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## Back to School

Your Library is Here to Help!

Another summer has passed, and it is once again time for teachers, homework, and tests—that's right, it's time for SCHOOL! Don't worry though, the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System has everything you need to help you succeed in school this year. The library has a wide variety of materials to choose from, including Manners in the Lunchroom by

Amanda Tourville and Beat Stress!: The Exam Handbook by Anita Naik. While you're here, browse for helpful titles in our DVD collection including How to Do Homework Without Throwing Up and Safety Smart Science with Bill Nye the Science Guy: Electricity. Can't make it to the library during business hours? Reserve materials online by visiting

[www.gapines.org](http://www.gapines.org). When they are ready, we will call or e-mail you! Your Southwest Georgia Regional Library System is prepared to help you make this your best school year yet!



*Make this school year the best yet by using your library!*

## SOUTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM

### HEADQUARTERS

Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library  
301 S. Monroe Street  
Bainbridge, Georgia 39819  
229.248.2665

Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library  
259 E. Main Street  
Colquitt, Georgia 39837  
229.758.3131

Seminole County Public Library  
103 W. Fourth Street  
Donalsonville, Georgia 39845  
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## 25 Books All Georgians Should Read

Georgia Center for the Book Releases 2010 List

The Georgia Center for the Book has released its 2010 List of "25 Books All Georgians Should Read". The list, released once every two years, contains a list of 25 books ranging from poetry to memoirs to even cookbooks. All of the books on this list are written by Georgia authors.

One of the books on the list is Snakeskin Road by James Brazier, which depicts future desperate

inhabitants of a grim landscape of the Southeastern United States devastated by catastrophic climatic changes.

Another one of these fantastic books is Heart of a Patriot: How I Survived Vietnam, Walter Reed, and Karl Rowe by Max Cleland. This is Cleland's third book, and it details his remarkable journey from small-town Georgia to Vietnam to a U.S. Senate seat.

Thanks to the Virginia Lee Rozier Georgia Author Collection through the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Foundation, the titles on this list are available at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library. To view the complete list of 25 Books All Georgians Should Read, please visit [www.georgiacenterforthebook.org/Read-Georgia-Books/](http://www.georgiacenterforthebook.org/Read-Georgia-Books/).

# Learn to Use a Computer!

## Introductory Computer Classes Return This Month!

Are you or someone you know just learning how to use a computer, but not sure where to start? Start at the library by signing up for Introductory Computer Classes. This free three-day course covers topics including how to use the mouse and keyboard, Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007, and Introduction to



*Learn how to use a computer at the library this month!*

the Internet and E-mail. These classes are designed for those with little to no computer experience.

Classes will be held **Tuesday, August 3—Thursday, August 5, 2010 at 10 a.m.** at the Seminole County Public Library and on **Tuesday,**

**August 10—Thursday, August 12, 2010 at 10 a.m.** at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library.

Please call **229.524.2665** to sign up for the classes at the Seminole County Public Library, or call **229.248.2665** to sign up for classes at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library.

## Book Clubs

In Miller and Seminole Counties!

Have you heard about the book clubs at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library and at the Seminole County Public Library? This is your chance to meet new people and discuss interesting books with others.

The First Tuesday Book Club at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library will not meet in August,

but will hold its next meeting on **Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 10 a.m.** They will discuss the book Dragon House by John Shors. This novel, set in modern-day Vietnam, tells the tale of two Americans who, as a way of healing their own painful pasts,

open a center to house and educate Vietnamese street children.

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The First Wednesday Book Club will meet on **Wednesday, August 5, 2010 at 10 a.m.** at the Seminole County Public Library. They will discuss the book The Last Child by Joan Hart. Don't miss the following meeting on **Wednesday, September 1, 2010 at 10 a.m.,** as they discuss Harper Lee's classic novel, To Kill a Mockingbird.

# Here Comes the Bookmobile!

The Bookmobile will visit a stop near you this month!

Don't miss the Bookmobile when it comes to a stop near you! Visit Mr. Max or Mr. Terry on the Bookmobile to get your hands on some of the latest books, DVDs, and more!

- **Monday, August 2:** Attapulcus Community Center, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, August 3:** Spring Creek Grocery, 10—11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, August 4:** Wingate's Lodge, 10—11:30 a.m.

- **Wednesday, August 4:** Recovery Community Center, 12—1:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, August 10:** Iron City Convenience Store, 10—11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, August 11:** Parker Park in Climax, 10:30—11:30 a.m.
- **Monday, August 16:** Selman Place Apartments, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, August 17:**

Brogdon's Grocery, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

- **Wednesday, August 25:** Spring Creek Park Resort, 9:15—10 a.m.
- **Wednesday, August 25:** Parkside Mini Mart, 10:15—11 a.m.



Don't miss the Bookmobile at a stop near you!

Come visit the Bookmobile and see what you've been missing!

