www.facebook.com/SouthwestGaLibrary) or by going onto YouTube. This three minute film celebrates

making individual positive choices in life.

Thank you to all who entered the 48 hour teen film festival!



Congratulations to Emily New and Olivia Murrah, winners of "Seek the Unknown" Teen 48 Hour Film Festival!

Learn to Use a Computer

November 12–14, 2013 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, November 12 through Thursday, November 14, 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 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!

Join us for Toddler Time in Decatur, Miller, and Seminole Counties! Toddler Time is a fantastic way for your little one to make new friends and discover the value of the library.

Join storyteller Ms. Donna at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library on **Thursday, November 21, 2013 at 3:30 p.m.** 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 **every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.** We are having themed Toddler Time events at the Seminole County Public Library. Join us every Thursday; you never know what kind of special fun we will have! During Fire Safety week in October, the Fire Department visited the Seminole County Public Library's Toddler Time!



The Fire Department visited Toddler Time at the Seminole County Public Library in October!

continues **every Tuesday and Thursday 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. Don't miss a minute of

Toddler Time at your library!

Autism Spectrum Parent Meeting

Tuesday, November 5, 2013 from 12—2 p.m.

Join us at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library for the next Autism Spectrum Parent meeting on **Tuesday, November 5, 2013 from 12—2 p.m.**

Kathy Sutton from Parent to Parent will be the guest speaker for this month's meeting. She will provide valuable information for attendees

at this meeting.

Learn about resources and research for parents of children with Autism Spectrum Syndrome at this meeting.

The Autism Spectrum Parent meetings are a great way to talk with other parents of children

with Autism Spectrum Syndrome and share insights with other parents.

There will be a potluck lunch during the meeting; please bring a favorite dish to share with the group.

"Learn about resources and research for parents of children with Autism Spectrum Syndrome..."

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 in November 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.

Please call the Decatur County—Gilbert

H. Gragg Library at 229.248.2665 for more information on the Legos and games afternoons.



Make some fantastic Lego creations at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library!

Breakfast with Santa

Registration Begins Soon!

The holidays are rapidly approaching, and it is time for the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System's annual Breakfast with Santa program. 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. Registration begins **Saturday, November 16, 2013**. Registration on Saturday, November 16 must be made in person. In-person and phone call registrations begin **Monday, November 18, 2013**.

