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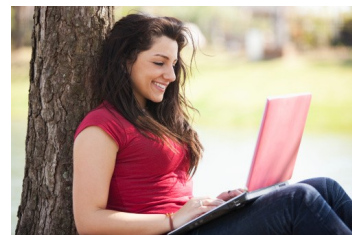
New Pages

Check out the newest additions to the library's website!

Have you visited the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System's website lately? Direct your browser to www.swgri.org, where you will find several new pages! If you or someone you know is planning on going to college, point them to our new Going to College page at www.swgri.org/college.php. You will find information about choosing a college and a career, financial aid information, and even links to rate your professor and purchase used textbooks. The new tax page, at www.swgri.org/taxes.php, lists where you can

download and print federal, state of Georgia, and other tax forms for all states. Also, you can find information on the free tax assistance program at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library, sponsored by the Decatur County Family Connections Collaborative. More information about that program is provided on page 6. If you are looking to increase your technology skills, stop by the library's new computer class page at www.swgri.org/computer_classes.php. You will find information on all of the computer classes being offered by the library,

including Introductory Computer Classes, Introduction to Microsoft Excel, Google Picasa and much more! Are you looking for information on e-books? Direct your browser to www.swgri.org/ebooks.php, where you will find information on where you can download e-books for free!



Discover all of the new pages at www.swgri.org!

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HEADQUARTERS

Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library
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Bainbridge, Georgia 39819
229.248.2665

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

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Love Your Library

Why do you love your library?

February was Library Lovers' Month! Don't forget to visit our Library Lovers page at www.swgri.org/librarylovers.php and read 101 Reasons to Love Your Public Library. During February, many people told us why they love their library. Some of

the reasons why you love your library are:

- "I love to come and read, it's so nice and peaceful."
- "Because it has a wide variety of books and movies. And, I just love it so much!"
- "The computers"
- "Love the great books and staffs! Thank you!"
- "I love the library because the people are helpful and knowledgeable which is a great combo."
- "Friendly people and good kids programs"

Shamrock Splash

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at your library!

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System in March by attending "Shamrock Splash" at your library! This program will be held at the Seminole County Public Library on **Thursday, March 3, 2011 at 4 p.m.** During this program, we will read St. Patrick's Day stories, such as Too Many Leprechauns by Stephen Krensky.

If you miss that program, join us at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg

Library on **Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at 3:30 p.m.** for a great time. Not only will we read stories, but we will play fun St. Patrick's Day games including one called "Where's Your Shamrock, Leprechaun?", and we will make a St. Patrick's Day-themed craft.

Or, join us at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library on **Thursday,**

March 17, 2011 at 4 p.m. for more fun with shamrocks, leprechauns, pots o' gold, and all things St. Patrick's Day.

Remember to wear your green on these days and prepare to have a blast at Shamrock Splash! This program is designed for children ages 5—10.

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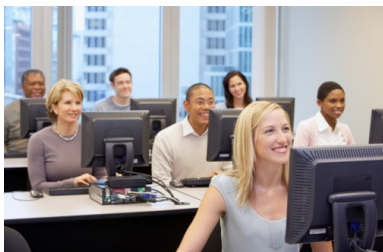
Learn Power Point!

Create a presentation, work with graphics, and more with Microsoft Power Point at the library this month!

Slideshows? Presentations? Power Point? Have you ever wanted to know how you can create a presentation in Microsoft Power Point? Learn the basics of using Microsoft Power Point 2007 at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library on **Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 10 a.m.** Space is limited; please call the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial

Library at 229.758.3131 to reserve your spot.

If you miss that class, you can learn Microsoft Power Point 2007 at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Monday, March 28, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.**



Learn to create a dazzling presentation with Microsoft Power Point 2007!

This class will cover the basics of Microsoft PowerPoint 2007, 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.

Space is limited; please call the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library at 229.248.2665 to sign up for this class.

Bookmobile Schedule

Visit the Bookmobile at a stop near you!

