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Now Serving 16 Counties

Bainbridge Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

The Bainbridge Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped now serves sixteen counties in Southwest Georgia. In addition to Decatur, Miller, and Seminole counties, they serve Baker, Brooks, Calhoun, Clay, Colquitt, Early, Grady, Mitchell, Quitman, Randolph, Terrell, Thomas, and Webster counties. Previously serving only ten counties, the Bainbridge Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped serves six additional counties (Calhoun, Clay, Quitman, Randolph, Terrell, and Webster) due to the closing of the Albany Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped on June 30, 2009.

Books and magazines on

cassette tapes are available from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped are available for those who cannot hold, handle, or see well enough to read printed materials printed by conventional methods due to a temporary or permanent handicap.

The Bainbridge Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped also has an array of equipment available to use, including amplifiers, a Kurzweil Reading Edge Machine, a Braille machine, and a Perkins Brailier.

If you or someone you know may qualify for this

free service, please call the Bainbridge Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped at 229.248.2680 or 1.800.795.2680. Or, you can visit our website at <http://www.swgrrl.org/handicap.php>.



Contact the Bainbridge Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped to learn more about this wonderful service!

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Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library
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New Format

Your SWGRL Spotlight has a new format!

The SWGRL Spotlight has changed its format! Although you will still find all of the information you need about the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System, we

hope this new format will be clearer and easier to read. Please let us know if you have any comments, ideas, or suggestions about the SWGRL Spotlight by emailing us at

librarian@swgrrl.org.

In the meantime, enjoy the new re-designed SWGRL Spotlight!

Congratulations!

To the top readers of the Vacation Reading Program!

The Southwest Georgia Regional Library System is proud to announce the top readers of this summer's Vacation Reading Program! Fabulous prizes were awarded to the top two readers throughout Decatur, Miller, and Seminole Counties. The top reader in this summer's Vacation Reading Program is Alexis Hutto, a 3rd grade student at West Bainbridge Elementary School. She read 461 books this summer and won two single-day admission tickets to Wild Adventures Theme Park!

In second place, Kierra Newton, a 6th grade student at Hutto Middle School, read 285 books this summer! She won a \$50 gift card to Wal-Mart.

sponsors for supporting the Vacation Reading Program! Other sponsors include Hardee's, FunStation (Tallahassee, Florida), the Parks at Chehaw (Albany), and Dairy Queen.

The Southwest Georgia Regional Library System would like to thank Wild Adventures Theme Park (Valdosta), Wal-Mart, and all of our other fabulous



Kierra Newton poses with Youth Services and Community Relations Librarian Taryn Brown. Kierra read 285 books this summer!

Thank you to everyone who participated this summer! Make sure your child participates in next summer's Vacation Reading Program. Look for more details next spring.

Poetry Workshop

Saturday, September 26 at 1 p.m.

Like writing poetry, but need some help with your writing? Join us at the Seminole County Public Library on **Saturday, September 26 at 1 p.m.**

for an exciting poetry workshop! Local published poet Jamie Brannon will be

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on hand to discuss poetry tips and tricks. Also, learn about what it takes to become a published poet.

Please bring your own poetry to receive advice and tips from Brannon on

what publishers are looking for in poetry.

Please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 for more information on this informative workshop!

Celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month

At the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System

What is the most important card in a person's wallet? It's not a credit card. It's not even an identification card or a driver's license. The most important card in a person's wallet is their library card! Celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month at the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System by signing up to put the most valuable card in your wallet! you can get something for free—a library card. A library card is also the most

important school supply for your child. Studies show that children who read at home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning.

It is easy to get a library card. An applicant for a new library card is required to



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provide proper identification showing current local address. Please call us or visit our website at www.swgrl.org for more information on the identification required for a new library card.

National Library Card Sign-Up Month has been observed since 1987.

Let Us Come to You!

Visit the Bookmobile at one of these convenient stops!

Have you seen the wide assortment of great materials on the Bookmobile lately? If you haven't, be sure to visit Mr. Max or Mr. Terry on the Bookmobile to browse all of the materials available to you. In September, we will be at:

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

September 2: Recovery Community Center, 12—1:30 p.m.

- **Tuesday, September 8:** Iron City Convenience Store, 10—11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, September 9:** Climax Pavilion Park, 10:30—11:30 a.m.



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

- **Tuesday, September 15:** Brogdon's Grocery Store, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
- **Monday, September 21:** Selman Place Apartments, 10—11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, September 23:** Parkside Mini Mart, 10—11 a.m.

Get Crafty!

Saturday, September 12 at 2 p.m.

Parents, bring your children to the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Saturday, September 12, 2009 at 2 p.m.!** We will be getting crafty and will make all kinds of fun projects,

“Children can use their imagination as they get crafty and make presents for their family and friends.”

including star picture frames, bug visors, frog magnets, butterfly chip clips, raccoon door hangers, a boot picture frame, and wooden animals. Children can use their imagination as

they get crafty and make presents for their family and friends. This program is designed for children ages 5—10. Be sure to arrive early because space is limited to the first 40 children that arrive. Please call the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library at 229.248.2665 for more information.

Just For Toddlers

Toddler Storytime and Toddler Tales at the Library!

Join us at the Seminole County Public Library every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. for Toddler Storytime! Storyteller Ms. Ralna will have stories, fun, and more for your little ones! Please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 for more information.

