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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:

- Escape from the weather! (Too hot, too cold, too wet!)
- Use the library's computers to check your e-mail or apply for a job online.
- Catch up with daily and/or weekly news.

- Ask for some reading recommendations for all ages from our talented staff.
- Search the online catalog to find new and interesting books, DVDs, audiobooks, and much more!
- Join one of the book clubs in Miller or Seminole Counties and discuss interesting books with others.
- 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.
- Enroll in a computer class and learn to use the Internet, Microsoft Word, and much more.
- Download eBooks and audiobooks for 24/7 access to intriguing reads.
- Check out a free trip to Zoo Atlanta with the Zoo Atlanta family pass at your library.

Valentine's Tea Party

Friday, February 14 at 3:30 p.m.

Join us on **Friday, February 14, 2014 at 3:30 p.m.** at the Seminole County Public Library for the annual Valentine's Tea Party!

Boys and girls ages 3—6 are invited to attend the Valentine's Tea Party at the Seminole County Public Library. Listen to Valentine's Day stories from our talented storyteller Ms. Ralna, make a Valentine's Day themed craft, and dance

to music during the tea party! Yummy treats and refreshments will be provided during the tea party, as well.

Formal dress is requested from all participants.

Space is limited for the event. Please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 to reserve your child's spot. You won't want to miss out on the fun of the annual Valentine's

Tea Party at the Seminole County Public Library!



Join us at the Seminole County Public Library for a Valentine's Tea Party!

Advanced Microsoft Word 2010

Monday, February 10, 2014 at 5:30 p.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 **Monday, February 10, 2014 at 5:30**

p.m. at the Decatur County—Gilbert H.

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

Space is limited; please call the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library at your chance to master

229.248.2665 to reserve your spot today!

A basic knowledge of Microsoft Word is required before enrolling in this class.

“Learn advanced topics in Microsoft Word 2010...”

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

- **Monday, February 3:** Attapulcus Community Center, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, February 4:** Spring Creek Grocery, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, February 5:** Wingate's Lodge, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, February 5:** Recovery Community Center, 12—1:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, February 11:** Iron City Convenience Store, 10—11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, February 12:** Parker Park in Climax, 10:30—11:30 a.m.
- **Monday, February 17:** Selman Place Apartments, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, February 18:** Gibbs Bainbridge Village Apartments, 9—10 a.m.
- **Tuesday, February 18:** Brogdon's Grocery, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, February 26:** Spring Creek Park Resort, 9:15—10:15 a.m.
- **Wednesday, February 26:** 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, February 4, 2014 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 Lottery by Patricia Wood. The First Tuesday Book Club will meet again on **Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 10 a.m.** at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library where the book

Missing Child by Patricia MacDonald.

The First Wednesday Book Club at the Seminole County Public Library will meet on **Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at 10 a.m.** They will discuss the book The Fault in Our Stars by John Green. The First Wednesday Book Club will meet again on

Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at 10 a.m. at the Seminole County Public

Library where they will discuss Pilgrim's Wilderness by Tom Kizzia.

The History Book Club will meet at the Seminole County Public Library on **Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 11 a.m.** and will discuss the book Fidel: A Critical Point by Tad Szulc. The next meeting of the History Book Club will take place on **Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at 11 a.m.** where they will discuss the book Stalin: the Court of the Red Tsar by Simon Sebag Montefiore.

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

We're on Facebook!

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Learn to Use a Computer

In Decatur and Seminole Counties!

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 11 through Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 10 a.m.** Space is limited; please call 229.248.2665 to place your name on the waiting list.

Classes will also be held at the Seminole County Public Library on **Tuesday, February 18 through Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 10 a.m.** Space is limited; please call the library at 229.524.2665 to reserve your spot today.

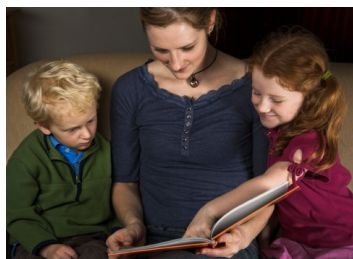
Introductory Computer Classes is a three-day course; attendance is required on all three days of the

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 your public library.