The Bookmobile contains books, DVDs, and more that travel to a stop near you! Visit Mr. Max or Mr. Terry on the Bookmobile to get your hands on these materials at a stop near you:

- **Tuesday, March 1:** Spring Creek Grocery, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, March 2:** Wingate’s Lodge, 10—11:30 a.m.



Visit the Bookmobile for the latest and greatest books, DVDs, and more!

- **Wednesday, March 2:** Recovery Community Center, 12—1:30 p.m.
- **Monday, March 7:** Attapulgus Community Center, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, March 8:** Iron City Convenience Store, 10—11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, March 9:** Parker Park in Climax, 10:30—11:30 a.m.

- **Tuesday, March 15:** Brogdon’s Grocery, 11:30 a.m.
- **Monday, March 21:** Selman Place Apartments, 10—11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, March 23:** Spring Creek Park Resort, 9:15—10:15 a.m.
- **Wednesday, March 23:** Parkside Mini Mart, 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Visit the Bookmobile as it travels to a stop near you!

Book Clubs

Discuss interesting reading with interesting people!

If you want to participate in some insightful discussion with others, then the library’s book clubs are the place to be. Join us on **Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 10 a.m.** at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library for the First Tuesday Book Club! We will be discussing the book The Sweet By and By by Todd Johnson. The next meeting of the First Tuesday

Book Club will be held on **Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at 10 a.m.** Please call the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library at 229.758.3131 for the title of the book that will be discussed at the next meeting.

Also, don’t forget to join us on **Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at 10 a.m.** at the Seminole County Public Library for

the First Wednesday Book Club. This month, we will discuss the book Back When We Were Grownups by Anne Tyler. If you miss this discussion, don’t forget to join in on the next meeting of the First Wednesday Book Club on **Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 10 a.m.** where the book Rich Boy by Sharon Pomerantz will be discussed. Please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 for more information on the First Wednesday Book Club.

“Don’t forget to join in on the next meeting of the First Wednesday Book Club...”

The World of Google

Learn all about Google Docs, Google Calendar, and more!

Have you ever used Google and wondered why you didn't find the results you were hoping for? Or, have you thought about exploring some of Google's services, but weren't sure exactly how? Join us at the Seminole County Public Library on **Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 10 a.m.** for The World of Google! Learn how to search Google and get the right results every time you search. Google is not just a search engine. During this class, attendees will discover some of Google's extra features. Find out

how to share a document with family, friends, and co-workers using Google Docs. Use Google Calendar to keep up with your schedule, including appointments, special events, and meetings/classes. In addition, learn how to edit and organize your photos with Google Picasa. Space is limited; please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 to reserve your spot.

Are you a teacher and are

interested in learning about all things Google? Join us at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Saturday, March 19, 2011 at 10 a.m.**, where The World of Google will be presented specifically for teachers. Please call the library at 229.248.2665 to reserve your spot today!



Are you a teacher? Learn about the world of Google at the library!

A basic knowledge of Microsoft Word is required before taking this course.

Just for Toddlers

Storytime fun for your little ones!

Are you looking for a way for your toddler to interact with other children? Well bring your child to the library to have loads of fun, designed just for toddlers! Toddler Tales will be held at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library **every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m.** Storytellers Ms. Debbie and Ms. Taryn tell stories, sing songs, play games, make crafts, and more with your children. Please call the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library at

229.248.2665 for more information on Toddler Tales. Don't forget about Toddler Time at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library. The next session will be held on **Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 3:30 p.m.** This is held on the third Thursday of each month at 3:30 p.m.

Prepare to have loads of fun with storyteller Ms. Taryn with stories, songs, crafts, and more.

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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 Seminole County Public Library **every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.** for Toddler Storytime with storyteller Ms. Ralna. Enjoy stories, games, crafts, and more fun during Toddler Storytime! Please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 for more information.

Got Game?

Celebrate Teen Tech Week at your library!

Local teens will be tuning in as the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System celebrates the fourth annual Teen Tech Week March 6—12, 2011. They join thousands of other libraries and schools across the country who are celebrating this year's theme, "Mix & Mash @ Your Library".

