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Shakespeare's Fun House

Thursday, May 20 and Friday, May 21!

Join us at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 4 p.m.** for Shakespeare's Fun House with storyteller Barry Stewart Mann! "All the world's a stage" and, in Barry's hands, a wild amusement park ride in which students meet the Bard himself and some of his most famous characters—Falstaff, Romeo, Cleopatra, Puck and more. This fast-moving, inventive and interactive performance is a delightful, accessible and memorable encounter with

Shakespeare, the greatest poet and dramatist of the English language. This program is sponsored in part by the Grassroots Arts Program of the Georgia Council for the Arts through the appropriations of the Georgia General Assembly and in partnership with Lowndes-Valdosta Commission, Inc. and in part by the Decatur County – Gilbert H. Gragg Library Foundation.

Mr. Mann will also be at the Seminole County Public Library on **Friday, May 21, 2010 at 9 a.m.,**

10 a.m., and 11 a.m.! This program is sponsored by the Georgia Rural Library Initiative Grant.

These programs are designed for children ages 5—11. Don't miss any of these exciting performances!



Don't miss Shakespeare's Fun House on May 20 or May 21!

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
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Food for Fines

May 3—15, 2010

The Southwest Georgia Regional Library System is proud to announce the return of Food for Fines beginning **Monday, May 3 through Saturday, May 15, 2010.** The library will accept nonperishable food donations to pay for overdue fines. Each

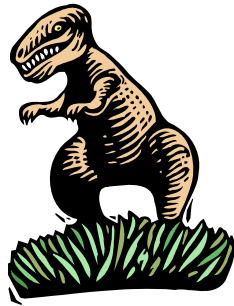
donation equals \$1.00 worth of fines. All items received will be donated to a local food bank. Items that are damaged, contained in glass, or have an expired date on them cannot be accepted due to safety reasons. This does not apply to lost or damaged items. What

a wonderful opportunity to take care of your overdue fines before the summer begins! This offer will not be extended, so make sure you take advantage of it while it lasts!

Dino Stomp!

During Children's Book Week—May 10–15

Celebrate Children's Book Week at the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System! Children's Book Week is celebrated from May 10–15, 2010. During this week, children ages 4–9 are invited to participate in a dinosaur stomp party! We will read dinosaur stories, play dinosaur games and trivia,



Join us to celebrate Children's Book Week with a dinosaur stomp party!

and much more! Join us at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library on **Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.** Test your knowledge of all things dinosaurs at the Seminole County Public Library on **Thursday, May 13, 2010 at 4 p.m.** Or, have lots of

dinosaur fun at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Friday, May 14, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.**

Children's Book Week has been celebrated nationally since 1919. For more information on the national celebration, please visit www.bookweekonline.com

Catch us at the Spring Creek Park Resort!

On the Fourth Wednesday of each month!

Don't miss the Bookmobile at its newest stop next month, the Spring Creek Park Resort, on the fourth Wednesday of each month! Can't make it then? Well don't forget to join the Bookmobile at one of its many other stops this month!

- **Monday, May 3:** Attapulgus Community Center, 10–11 a.m.

"Don't miss the Bookmobile at its newest stop next month..."

- **Tuesday, May 4:** Spring Creek Grocery, 10–11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, May 5:** Wingate's Lodge, 10–11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, May 5:** Recovery Community Center, 12–1:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, May 11:** Iron City Convenience Store, 10–11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, May 12:** Climax

- Pavilion Park, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
- **Monday, May 17:** Selman Place Apartments, 10–11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, May 18:** Brogdon's Grocery, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, May 26:** Spring Creek Park Resort, 9:15 a.m.—10 a.m.
- **Wednesday, May 26:** Parkside Mini Mart, 10:15–11 a.m.

Vacation Reading Program 2010

Make a Splash—READ! Make Waves at Your Library!