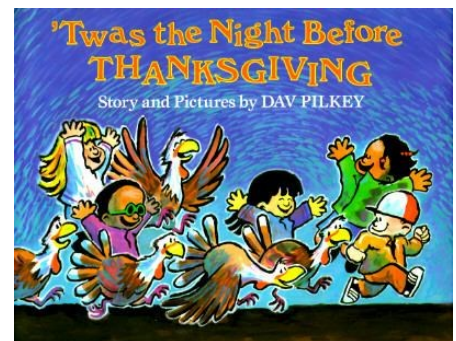
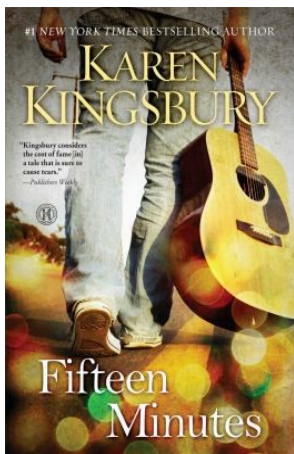
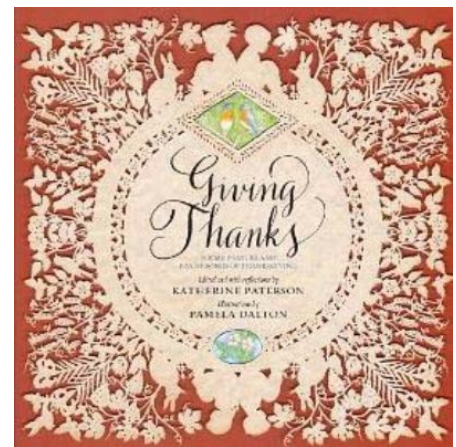
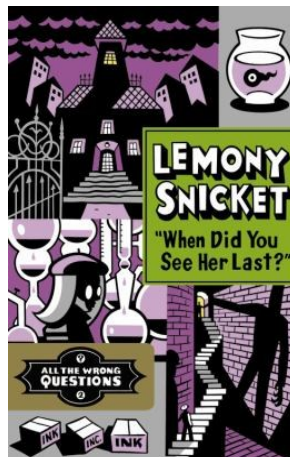
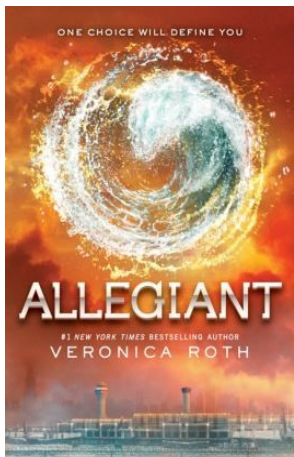
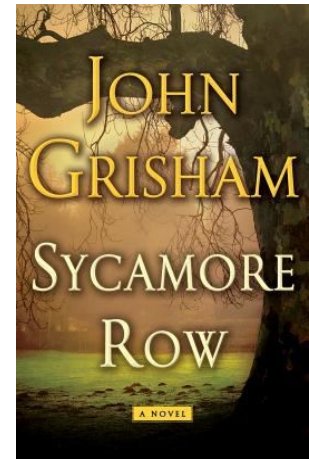
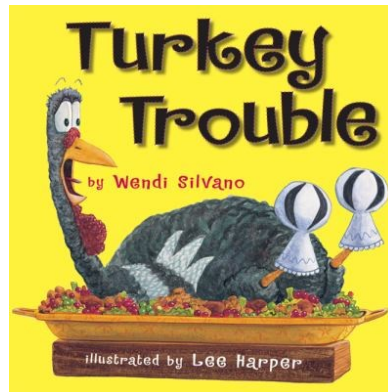
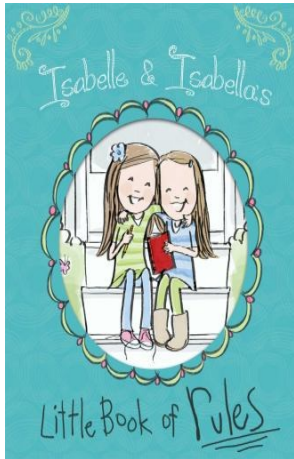
Santa will be at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library on **Saturday, December 7, 2013**. Two sittings will be offered; the sitting times will be 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. This program is designed for ages 2—5 and is sponsored by Ameris Bank, Peoples South Bank, and First State Bank. Registration for this Breakfast with Santa will begin **Monday, November 18, 2013**. 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. Registration begins **Saturday, November 16, 2013**. Registration on Saturday, November 16 must be made in person. In-person and phone call registrations begin **Monday, November 18, 2013**.

Space for these programs is limited. No e-mail registrations will be accepted. Registrations are not accepted before Saturday, November 16, 2013. Don't miss out on your child's chance to meet Santa at your library!

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Featured Library Materials!



Schedule of Events

- November 5: **First Tuesday Book Club, 10 a.m. (M)**
- November 5: **Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)**
- November 5: **Autism Spectrum Parent Meeting, 12 p.m. (D)**
- November 6: **First Wednesday Book Club, 10 a.m. (S)**
- November 7: **Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)**
- November 7: **Toddler Time, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. (S)**
- November 7: **Legos and Games, 4 p.m. (D)**
- November 12—14: **Introductory Computer Classes, 10 a.m. (D)**
- November 12: **Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)**
- November 14: **Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)**
- November 14: **Toddler Time, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. (S)**
- November 14: **Legos and Games, 4 p.m. (D)**
- November 19: **Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)**
- November 20: **History Book Club, 11 a.m. (S)**
- November 21: **Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)**
- November 21: **Toddler Time, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. (S)**
- November 21: **Toddler Time, 3:30 p.m. (M)**
- November 21: **Legos and Games, 4 p.m. (D)**
- November 23: **Dr. Who's 50th Anniversary Party, 2 p.m. (D)**



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Seminole Counties

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Important Info!

The next issue of *The SWGRL Spotlight* will contain important information about holiday closings, special Toddler Time schedules, and more. Don't miss the December/January issue of *The SWGRL Spotlight*!

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Library Locations

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301 S. Monroe Street
Bainbridge, Georgia 39819
229.248.2665

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 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 |

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