Don't miss Toddler Tales at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. Join storytellers Ms. Debbie and Ms. Taryn for stories, songs, games,

crafts, and more! Please call the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library at 229.248.2665 for more information.

Toddler Storytime and Toddler Tales introduces young children to books and reading at the library. Each week, librarians and specially



Don't miss Toddler Tales and Toddler Storytime this month at your library!

trained staff adapt stories, songs, and movement activities to match the ages and attention spans of the children attending. Parents learn how to foster early literacy skills to prepare their children for learning to read. Library staff answer questions about books and library services, and teach parents how to interest their children in books. So what are you waiting for? Bring your little ones to your library for lots of toddler fun!

Have You Met...

Jo Mock at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library!

Have you met Jo Mock at the library? Jo is a Library Assistant and works at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library. She started working at the library in 2005 where she was a Substitute Library Assistant and became a Library Assistant 6 months later. She enjoys helping people find what they are looking for.

Jo has always been a fan of reading and of the library. During her days as a high school student, she was a

member of the school library club. She is a retired teacher who taught English for 31 years at Miller County Middle School. Because she is a retired teacher, Jo especially enjoys helping former students and seeing how much they have matured.

When Jo is not working at the

Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library, she enjoys reading and going to the beach. She has one grown son and will be a grandmother in January!



Visit Jo Mock on your next trip to the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library!

Be sure to stop by the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library and visit Jo Mock!

Holiday Closing

Closed for Labor Day on Monday, September 7, 2009

The Southwest Georgia Regional Library System will be closed **Monday, September 7, 2009** in observance of Labor Day.

All library locations will re-open for regular

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business hours on Tuesday, September 8, 2009. Don't worry, though! You can always visit us online at

www.swgrl.org and search our online catalog for materials, find out about

upcoming events, view suggested reading materials for children, teens, and adults, and more!

Let's Talk About It

Book Clubs in Miller and Seminole Counties!

Let's talk about some great novels at the library! Join us on **Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at 10 a.m.** at the Miller County – James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library for the First Tuesday Book Club as we discuss the book Still Alice by Lisa Genova. This novel is an intriguing story about an esteemed professor at Harvard University who has been diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's disease. The First Tuesday Book Club is a great

way to discuss interesting books and make new friends. Please call the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library at 229.758.3131 for more information.

While you're at it, don't forget to make plans to join us on **Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at 10 a.m.** at the Seminole County Public Library for the First Wednesday Book Club. We will discuss the book I Know This

Much is True by Wally Lamb. This novel touches on many subjects including alienation, power, abuse, devastation, forgiveness, and renewal. Please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 for more information.

Both book clubs are a great way to make new friends and discuss some very interesting novels.

H1N1 Flu and You

Important Information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The H1N1 flu is becoming a hot topic around our region and around our nation. H1N1 Flu, also referred to as the “swine flu”, is a new influenza virus causing illness in people. This new virus was first detected in the United States in April. This virus is transmitted from person-to-person.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the symptoms of the H1N1 virus include fever, coughing, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, fatigue, diarrhea, and vomiting. Severe illnesses and death has occurred as a result of illness associated with this virus.

If you or someone you know is sick with a flu-like illness, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that people stay home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone, except to get medical care or for other necessities.

Want more information on the H1N1 virus and what you can do to protect yourself and your family? The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have a

very informative website which contains valuable information about the H1N1 flu including human interaction, prevention, treatment, contamination, and cleaning. Please visit <http://cdc.gov/h1n1flu/qa.htm>

for more information on the H1N1 flu from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



Visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website for information to protect you and your family from illness.

Computer Classes

In Decatur and Miller Counties!

Learn how to use a computer with ease by taking introductory computer classes at the library. Introductory Computer Classes is a 3-day session. Attendance is required on all three days of the class. Topics covered include: 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 or no computer experience.

Computer classes will be offered at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library on **Tuesday, September 15, Wednesday, September 16, and Thursday, September 17.**

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September 17. Space is limited; please call the library at 229.758.3131 to reserve your spot today!

Computer classes will be offered at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Tuesday, September 22, Wednesday, September 23, and Thursday, September 24.** There are a limited number of seats available; please call the library at 229.248.2665 to place your name on the waiting list.

Find Legal Info

Use the Westlaw database for all your legal information needs!

Need to conduct legal research? Want to know the specifics about that particular court case? Or, do you need a specific legal form? Turn to your library for all your legal research needs. The Decatur County Law Library provided the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library with a

computer and a subscription to the Westlaw database earlier this year. This database contains all kinds of legal information including court cases, citations, and legal forms. This database is available only at the



Research legal information on the Westlaw database!

Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library. The Westlaw database was used by 198 people last month. Remember to turn to your library for all your legal research

needs!

Schedule of Events

- Tuesday, September 1—**First Tuesday Book Club, 10 a.m.**
Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- Wednesday, September 2—**First Wednesday Book Club, 10 a.m.**
- Thursday, September 3—**Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 8—**Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- Thursday, September 10—**Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Saturday, September 12—**Get Crafty!, 2 p.m.**
- Tuesday, September 15—**Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- Tuesday, September 15—Thursday, September 17: **Beginning Computer Classes**
- Thursday, September 17—**Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 22—**Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
- Tuesday, September 22—Thursday, September 24: **Beginning Computer Classes**
- Thursday, September 24—**Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**
Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Saturday, September 26—**Poetry Workshop, 1 p.m.**
- Tuesday, September 29—**Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.**

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