Teen Tech Week is a national initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association

"Don't miss your chance to play a mixture of video games..."

aimed at teens, their parents, educators and other concerned adults. Celebrate Teen Tech Week at the library by playing a variety of games on the Nintendo Wii and the PlayStation 2. Join us at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 3:30**

p.m. Play an assortment of video games on the Nintendo Wii and PlayStation 2 on

Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 4 p.m. at the Seminole County Public Library. Don't miss your chance to play a mixture of video games at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library on **Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 3:30 p.m.**

Teen Tech Week is held annually the second week of March. For more information on the national initiative, please visit <http://www.ala.org/teentechweek>.

Culinary Demo

Culinary Demonstration and Financial Aid Workshop Presented by Keiser University!

Join us at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Saturday, March 19, 2011 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.** for a special financial aid workshop and culinary demonstration! Are you interested in going to college, but not sure how to pay for it? Meet Kelly Harrison, Keiser University's Director of Finance, as he answers all of your financial aid questions. He will discuss

different types of ways to pay for college, including grants, loans, and scholarships. This workshop is for you if you are interested in going to college, or have a family member preparing to enter college. While you're here, learn from Keiser University's

Culinary team! This team of students will show attendees how to make delicious dishes at home.

Samples of each dish will be provided. You do not need to attend the financial aid workshop in order to participate in the culinary demonstration. Please call the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library at 229.248.2665 for more information.



Learn to make delicious dishes from the culinary students at Keiser University!

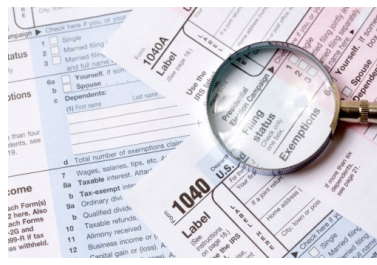
Need Tax Help?

Visit the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library for help filing your taxes!

Tax time is here again! Don't stress over preparing your taxes this year—the library can help! Visit the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library **every Thursday from 12 p.m. until 3 p.m. and on Saturday, March 5, 2011 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.** to receive help on preparing your taxes, sponsored by the Decatur County Family Connections and the Decatur County—Gilbert

H. Gragg Library. Volunteers are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Appointments will not be accepted. IRS trained volunteers will provide free tax preparation and e-file for families and individuals. This is designed for those with incomes less than \$49,000 per year. To receive the free tax

preparation and e-file, please bring the following documents with you: All W-2s and 1099s (if any), Social Security Cards or Taxpayer Identification (ITIN) for all family members, a copy of your 2009 tax return (if available), a bank account and routing number (if choosing to direct deposit your refund), and a valid photo identification.



Don't stress about taxes! The library can help!

Time to Play Ball!

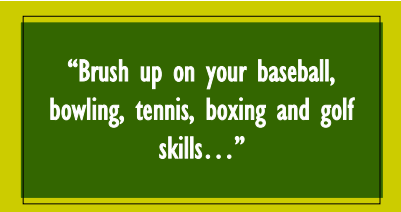
At the Seminole County Public Library on Wednesday, March 9 at 2 p.m.

Calling all young at heart! Join us at the Seminole County Public Library on **Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 2 p.m.** to play Wii Sports on the Nintendo Wii! Brush up on your baseball, bowling,

tennis, boxing, and golf skills as we have loads of fun! Bring your friends and challenge them to a game of tennis—Wii style!

Playing Wii Sports on the Nintendo Wii is a great way to get some exercise and

enjoy friendly competition. This program is designed for all ages. Please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 for more information.



Investigate Your Ancestry

At the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on Saturday, March 19 at 2 p.m.

Do you want to know more about your family tree? Are you starting to research your ancestors? Do you need help learning what records to use in your research? Join us on **Saturday, March 19, 2011 at 2 p.m.** at the

Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library for an informative genealogy program. Library staff members will show off all of the genealogical resources



Research your family tree at the library this month!

that your library has to offer, and will provide an introduction to Ancestry Library Edition, a valuable genealogical research resource.

Meet The Cat in the Hat!