Summer is rapidly approaching, which means it is time again for the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System's Vacation Reading Program! This year's children's theme is, "Make a Splash—READ". The teen theme for this year's program is "Make Waves at Your Library". Registration begins **Monday, May 17, 2010** at all library locations. Can't make it into any library location? Register your child for the Vacation Reading Program online! Simply visit our website at www.swgri.org and click on the "Online Registration" link.

When participants register for the Vacation Reading Program,

they will receive a book log. Participants must turn in a completed book log to receive a prize from either Hardee's, Dairy Queen, Allen's Pizza Buffet, or Dairy Queen! Children must read 20 books and teens must read 12 books in order to complete a book log. The first ten completed reading logs at each library will receive a free admission ticket to the Parks at Chehaw in Albany!

Be sure your child reads a lot of books this summer, because your child can receive even more fantastic

prizes! The child (ages 0—11) who reads the most books will win 2 free admission tickets to Wild Adventures Theme Park in Valdosta! The teen (ages 12—18) who reads the most books will win a \$50 gift card to Wal-Mart!

Your library will offer fun, fabulous programs during June for children and teens! Stay tuned to the SWGRL

Spotlight's special summer newsletter for more information!

Don't miss out on the most exciting Vacation Reading Program yet!



Register your child for the Vacation Reading Program beginning Monday, May 17, 2010!

Holiday Closing

All library locations will be closed Monday, May 31, 2010 for Memorial Day

All locations of the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System will be closed on **Monday, May 31, 2010** in honor of Memorial Day. If you need to return library materials that day, simply place them in the book drop at any of our convenient library locations. The Southwest

Georgia Regional Library System will re-open for regular business hours on **Tuesday, June 1, 2010.**

Remember, our virtual library is open 24/7 for your convenience! While the physical library facilities are closed, visit us

online at www.swgri.org, where you can search for materials in the online catalog, view recommended reading for children, teens, and adults, check out upcoming events, and

search for local information on the Hard Times Resource Guide.

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Have You Met?

Bunny Jones at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library!

Have you met library staff member Bunny Jones? Bunny is a Substitute Library Assistant at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library. Bunny has worked at the library for 8 years. Bunny enjoys her job; her favorite part about working at the library is meeting new patrons and shelving books. Bunny says that, "I never know what each day will bring; there is always something new to learn".

When Bunny is not working, she enjoys reading, painting, gardening, and traveling to

visit her friends and family. Bunny especially enjoys traveling; she has visited every state in the United States. Some of the international destinations she has visited include Santiago, Chile, Frankfurt, Germany, and London, England.

Bunny has lived in southwest Georgia for over 8 years. She is the youngest of 8 children and is originally

from Ohio. She has also lived in Albuquerque, New Mexico but spent over 30 years in Atlanta. She has an A.A. degree in Cosmetology from Clayton State.

Bunny has one adult son and one adult daughter. She has five grandchildren and will

have one new grandson in August.

Make sure you visit the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library and meet Bunny Jones!



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Computer Classes

May 11—13, 2010 at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library

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 Beginning Computer Classes. This free three-day course covers topics including Introduction to Computers and Windows, Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007, and

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

Classes will be held **Tuesday, May 11—13, 2010**

at 10 a.m. at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library. Space is limited; please call the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library at 229.248.2665 to reserve your spot today!



Learn how to use a computer with ease at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library this month!

Newsline

A great service provided by the Bainbridge Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped!

Newsline is just one of the many fantastic services offered by the Bainbridge Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. It is a service for blind and physically handicapped individuals to listen to newspapers over the telephone.

There are many popular newspapers available to listen to, including the New York Times, Atlanta Journal-Constitution, USA Today, Wall Street Journal,

and the Macon Telegraph. Simply call the designated phone number and listen to the prompts on your telephone! From there, you will be listening to the headlines of your favorite newspapers.

