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Hard Times Resource Guide

Exclusively at www.swgrl.org!

Have you ever wondered how to find information on housing assistance or how to help out others in your community from becoming homeless? Have you ever forgotten how to get to that Monster website to find a job? Well, look no further because the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System has come to the rescue!

The library is proud to present the newest feature on its website, a Hard Times Resource Guide! This

guide, located exclusively at www.swgrl.org/hardtimes.php, contains valuable information on topics including: finances and money management, employment and job seeking, health, leisure and entertainment, volunteers, family and parenting, education, housing, seniors, veterans, and services for the disabled. This guide contains links to various local, state, regional, and national

organizations, agencies, and resources.

So what are you waiting for? Point your browser to www.swgrl.org/hardtimes.php and discover all of the resources that are available to you!



Discover our Hard Times Resource Guide available exclusively at www.swgrl.org!

Holiday Closing

Closed on Thursday, November 26 for Thanksgiving Day

The Southwest Georgia Regional Library System will be closed on Thursday, November 26, 2009 in honor of Thanksgiving Day. All library locations will re-open

for regular business hours on Friday, November 27, 2009.

While our physical facilities will be closed, you can still access our website 24/7 at www.swgrl.org for all

your library and information needs.

We look forward to serving you again on Friday, November 27, 2009!

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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Have You Met?

Julia Easom at the Seminole County Public Library

Have you met Julia Easom at the library? Julia is the Custodian and a Substitute Library Assistant at the Seminole County Public Library. She has been working at the Seminole County Public Library for 9 years. Julia enjoys everything about working at the library, especially working with people and maintaining the exterior of the building.

free computer classes and training opportunities and learned how to use a computer. Now, she enjoys helping patrons use the library's computers. Julia says that, "Learning how to use a computer has truly been the biggest benefit for me by working at the library."

worked throughout the southwest Georgia area.

When Julia is not working, she enjoys taking care of the farm, reading, mowing grass, and spending time with her grandchildren. She has 3 grown children and 9 grandchildren.



Stop by the Seminole County Public Library and meet Julia Easom!

When Julia started working at the Seminole County Public Library, she did not know how to use a computer. Since then, she has taken advantage of the

Before she worked at the library, Julia was a hairdresser for 46 years and

Be sure to stop by the Seminole County Public Library and meet Julia Easom!

Computer Classes

Learn how to use a computer in Decatur County this month!

Do you or someone you know need to learn how to use a computer? Does the thought of using a computer make someone you know nervous? Sign up for basic computer classes at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library! This is a three-day course and covers topics including: how to use the mouse and keyboard, how to

use Microsoft Word 2007, and how to use the Internet and E-Mail. These classes will be held on **Tuesday, November 10, Wednesday, November 11, and Thursday, November 12.** These classes are



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

designed for those with little to no computer experience. Space is limited; please call the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library at 229.248.2665 to place your name on the waiting list.

Open House

Saturday, November 14 at the Seminole County Public Library

Don't miss the open house and portrait unveiling at the Seminole County Public Library on

Saturday, November 14 from 11:30 a.m.

—1 p.m. Come to the open house to see the newly renovated Seminole County Public Library! Also during this time, the

"The library will unveil a new portrait of in the meeting room in honor of Frankie Rambeau"

library will unveil a new portrait in the meeting room in honor of Frankie Rambeau, a longtime educator in Seminole County and a former member of the Seminole County Public Library Board of Trustees.

New Moon Feud

In Decatur, Miller, and Seminole Counties this month!

November is here, and that means it is almost time for the release of the highly-anticipated movie, *New Moon!* *New Moon* is the second book in Stephenie Meyer's *Twilight* series, and will be released on Friday, November 20, 2009.

Join us this month to celebrate the movie release of *New Moon* in Decatur, Miller, and Seminole counties! Pick a family as we play *Family Feud*—*New Moon* style! Choose to be in either the Cullen family or the Quileute

family and see which family has the most *New Moon* smarts! Pick a family at the Seminole County Public Library on **Thursday, November 12 at 4:30 p.m.** Brush up on your knowledge of *New Moon* and join forces with the most powerful family at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Tuesday, November 17 at 3:30**



Join us this month to see who is the smartest family—the Cullens or the Quileutes!

p.m. Or, become the ultimate master of *New Moon* knowledge at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library on **Thursday, November 19 at 3:30 p.m.**

This program is designed for ages 10—18. You won't want to miss out on the fun!