“Do you need to learn how to use a computer?”

Toddler Time And Story Time at Your Library!

Bring your toddler **every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.** for Toddler Time at the Seminole County Public Library! Toddler Time will now be held on Tuesdays instead of Thursdays. **Story Time for Pre-K—2nd is at 4:30 p.m. every Tuesday afternoon.** Join us as storyteller Ms. Ralna presents stories, games, and fun for all during Toddler Time and Story Time. Please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 for more information. Toddler Time



Enjoy storytime for your little ones at the library this month!

continues at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library on the third Thursday of each month, which will be held on

Thursday, February 20, 2014 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 Time! 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 Toddler Time and Story Time programs!

Teen Video Challenge

Videos Due by Friday, February 14 at 4 p.m.

The teen summer reading program theme for 2014 is “Spark a Reaction”. This year, we will be competing with libraries throughout the state of Georgia for the best video to promote the summer reading program. The state winner will then compete with other state winners for the best video in the country. Teens are invited to create a 30 to 90 second video with their unique interpretation of the 2014 teen slogan “Spark a Reaction”, in combination with reading

and libraries. The idea is to involve teens in summer reading, before and during the summer months, by being part of the process. This is an opportunity for teens to showcase their creativity and have their ideas heard before statewide and national audiences. Shoot your movie at the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System and enter it in the contest.

“This is an opportunity for teens to showcase their creativity...”

All videos are due to the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library by **Friday, February 14, 2014 at 4 p.m.** State and national winners will win a cash prize from the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP). Please call the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library at 229.248.2665 for more information on the teen video challenge.

Trash or Treasure?

Bring old phone books, yearbooks, and photos to your library!

When you are cleaning house next, be on the lookout for treasure! Genealogists will love you forever if you decide to bring those ancient phone books, yearbooks, or old photos of the community to the public library for the genealogy collection.

Yes, those old things may have lasting value to



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the generations to come, but the only way the library will have them is if you bring them in to the library

where they can be properly assessed, cataloged, and housed safely. So next time you have to do deep cleaning and find old community records, books, or photos, consider donating them to the local

library for future generations to enjoy as they study their family and community histories!

You can bring these items to any of the libraries in Decatur, Miller, or Seminole Counties. During your next visit to the library, be sure to explore the genealogy rooms and view all of the resources available to the community, and see how your donation of old phone books, yearbooks, and community photos can enhance the library's collection.

Barbie Visits the Library!

Did you grow up with Barbie dolls? Many girls grew up playing with and collecting Barbie dolls over the years.

Barbie Dolls are now visiting the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library, and the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library. Carefully selected over several

