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Free Passes

To Puppets and Parks!

Everyone knows that libraries give patrons free access to the Internet, books, music, and movies, but how about activities such as a visit to the Center for Puppetry Arts in Atlanta, or free passes to get into any state park? Both of these are available through the library.

The "Passport to Puppetry" is valid for up to four free museum admissions, a potential savings of up to \$33 per family. Parties with children must include at least one adult. The museum provides educational fun with more than 350 puppets from around the world, highlighting the fact that every civilization on our planet has its own unique form of puppetry tradition. The museum at the Center

for Puppetry Arts is open Tuesdays through Sundays with hours varying upon day and programming. In addition to four free admissions, the "Passport to Puppetry" also entitles library patrons to attend a performance at the Center and/or participate in a Create-a-Puppet Workshop at a 25% discount, when space is available. Complete details, including valid dates, show times, hours of operation, and reservation information are available online at www.puppet.org.

Locally, you may visit State parks and historic sites by borrowing a free pass to these sites from the library. Georgians with public library cards can borrow a Georgia

State Park "Park Pass" and Historic Site Pass from their local libraries. The passes are good for free parking or admission at any of the 63 parks and historic sites statewide. Passes are checked out like a library book, usually for up to 5 days. The Park Pass exempts you from paying the daily \$5 parking fee at state parks, and the Historic Sites Family Pass exempts up to 4 visitors from admission fees to any state historic site in the state. A copy of the Guide to Georgia State Parks & Historic Sites featuring site descriptions, photos, directions and a map of all locations is also included. So while you are making plans for Spring Break or summer vacation, include a visit to the library to check out these two valuable resources!

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Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library
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Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library
259 E. Main Street
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Legos and Games

Thursdays from 4–6 p.m.

Don't forget to join us **every Thursday in March from 4–6 p.m.** at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library for Legos and Games! Play board games and build some fantastic creations with the library's Lego collection!

We play all types of board games from classic to modern board games. There are also 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 board 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.



Play Legos and board games every Thursday from 4–6 p.m. at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library!

Introduction to Microsoft Power Point 2010

Monday, March 17, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

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, March 17, 2014 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

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.

"Have you ever wanted to know how you can create a presentation..."

your chance to master

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, March 3:**
Attapulugus Community Center, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, March 4:**
Spring Creek Grocery, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, March 5:**
Wingate's Lodge, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, March 5:**
Recovery Community Center, 12—1:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, March 11:**
Iron City Convenience Store, 10—11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, March 12:**
Parker Park in Climax, 10:30—11:30 a.m.
- **Monday, March 17:**
Selman Place Apartments, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, March 18:**
Gibbs Bainbridge Village Apartments, 9—10 a.m.

- **Tuesday, March 18:**
Brogdon's Grocery, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, March 26:**
Spring Creek Park Resort, 9:15—10:15 a.m.
- **Wednesday, March 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, March 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 Missing Child by Patricia MacDonald. This is a heart-pounding domestic suspense novel that you will not want to miss. The First Tuesday Book Club will meet again on **Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at 10 a.m.** at

the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library where the book Sarah's Key by Tatiana de Rosnay.

The First Wednesday Book Club at the Seminole County Public Library will meet on **Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at 10 a.m.** They will discuss the

book Pilgrim's Wilderness by Tom Kizzia. This is a true story of a modern day

family in the deepest reaches of the Alaskan wilderness. The First Wednesday Book Club will meet again on

Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at 10 a.m. at the Seminole County Public Library where they will discuss Pilgrim's Wilderness by Tom Kizzia.

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

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

Money Matters

For Visually Impaired Individuals

All consumers need to understand the economy and personal finance, but it's particularly important for people who are visually impaired, according to Thomas Galante, a vice president at the Bank of New York Mellon Corporation.

"People sometimes say to me, 'I'm not working—why do I need to know about personal finance?' It's in everybody's interest to understand personal finance," Galante says. "It's even more important for people who have fewer resources."



Stay financially fit with the Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services!

Galante is a registered user of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS).

"One way the NLS program has helped me is by providing popular business books—the self-help books, the management books," Galante says. "These are books my peers are reading, so it helps just in terms of being conversant with colleagues."

Ardis Bazyn, an inspirational speaker and business coach, is also an NLS user. "I believe it is very important for blind individuals to read as much as possible in order to compete in this

global economy," she says.

The Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services provides materials on personal finance including First Apartment Smarts: Get Smart with Your Money by Ann Byers and Clark Howard's Living Large in Lean Times by Clark Howard. Other titles are available for download through the library's Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) such as The Total Money Makeover by Dave Ramsey and The Cheapskate Next Door by Jeff Yeager. Please call the Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services at 229.248.2680 or 1.800.795.2680 for more information on how blind and physically handicapped individuals can be financially fit.

Learn to Use a Computer

In Decatur and Miller 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 Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library on **Tuesday, March 11 through Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 10 a.m.** Space is limited; please call the library at 229.758.3131 to reserve your spot today.

