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Celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month!

There are so many ways to use your library card!

Celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month in September by visiting your Southwest Georgia Regional Library System. Stop by the library in Decatur, Miller, or Seminole counties and register for a free PINES library card. Persons who attend school, own property or are employed in Georgia are eligible for a free PINES card. A PINES library card can be used at over 275 public libraries throughout Georgia. Library cards open doors to lifelong learning. The possibilities are endless with a library card!

There are so many ways to use your library card; here are thirteen ways to use your free PINES library card.

1. Download an eBook or audiobook at www.swgrl.org.

2. Download free music with Freegal at www.swgrl.org.

3. Use a computer at the library to finish your school project, update your resume, or apply for a job.

4. Find love at the library: check out a romance novel.

5. Build your dream creation at Legos and Games day on Thursday afternoons at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library.

6. Learn how to master Microsoft Excel and PowerPoint 2010.

7. Have your child discover the library by attending Toddler Time.

8. Save money and spend quality time with your family by enjoying an afternoon at the public library.

9. Pick up a free pass to Zoo Atlanta or any of Georgia's State Parks.

10. Solve the case in a mystery novel.

11. Trek to another planet in a SciFi novel.

12. Tempt your taste buds by checking out cookbooks.

13. Discuss interesting novels at the First Tuesday Book Club, First Wednesday Book Club, and the History Book Club.

Library Card Sign-Up Month is held annually during the month of September. For more information on the national celebration, please visit

www.atyourlibrary.org.



Celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month at your public library!

Fighting Vision Loss, Fitness Instructor Keeps Body—and Mind—in Shape

Keep your body and mind in shape with assistance from the Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services

Joan Creviston was an interior designer for 12 years before retinitis pigmentosa, a genetic eye disease that leads to tunnel vision and sometimes complete blindness, forced her to make a full-time career out of her longtime love: fitness instruction.

Creviston, of Aurora, Illinois, is a master-level personal trainer and group exercise instructor who also offers coaching and videos through her website. In addition to starting the new year with a vow to lose ten pounds in six weeks—"I've joined the resolutionists!" she says—she signed up for the free reading program of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS).

NLS has been producing and circulating audiobooks and braille books for more than 80 years. Books, and the digital equipment needed to read them, are available through the

Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services. Thousands of titles also are available online through the NLS Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) service.

"For my personal fun I read about fitness," Creviston says. Motivational writer Og Mandino is her favorite author—"He's so positive, so uplifting, so simple"—but she also enjoys lighter fare by talk-show host Chelsea Handler.

Creviston is sold on the benefits of exercise for people with disabilities. "Physical challenges can be depressing, but increasing the body's movement and firing up the chemicals in the brain can make people more energetic and feel less down," she says. "It gives them a little more of a can-do

attitude."

Stock up on fitness titles including Ultimate Fit or Fat by Covert Bailey or Eight Minutes in the Morning by Jorge Cruise. These are just two of many titles available for blind and physically handicapped individuals.

Services provided by the Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services are for those who are blind, have low vision or cannot hold a book or turn its pages because of a physical disability. Materials are delivered and returned by mail, postage free, and through BARD.



Keep your mind and body in shape with the Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services!

Please call us at 229.248.2680 or 1.800.795.2680 for more information on the Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services.

Holiday Closing

Closed Monday, September 3, 2013 for Labor Day

The Southwest Georgia Regional Library System locations will be closed on **Monday, September 2, 2013** in honor of Labor Day. All locations will re-open regular business hours on **Tuesday, September 3, 2013**. If you need to return library materials during this

time, you can use the convenient drop box located outside of any library location in Decatur, Miller, or Seminole Counties. You can still access library resources while the

library is closed by visiting the virtual branch at

"You can still access library resources while the library is closed by visiting the virtual branch..."

www.swgrl.org, which is open 24 hours per day. At www.swgrl.org, you can search the catalog for available materials, download free music, eBooks, and audiobooks, view recommended reading suggestions, download an application for a library card, and much more!

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

- **Tuesday, September 3:** Spring Creek Grocery, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, September 4:** Wingate's Lodge, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, September 4:** Recovery Community Center, 12—1:30 p.m.

- **Tuesday, September 10:** Iron City Convenience Store, 10—11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, September 11:** Parker Park in Climax, 10:30—11:30 a.m.
- **Monday, September 16:** Selman Place Apartments, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, September 17:** Gibbs Bainbridge

Village Apartments, 9—10 a.m.

- **Tuesday, September 17:** Brogdon's Grocery, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

- **Wednesday, September 25:** Spring Creek Park Resort, 9:15—10:15 a.m.

- **Wednesday, September 25:** 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, September 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 Killing Kennedy by Bill O'Reilly. The First Tuesday Book Club will meet again on **Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at 10 a.m.** at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library. Please call the library at

229.758.3131 for the title of the book that will be discussed at the October meeting.

The First Wednesday Book Club at the Seminole County Public Library will meet on **Wednesday, September 4, 2013 at 10 a.m.** They will discuss the book Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver. The

First Wednesday Book Club will meet again on **Wednesday, October 2,**

2013 at 10 a.m. at the Seminole County Public Library where they will discuss The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat by Edward Kelsey Moore.