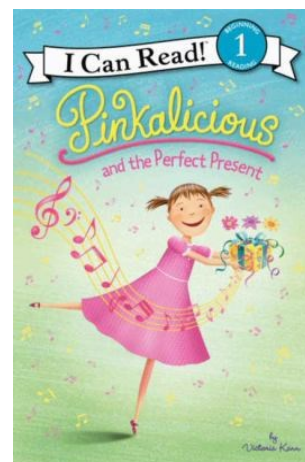
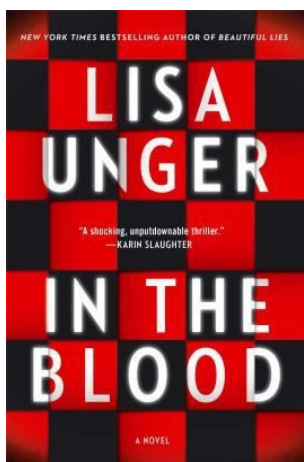
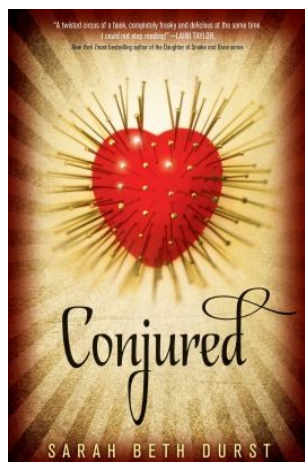
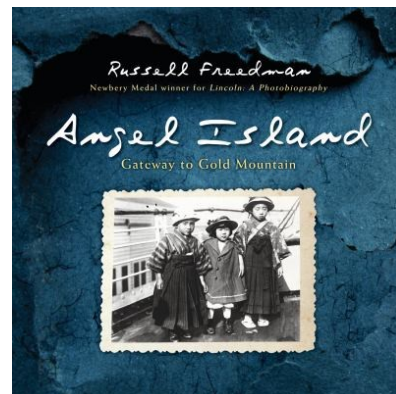
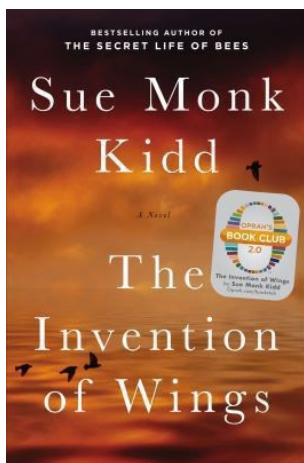
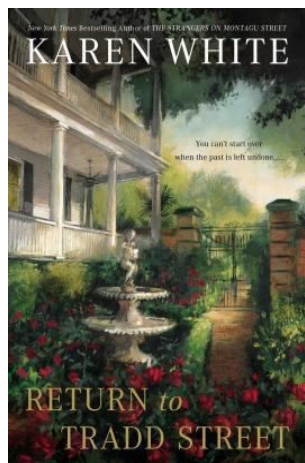
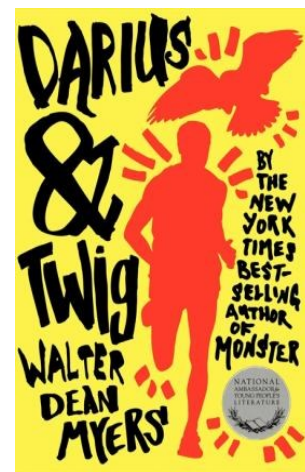
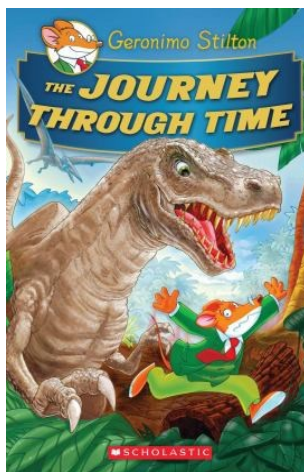
decades, these collections display the opulence of costumes and styles Barbie Dolls have sported over the years.

Please come and see these exotic Barbies loaned by Ms. Becky Braswell now through the end of February at the Decatur County—Gilbert

H. Gragg Library located at 301 S. Monroe St., in Bainbridge and the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library, located at 259 E. Main Street in Colquitt.

“Barbie dolls are now visiting the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library and the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library”

New Materials at Your Library!



Schedule of Events

- February 4: **First Tuesday Book Club, 10 a.m. (M)**
- February 4: **Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)**
- February 4: **Toddler Time, 10:30 a.m. and Story Time 4 p.m. (S)**
- February 5: **First Wednesday Book Club, 10 a.m. (S)**
- February 6: **Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)**
- February 10: **Advanced Microsoft Word 2010, 5:30 p.m. (D)**
- February 11—13: **Introductory Computer Classes, 10 a.m. (D)**
- February 11: **Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)**
- February 11: **Toddler Time, 10:30 a.m. and Story Time 4 p.m. (S)**
- February 11: **Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Foundation Board of Trustees meeting, 5 p.m. (D)**
- February 13: **Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)**
- February 14: **Valentine's Tea Party, 3:30 p.m. (S)**
- February 18—20: **Introductory Computer Classes, 10 a.m. (S)**
- February 18: **Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)**
- February 18: **Toddler Time, 10:30 a.m. and Story Time 4 p.m. (S)**
- February 19: **History Book Club, 11 a.m. (S)**
- February 19: **Autism Awareness Parents Group Meeting, 12 p.m. (D)**
- February 20: **Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)**
- February 20: **Toddler Time, 3:30 p.m. (M)**
- February 25: **Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)**
- February 25: **Toddler Time, 10:30 a.m. and Story Time 4 p.m. (S)**
- February 27: **Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)**

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