## What's Available?

Find talking books available at the Bainbridge Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

How do you know which talking books are available at the Bainbridge Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped? You can call the Subregional Library at 229.248.2680 or 1.800.795.2680 to find out what is available, or you can search for available materials online! Simply direct your browser to [www.klas.com/glass](http://www.klas.com/glass) to find

materials that you are searching for. You can search by title, author, or subject. You can also find out if them item is available in either cassette or digital book formats.

Once you find the materials you are searching for, just call the Bainbridge Subregional

Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped to request that they mail them to you, or request them yourself online with a password provided by the Bainbridge Subregional Library for the

Blind and Physically Handicapped.

“Simply direct your browser to [www.klas.com/glass](http://www.klas.com/glass) to find materials...”

## Have You Met?

### Cathy Chestnut at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library!

Have you met Cathy Chestnut at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library? Cathy is a Library Assistant who works at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library. She has been employed at the library for nine years. She is a native of Bainbridge and a graduate of Bainbridge High School. She lived in Quincy, Florida for five years with her husband before moving back to Bainbridge. While in Quincy, Cathy attended Vocational Technical school, where she received a certificate as a clerk typist. Cathy really

enjoys working at the library; her favorite parts are meeting new people and working with sending books across the state of Georgia through the PINES system.

When Cathy is not working, she enjoys reading, shopping, decorating her home, and spending time with her family. She has been married for 21 years and has two children,

Avery (age 17) and Autumn (age 14).

Cathy also enjoys her new “baby”, Gizmo. Gizmo is a 14 month old Pug.

One of Cathy’s most memorable experiences is that she traveled to Paris, France and Germany in 2000 with her family.



Meet Cathy Chestnut at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library today!

Stop by the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library and meet Cathy Chestnut today!

## Become a Friend!

### Join the Friends of the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library!

Love the library? Become our Friend! Join the Friends of the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library today! The Friends of the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library supports the library through their assistance with events, donations, and stimulating interest in the library. In the past, the Friends have

assisted with the Teddy Bear Picnic, the Vacation Reading Program, Breakfast with Santa, and numerous special events. To become a Friend, you will need to

fill out the membership form either by visiting the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library in person, or by downloading one online at [www.swgrl.org/decatour\\_friends.php](http://www.swgrl.org/decatour_friends.php). Membership benefits can be yours for as little as \$1.00!



Join the Friends of the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library today!

## Attention: Teachers

Let the library help make your life easier this school year!

Hey, teachers! The Southwest Georgia Regional Library System is jam-packed with resources to make your life easier this school year. For example, the library has several great books to help with classroom planning, including [101 Great Classroom Games](#) by Alexis Ludewig and Amy Swan, Ph.D., and [Blogs, Wikis, Podcasts, and Other Powerful Web Tools for Classrooms](#) by Will Richardson. Also, the library has several editions of [The Mailbox](#), which contain many classroom ideas in language

arts, math, science, social studies, arts and crafts, and classroom displays. These books are available in several levels, including Kindergarten, Grades 2—3, and Intermediate.

Do you have a homework assignment or research project that requires students to use materials from the library? Visit our Homework Alert section on our

website at [www.swgrl.org/homework\\_alert.php](http://www.swgrl.org/homework_alert.php). Simply fill out the online form with the assignment details, and we will be able to gather materials from our library and others around the state. This way, the materials will be easily accessible for your students.



*The Southwest Georgia Regional Library System can make a teacher's life easier this year!*

Take advantage of the library's resources to help teachers so you can help your students succeed this school year!

## Fun for Toddlers!

Toddler Tales and Toddler Storytime Returns to the Library!

Join us for the return of Toddler Tales at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library starting **Tuesday, August 24, 2010 at 10 a.m.**

Your child will have a blast with storytellers Ms. Debbie and Ms. Taryn with stories, songs, crafts, and more! Toddler

Tales will be held every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. Please call the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library at 229.248.2665 for more information.

**"Join storyteller Ms. Ralna starting Thursday, August 5, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m."**

Toddler Storytime also returns to the Seminole County Public

Library this month! Join storyteller Ms. Ralna starting **Thursday, August 5, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.** for stories, fun, and much more!

Toddler Storytime will be held every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 for more information.

# Schedule of Events

- August 3—5: **Introductory Computer Classes, 10 a.m.**
- August 4: **First Wednesday Book Club, 10 a.m.**
- August 5: **Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.**
- August 5: **Bumper Sticker Craft, 4 p.m.**
- August 10: **Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Foundation Board Meeting, 5 p.m.**
- August 10—12: **Introductory Computer Classes, 10 a.m.**
- August 12: **Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.**
- August 19: **Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.**
- August 24: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- August 26: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- August 26: **Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.**
- August 31: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**

Color code: Purple=Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library    Red=Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library    Green=Seminole County Public Library