The History Book Club will meet at the Seminole County Public Library on **Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 11 a.m.** and will discuss the book King Leopold's Ghost: A Story of Greed, Terror and Heroism in Colonial Africa by Adam Hochschild. The History Book Club will decide their selection for October at the next meeting.

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Your Opinion—It Matters to Us!

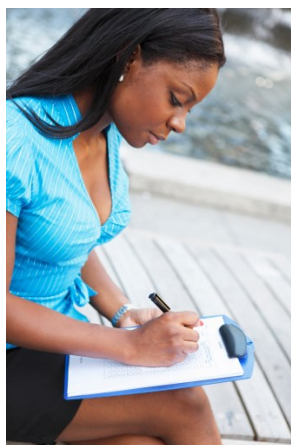
Take our Customer Satisfaction Survey!

Your opinion counts at the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System. Please tell us how we are doing by completing the library's annual Customer Satisfaction Survey. The survey will run through September 20th. Be sure to visit your public library in Decatur, Miller, and Seminole Counties to

tell us what you think. If you cannot make it to any of our physical locations this month, please complete the survey online at www.swgrl.org.

Please let us know if we are meeting your needs, and what services you would like to see the library offer in the future. Many

programs and services have been developed as a result of this survey in years past. Remember, this is your public library and your input counts!



Your opinion matters to the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System!

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 Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Tuesday, September 10 through Thursday, September 12, 2013 at 10 a.m.** Please call 229.248.2665 to place your name on the waiting list. Classes will also be held at the Miller County—James

W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library from **Tuesday, September 24 through Thursday, September 26, 2013 at 10 a.m.** Space is limited; please call 229.758.3131 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 your 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, September 19, 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.** Stories, songs, games, fun, and much more await all who for Toddler Time at the Seminole County Public Library!

Toddler Time resumes 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.



Enjoy Toddler Time for your little ones at the library this month!

Learn Microsoft PowerPoint 2010

Monday, September 23, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library

Slideshows? Presentations? PowerPoint? Have you ever wanted to know how you can create a presentation in Microsoft PowerPoint? Learn the basics of using Microsoft PowerPoint 2010 at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Monday, September 23, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.** Space is limited; please

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

This class will cover the basics of Microsoft PowerPoint 2010, including creating a basic presentation, inserting clip art into a presentation, working with text and bullets, and printing a

presentation.

This class is designed for those who are comfortable with using the mouse and keyboard. A working knowledge of Microsoft Word is preferred before taking this class.

"This class will cover the basics of Microsoft PowerPoint 2010..."

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 September 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 ages 18 and under 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 new Legos and games afternoons.



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

Art on Display

Tuesday, September 3, 2013—Tuesday, September 25, 2013

Be sure to visit the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library during the month of September to view the lovely art on display!

The Decatur County Artists Guild is holding their annual art show at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library this month. There are painters in many media including wood turners, potters,

photographers, mixed media and fabric artists. Make sure you see the beautiful art by these talented artists at the library.

The Decatur County Artists Guild showcases many different types of artwork, including paintings, ceramics, and much more.

Don't forget to visit the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library from **Tuesday, September 3 through Tuesday, September 25, 2013** to view the art on display for yourself!

"There are painters in many media..."

Grandparent's Day Celebration!

Wednesday, September 4, 2013 at 3:30 p.m.

Celebrate Grandparent's Day early at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library! There will be a Grandparent's Day celebration on

**Wednesday,
September 4,
2013 at 3:30**

p.m. at the
Miller

County—James W.
Merritt, Jr.
Memorial Library.

Listen to stories about grandparents and talk about your grandparents as well. We want to know what makes them special. We will also make a fun craft to take home in honor of



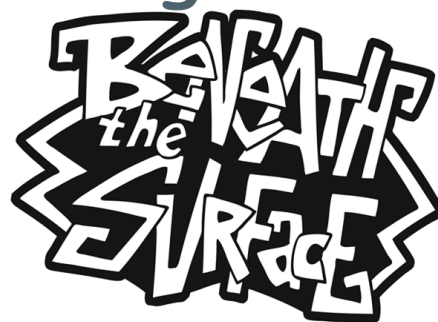
Celebrate Grandparent's Day with crafts and stories at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library!

Grandparent's Day. This program is designed for children ages 4—9. Please call the Miller

County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library at 229.758.3131 for more information on the Grandparent's Day celebration.

Thank you for your support of the
2013 Summer Reading Program!