How do you get started using Newsline? Simply call the Bainbridge Subregional Library for the Blind and

Physically Handicapped at **1.800.795.2680** or **229.248.2680** to sign up for the Newsline service.



Use Newsline to listen to the headlines of your favorite newspapers!

Do you or someone you know qualify for the Bainbridge Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped service? Please contact us for more information on qualifying and signing up for this service.

Investigate Your Ancestry

At all three libraries!

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 **Monday, May 17, 2010 at 5 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 that your library has to offer, and will provide an introduction to Ancestry Library Edition, a valuable online genealogical research resource. Library staff will also be on hand on **Tuesday,**

May 18, 2010 at 10 a.m. at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library to answer any genealogical research questions you may have. Or, join us on **Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 10 a.m.** at the Seminole County Public Library for an interactive genealogy session. Learn all you need so that you can start researching your family tree!

“Do you want to know more about your family tree?”

Scholarships

Find resources to find college scholarships!

Researching and applying for scholarships is on the mind of many high school students and parents. Scholarships are excellent ways to help fund a college education. There are many scholarships available, and the library is here to help you with the resources you need to find available scholarships. The library has many books to help, including Scholarships for African-American Students, 501 Ways



Find resources to obtain college scholarships at your library!

for Adult Students to Pay for College by Gen S. Tanabe, and The Ultimate Scholarship Book: 2010 by Gen S. Tanabe.

Also, the Seminole County Public Library is offering a scholarship courtesy of the Georgia Rural Library Initiative Grant. Applicants must be graduating seniors from Seminole County High School, para-professionals in Seminole

County wishing to become teachers, or any student who graduated from Seminole County High School currently enrolled in an accredited college or university in Georgia, or within a 100 mile radius of Seminole County pursuing a major in a P-12 education field, including those studying to become librarians.

For more information and application deadlines on the library scholarship, please visit www.seminole.k12.ga.us/scholarships.

Book Clubs

In Miller and Seminole Counties!

Join us on **Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at 10 a.m.** at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library for the next installment of the First Tuesday Book Club. We will discuss the book Have a Little Faith by Mitch Albom. This is a timely, moving, and inspiring look at faith: not just who believes, but why. The First Tuesday Book Club will not meet in

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June; please stay tuned to the SWGRL Spotlight for more information on the First Tuesday Book Club’s next meeting.

The First Wednesday Book Club will hold its next meeting on **Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 10 a.m.** at the Seminole County

Public Library, where they will discuss the book Hotel on the Corner of Bitter

and Sweet by Jamie Ford. This debut novel, set in World War II, tells the story of widower Henry Lee, his father, and his first love Keiko Okabe. The next meeting of the First Wednesday Book Club will be on **Wednesday, June 2, 2010 at 10 a.m.** at the Seminole County Public Library, where they will discuss the book The Story of Edgar Sawtelle by David Wroblewski.

Schedule of Events

- Tuesday, May 4—**First Tuesday Book Club, 10 a.m.**
- Wednesday, May 5—**First Wednesday Book Club, 10 a.m.**
- Thursday, May 6—**Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.**
- Tuesday, May 11—Thursday, May 13—**Beginning Computer Classes, 10 a.m.**
- Tuesday, May 11—**Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Foundation Board Meeting, 5 p.m.**
- Wednesday, May 12—**Dino Stomp, 3:30 p.m.**
- Thursday, May 13—**Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.**
Dino Stomp, 4 p.m.
- Friday, May 14—**Dino Stomp, 3:30 p.m.**
- Monday, May 17—**Investigate Your Ancestry, 5 p.m.**
- Tuesday, May 18—**Investigate Your Ancestry, 10 a.m.**
- Thursday, May 20—**Investigate Your Ancestry, 10 a.m.**
Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
Shakespeare's Fun House, 4 p.m.
- Friday, May 21—**Shakespeare's Fun House, 9 a.m., 10 a.m., and 11 a.m.**
- Thursday, May 27—**Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.**

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