In honor of Dr. Seuss's Birthday!

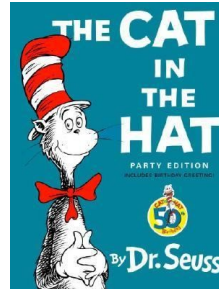
If Dr. Seuss, beloved children's author, were alive today, he would be turning 107 this month! Join us on **Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 10 a.m.** at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library for a special Dr. Seuss edition of Toddler Tales! During the program, the Cat in the Hat

will be making a very special appearance at the library!

If you miss this chance to meet The Cat in the Hat, join us at the Seminole County Public Library on **Thursday,**

March 3, 2011 at 10:30

a.m. as The Cat in the Hat makes an appearance at Toddler Storytime. This is a great opportunity for your children to meet and to have their photo taken with the Cat in the Hat. Don't miss the fun and excitement of the Cat in the Hat!



Take your child to meet The Cat in the Hat in March!

Which Authors?

Find similar authors!

Do you have a favorite author that you always read? Are you tired of waiting for that one author to publish a new book? While you're waiting, try some similar authors! For example, if you're a fan of Janet Evanovich and her

"If you're a fan of Janet Evanovich and her Stephanie Plum mysteries..."

Stephanie Plum mysteries, try books by authors such as Jennifer Crusie or Carl Hiaasen. Or, if you enjoy Louis L'Amour's westerns, authors Max Brand or Elmer Kelton will keep you entertained for hours with a good tale. Some

people enjoy a romance by authors such as Sandra Brown. Perhaps you could pick up books by authors such as Jayne Ann Krentz or Karen Robards for a little romance. Read a book by one of these authors the next time you want to read something different, or ask your library for some similar authors to the ones you already love.

Introductory Computer Classes

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 Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Tuesday, March 8—Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 10 a.m.** Please call the library at 229.248.2665 to place your name on the waiting list. Introductory computer

classes will also be held at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library on **Tuesday, March 22—Thursday, March 24, 2011 at 10 a.m.** Space is limited; please call the library at 229.758.3131 to reserve your spot.

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 2007, and Introduction to the Internet and E-Mail. Don't miss

out on your chance to master your computer!

"Learn how to use a computer with assistance from the library..."

Schedule of Events

- March 1: **First Tuesday Book Club, 10 a.m.**
- March 1: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- March 2: **First Wednesday Book Club, 10 a.m.**
- March 3: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- March 3: **Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.**
- March 3: **Tax Assistance, 12 p.m.**
- March 3: **Shamrock Splash!, 4 p.m.**
- March 5: **Tax Assistance, 10 a.m.**
- March 8—10: **Introductory Computer Classes, 10 a.m.**
- March 8: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- March 8: **Got Game?, 3:30 p.m.**
- March 9: **Wii Sports, 2 p.m.**
- March 9: **Got Game?, 4 p.m.**
- March 10: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- March 10: **Introduction to Microsoft Power Point 2007, 10 a.m.**
- March 10: **Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.**
- March 10: **Tax Assistance, 12 p.m.**
- March 10: **Got Game?, 3:30 p.m.**
- March 15: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- March 15: **Shamrock Splash!, 3:30 p.m.**
- March 17: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- March 17: **The World of Google, 10 a.m.**
- March 17: **Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.**
- March 17: **Tax Assistance, 12 p.m.**
- March 17: **Toddler Time, 3:30 p.m.**
- March 17: **Shamrock Splash!, 4 p.m.**
- March 19: **The World of Google, 10 a.m.**
- March 19: **Culinary Demonstration and Financial Aid Workshop, 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.**
- March 19: **Investigate Your Ancestry, 2 p.m.**
- March 22: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- March 22—24: **Introductory Computer Classes, 10 a.m.**
- March 24: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- March 24: **Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.**
- March 24: **Tax Assistance, 12 p.m.**
- March 28: **Introduction to Microsoft Power Point 2007, 5:30 p.m.**
- March 29: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- March 31: **Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- March 31: **Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.**
- March 31: **Tax Assistance, 12 p.m.**