**Dig Into
READING**

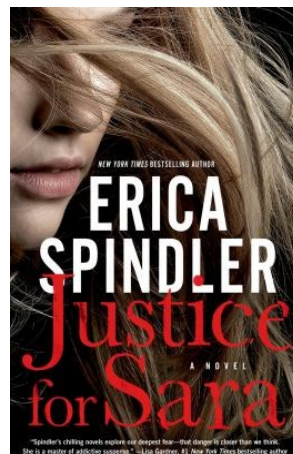
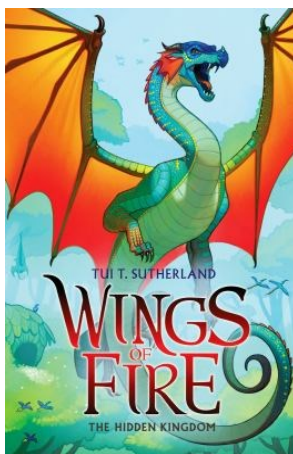
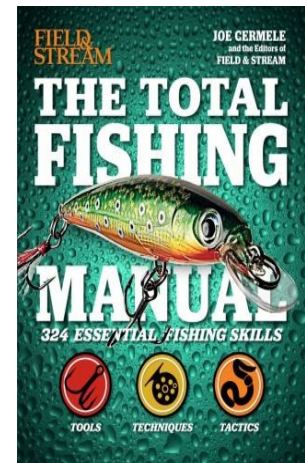
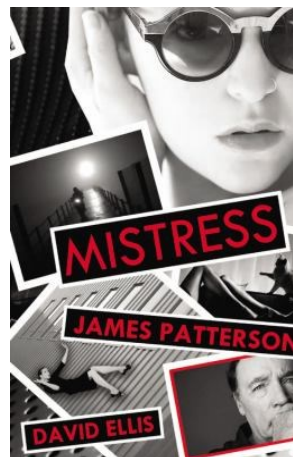
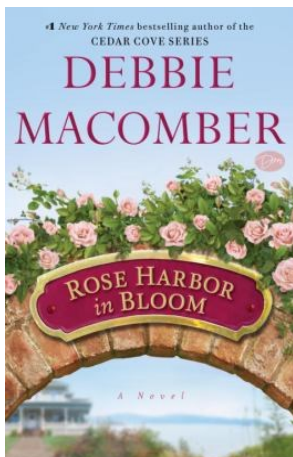
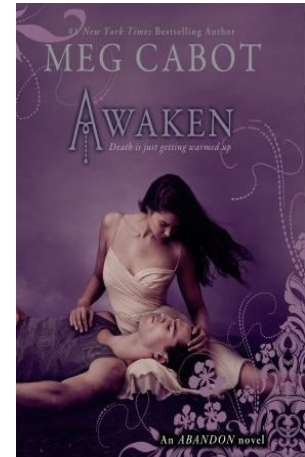
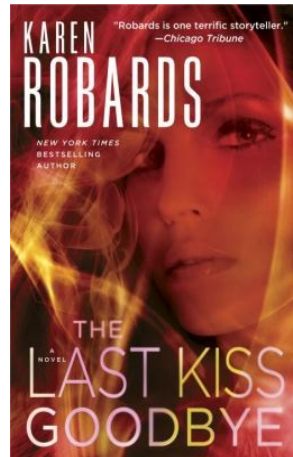
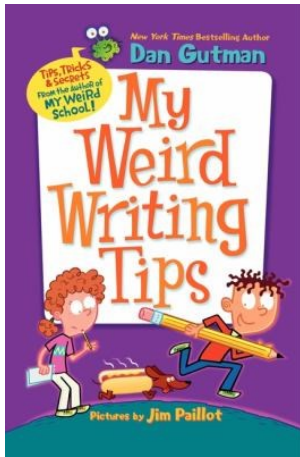


1,010 children and teens registered

1,857 attended summer programs

25,596 books read

New Materials at Your Library!



Schedule of Events

- September 3: **First Tuesday Book Club, 10 a.m. (M)**
- September 3: **Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)**
- September 4: **First Wednesday Book Club, 10 a.m. (S)**
- September 4: **Grandparent's Day Crafts and Stories, 3:30 p.m. (M)**
- September 5: **Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)**
- September 5: **Toddler Time, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. (S)**
- September 5: **Legos and Games, 4 p.m. (D)**
- September 10: **Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)**
- September 10—12: **Introductory Computer Classes, 10 a.m. (D)**
- September 10: **Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)**
- September 12: **Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)**
- September 12: **Toddler Time, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. (S)**
- September 12: **Legos and Games, 4 p.m. (D)**
- September 17: **Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)**
- September 18: **History Book Club, 11 a.m. (S)**
- September 19: **Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)**
- September 19: **Toddler Time, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. (S)**
- September 19: **Toddler Time, 3:30 p.m. (M)**
- September 19: **Legos and Games, 4 p.m. (D)**
- September 23: **Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint, 5:30 p.m. (D)**
- September 24: **Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)**
- September 24—26: **Introductory Computer Classes, 10 a.m. (M)**
- September 26: **Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)**
- September 26: **Toddler Time, 10:30 a.m. and 4 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



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Serving Decatur, Miller, and
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Outstanding October!

Join us on Saturday, October 5, 2013 at the
Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library for
the Teen 48 Hour Film Competition! Write,
shoot, and edit your own movie! Stay tuned to
the October issue of *The SWGRL Spotlight* for
more details!

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Library Locations

Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library
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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

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103 West Fourth Street
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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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