Classes will also be held at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Tuesday, March 18 through Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 10 a.m.** Space is limited; please call the library at 229.524.2665 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.

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

Toddler Time at Your Library!

Fun for your little ones!

Bring your toddler **every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.**

for Toddler Time at the Seminole County Public Library! Join us as storyteller Ms. Ralna presents stories, games, and fun for all during Toddler Time! We will also have Story Time **every Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.**

This fun program features stories, games, and crafts for children from Pre-K through 2nd grade. Please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 for more information.

Toddler Time continues at the



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

Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library on the third Thursday of each month, which will be held on **Thursday, March 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 with Ms. Debbie. Your child will develop a love of reading and the library with stories, 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 programs!

Tax Time!

Get your taxes done with assistance from your public library!

Tax time is here again. Don't dread this time of year; the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System is here to help you with completing your taxes this year! Stop by any library location in Decatur, Miller, or Seminole Counties to pick up Federal tax forms and booklets to help you get your taxes done. Or, you can use a computer for your tax help. Simply check out a computer with your PINES library

card and visit www.irs.gov. They have links to print tax forms and instructions the library may not have. Printing is in black and white only and costs 25 cents per page to print. On the IRS website, you can also find links to file your taxes online through IRS authorized e-file providers. These provid-

ers will help you file your taxes online.

If you don't have time to visit the library, visit our tax page at www.swgrl.org/taxes.php for information and resources on State taxes. Don't stress about tax time; your Southwest

Georgia Regional Library System is here to help you make tax time stress free!

"Pick up federal and state tax forms..."

Garden Planning

Look forward to spring with reading about planning your garden!

In the dark dead of winter when the ground is still cold, planning for spring and the warm gardens to come are going on all around the county. Part of dreaming about what might be is seeing about how to do things, knowing what needs to be done, and planning on doing them. Reading about gardening is an excellent way to make plans for a beautiful spring and summer garden. Go to the library to find excellent free resources! From lawn and garden to vegetable patch and beyond, books are available free for perusal and check out. Look for great books like Gardening with Native Plants of the South, by Sally Wasowski. In it you will learn how to design wonderful gardens with hardy local plants. Or try Garden Bulbs for the South by Scott Ogden who imparts tried and true knowledge about selecting the just the bulbs you need in your southern garden. Right Rose Right Place by Peter Schneider will teach you where to plant so that your roses will thrive year after year. Are you hankering after some home grown tomatoes but

you don't have a lot of space? Look no further than Edward C. Smith's Incredible Vegetables from Self-Watering Containers.

Another book to check out or browse for is The Complete Guide to Lower South Gardening: a Beginners Guide to Growing Landscape Plants, Flowers & Vegetables in Louisiana, Florida, Southern Mississippi, Southern Alabama, Southern Arkansas, Southern Georgia, Eastern Texas, Coastal South Carolina & Coastal North Carolina by Lynn Steiner. In it you will find the correct plants and gardening techniques for our climate. Or try Don Hastings' Month to Month Gardening in the South: What to do and When to do it. In it he gives you your time line of what to do, and more importantly, why, so you will successfully grow the right plants for our area.

What if you don't have a lot of room or time to dig a big garden? Don't give up on harvesting juicy tomatoes

next summer. Try a container garden after reading Movable Harvests: Fruits, Vegetables, Berries: the Simplicity & Bounty of Container Gardens by Chuck Crandall. Try these and 247 more at The Miller County – James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library.