Book Clubs

In Miller and Seminole Counties!

Join us on **Tuesday, November 3 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 *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson. New members and visitors are always welcome at the book club. Please call the Miller



County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library at 229.758.3131 for more information on this exciting book club.

Don't forget to join us on **Wednesday, November 4 at 10 a.m.** at the Seminole County Public Library for the

First Wednesday Book Club. This month, we will discuss the book *Serena* by Ron Rash. If you miss this discussion, don't forget to join in on the next meeting of the First Wednesday Book Club on **Wednesday, December 2 at 10 a.m.** as we discuss the book *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. Please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 for more information on the First Wednesday Book Club.

Breakfast with Santa

Registration Begins Soon!

Join Santa at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Saturday, December 12!**

Four sittings will be available to see Santa, at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and noon. Space is limited to 35 children per sitting. Please call the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library at 229.248.2665 beginning **Monday, November 9** to make your reservation. Reservations will not be accepted

before Monday, November 9. This program is designed for children ages 9 and under and is sponsored by First Port City Bank.

Santa will also be visiting the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library! Catch him on **Saturday,**



Don't miss the opportunity for your child to meet Santa at the library!

December 5. Two sittings will be available at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Space is limited to 20 children per sitting and is designed for children ages 2—5. Please call the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library at 229.758.3131 to reserve your spot beginning Monday, November 9. This program is sponsored by Ameris Bank, First State Bank, and People South Bank.

All Aboard!

Visit the Bookmobile at a stop near you!

You won't want to 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! We will be at:

- **Monday, November 2:** Attapulgus Community Center, 10–11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, November 3:** Spring Creek Grocery, 10–11 a.m.
- **Wednesday,**

November 4: Wingate's Lodge, 10–11:30 a.m.

- **Wednesday, November 4:** Recovery Community Center, 12–1:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, November 10:** Iron City Convenience Store, 10–11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, November 11:** Climax Pavilion Park,

10:30–11:30 a.m.

- **Monday, November 16:** Selman Place Apartments, 10–11 a.m.

• **Tuesday, November 17:**

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

- **Wednesday, November 25:** Parkside Mini Mart, 10–11 a.m.



Be sure to visit Mr. Max and Mr. Terry on the Bookmobile this month!

Art on Display

At the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library this month!

Be sure to stop by the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library from **Saturday, October 31, through Thursday, December 3** to check out the beautiful art on display! The

Decatur County Artists' Guild will be displaying their lovely artwork throughout the library for the community to view.

Make sure you visit the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library

to admire the hard work of these talented artists. Please call the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library at 229.248.2665 for more information on this lovely display.

"Check out the beautiful art on display!"

Celebrate National Gaming Day

Saturday, November 14 at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library!

Join us on **Saturday, November 14 at 1 p.m.** at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library as we celebrate the second annual National Gaming Day! Join us in the celebration as we play video games on the Nintendo Wii and the PlayStation 2. Don't want to play video games? Well join us

to play a variety of classic and modern board games, including Checkers, Chess, Connect Four, and Pictureka.

National Gaming Day is a national initiative supported by

the American Library Association. For more information on National Gaming Day please visit <http://ilovelibraries.org/gaming>.

This program is open to all ages.

"Join us in the celebration as we play video games...a variety of classic and modern board games."

Schedule of Events

- Tuesday, November 3—**First Tuesday Book Club, 10 a.m.**
Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- Wednesday, November 4—**First Wednesday Book Club, 10 a.m.**
- Thursday, November 5—**Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 10—Thursday, November 12—**Beginning Computer Classes**
- Tuesday, November 10—**Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Foundation
Board Meeting, 5 p.m.
- Thursday, November 12—**Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
New Moon Feud, 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, November 14—**Open House, 11:30 a.m.**
Games Galore, 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 17—**Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
New Moon Feud, 3:30 p.m.
- Thursday, November 19—**Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
New Moon Feud, 3:30 p.m.
Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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