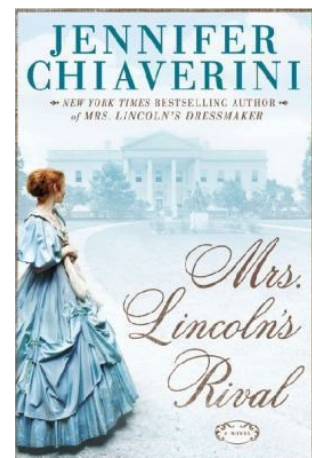
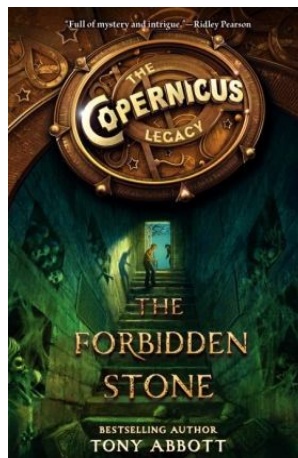
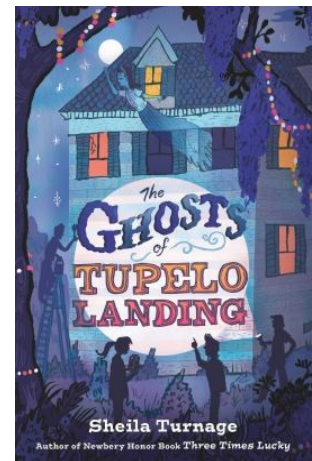
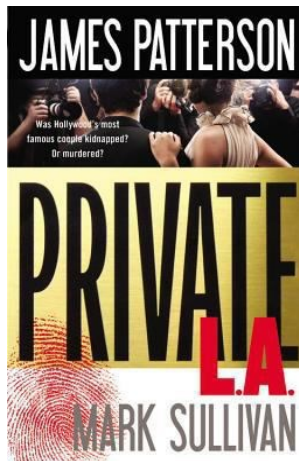
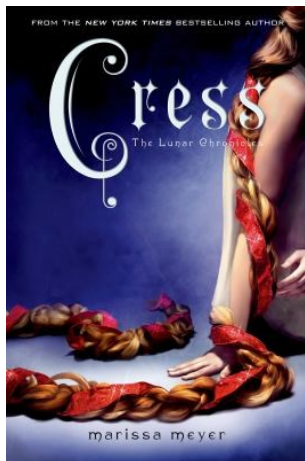
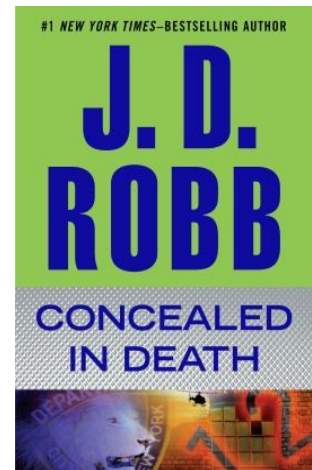
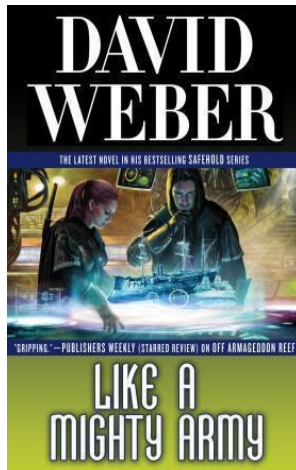
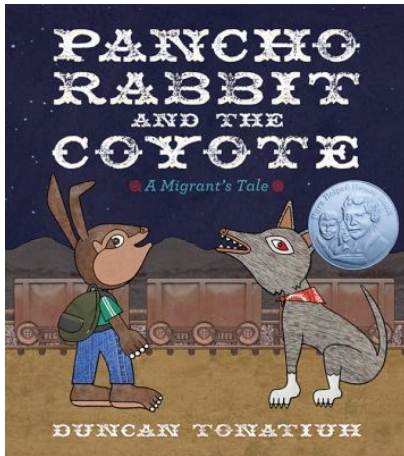
Another book on local gardening is The Peachtree Garden Book: Gardening in the Southeast edited by Olive Robinson from The Peachtree Gardening Club in Atlanta.

These books and many more are available at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library, the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library, and the Seminole County Public Library. Visit any of these libraries to peruse and check out these materials, or search online for more gardening materials in our online catalog at www.swgrl.org.



Plan your garden with assistance from the library!

New Materials at Your Library!



Schedule of Events

- March 4: **First Tuesday Book Club, 10 a.m. (M)**
- March 4: **Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)**
- March 4: **Toddler Time, 10:30 a.m. (S)**
- March 4: **Storytime, 4:30 p.m. (S)**
- March 5: **First Wednesday Book Club, 10 a.m. (S)**
- March 6: **Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)**
- March 6: **Legos and Games, 4—6 p.m. (D)**
- March 11—13: **Introductory Computer Classes, 10 a.m. (M)**
- March 11: **Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)**
- March 11: **Toddler Time, 10:30 a.m. (S)**
- March 11: **Storytime, 4:30 p.m. (S)**
- March 13: **Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)**
- March 13: **Legos and Games, 4—6 p.m. (D)**
- March 17: **Introduction to Microsoft Power Point 2010, 5:30 p.m. (D)**
- March 18—20: **Introductory Computer Classes, 10 a.m. (D)**
- March 18: **Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)**
- March 18: **Toddler Time, 10:30 a.m. (S)**
- March 18: **Storytime, 4:30 p.m. (S)**
- March 18: **Scribblers Sociey, 4 p.m. (D)**
- March 20: **Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)**
- March 20: **Toddler Time, 3:30 p.m. (M)**
- March 20: **Legos and Games, 4—6 p.m. (D)**
- March 25: **Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)**
- March 25: **Toddler Time, 10:30 a.m. (S)**
- March 25: **Storytime, 4:30 p.m. (S)**
- March 27: **Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)**
- March 27: **Legos and Games, 4—6 p.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



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Library Locations

Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library
301 S. Monroe Street
Bainbridge, Georgia 39819
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

Seminole County Public Library
103 West Fourth Street
Donalsonville, Georgia 39845
229.524.2665

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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