Breakfast with Santa

Don’t forget about Breakfast with Santa this month! Please call the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library at 229.758.3131 to sign your child up to meet Santa on Saturday, December 4, 2010. There are two sitting times for this program; they are at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. This program is designed for children ages 2—5 and is sponsored by Ameris Bank, First State Bank, and Peoples South Bank. The Seminole County Public Library will be hosting Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 11, 2010. The sitting times are 9 a.m., 10 a.m., and 11 a.m. Please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 to sign your child up to see Santa today! This program is designed for children ages 2—9 and is sponsored by the Georgia Rural Library Initiative Grant. Also, Santa will be appearing at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on Saturday, December 11, 2010 for five sittings, which are at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon, and 1 p.m. Space is already filled for this program, which is sponsored by First Port City Bank and is suitable for children up to age 9. A fun time will be had by all!

Welcome Tedd Arnold!

Children’s author Tedd Arnold will visit the Seminole County Public Library on Friday, January 21, 2011! Mr. Arnold is the author of the popular “Fly Guy” children’s book series. He also writes several other children’s books including “Parts” and “No More Water in the Tub!”. Mr. Arnold will discuss his books and how he became an author. This program is sponsored by the Georgia Rural Library Initiative Grant. Please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 for more information.
Here Comes the Bookmobile!
The Bookmobile will visit a stop near you!

Visit Mr. Max or Mr. Terry on the Bookmobile to get your hands on some of the latest materials! Check out our schedule for the next two months below:

- **Wednesday, December 1:** Wingate's Lodge, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, December 1:** Recovery Community Center, 12—1:30 p.m.
- **Monday, December 6:** Attapulgus Community Center, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, December 7:** Spring Creek Grocery, 10—11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, December 8:** Parker Park in Climax, 10:30—11:30 a.m.
- **Tuesday, December 14:** Iron City Convenience Store, 10—11 a.m.
- **Monday, December 20:** Selman Place Apartments 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, December 21:** Brogdon’s Grocery, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, December 22:** Spring Creek Park Resort, 9:15—10 a.m.
- **Wednesday, December 22:** Parkside Mini Mart, 10:15—11 a.m.
- **Monday, January 3:** Attapulgus Community Center, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, January 4:** Spring Creek Grocery, 10—11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, January 5:** Wingate’s Lodge, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, January 5:** Recovery Community Center, 12—1:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, January 11:** Iron City Convenience Store, 10—11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, January 12:** Parker Park in Climax, 10:30—11:30 a.m.
- **Tuesday, January 18:** Brogdon’s Grocery, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, January 25:** Spring Creek Park Resort, 9:15—10 a.m.
- **Wednesday, January 25:** Parkside Mini Mart, 10:15—11 a.m.

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

Special Thanks To Our Breakfast with Santa Sponsors:
**Holiday Closings**

**What You Need to Know**

Pay attention to these important dates! The Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library and the Seminole County Public Library will be closed Thursday, December 23 through Saturday, December 25, 2010 to celebrate the Christmas holidays. Both libraries will re-open regular business hours on Monday, December 27, 2010. The Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library will be closed Thursday, December 23 through Monday, December 27, 2010 in celebration of the Christmas holidays and will re-open on Tuesday, December 28, 2010 at 11:30 a.m. The Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library will be closed on Friday, December 31, 2010 in honor of New Year’s Day. The Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library and the Seminole County Public Library will be closed on Saturday, January 1, 2011 to celebrate New Year’s Day. All library locations will re-open regular business hours on Monday, January 3, 2011.

Furthermore, all library locations will be closed on Monday, January 17, 2011 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The library will re-open regular business hours on Tuesday, January 18, 2011.

During the time the library is closed, you can access the virtual library online at www.swgrl.org. At that website, you can download an application for a library card, search the catalog for materials, view recommended reading suggestions, and much more!

**Book Clubs**

**Discuss intriguing characters with fellow readers!**

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 Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at 10 a.m. at the Seminole County Public Library for the First Wednesday Book Club! We will be discussing Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese. The next meeting of the First Wednesday Book Club will be held on Wednesday, January 5, 2011 at 10 a.m., where we will discuss the book Run With the Horsemen by Ferrol Sams.

Also, don’t forget to join us on Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at 10 a.m. at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library for the First Tuesday Book Club. This month, we will discuss the book A Dog Named Christmas by Greg Kincaid. If you miss this discussion, don’t forget to join in on the next meeting of the First Tuesday Book Club on Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at 10 a.m. Please call the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library for the title of the book that will be discussed at the next meeting.
Books for Sale
At your library!

Are you having trouble figuring out what to buy that person on your shopping list this holiday season? You know the one, that person who seems to have everything? Look to your library for your holiday shopping needs! For that special book lover, purchase a bookmark or a letter opener/ruler at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library. What would be a good gift for a history or genealogy enthusiast? Purchase titles such as the Jones History of Decatur County for $35.00 or I Remember Life in a Small Town for just $7.50 at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library. You can also purchase Marriage Records of Miller County 1893—1994 for $10.00 at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library. Stop by the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library to purchase a copy of Prologue by Maston O’Neal, Raymond Miles’ autobiography, Thank You, Bainbridge, or Frederick Smallwood’s autobiography, My War: Frederick Smallwood in the Battle of the Bulge During World War II. These books sell for only $15.00 and proceeds benefit the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Foundation. So what are you waiting for? Stop by your library today and pick up one of these gifts for that special person on your holiday shopping list!

Celebrate the Holidays
At the Seminole County Public Library!

Join us on Saturday, December 11, 2010 at 3 p.m. at the Seminole County Public Library for a Christmas celebration! Bring your friends and come to the library to play all types of board games including Pictureka, Wits and Wagers Family, 5 Second Rule, and much more. Test your board game skills and see who can win at these fun games. While you’re here, munch on some delicious holiday treats!

This program is open to teens ages 10—18. Please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 for more information on this program.
Storytime Schedules
Important information about storytimes at your library!

Toddler Storytime at the Seminole County Public Library will hold its final session for 2010 on Thursday, December 2, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Toddler Storytime will resume on Thursday, January 6, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and will continue every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 for more information.

Toddler Tales at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library will also hold its final session for 2010 on Thursday, December 2, 2010 at 10 a.m. Toddler Tales will resume on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 10 a.m. Bring your child for stories, songs, games, crafts, and more with storytellers Ms. Debbie and Ms. Taryn. Please call the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library at 229.248.2665 for more information.

Also, the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library will be presenting Toddler Time on Thursday, December 16, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. Join Ms. Taryn for stories, songs, games, and more. The next session of Toddler Time will be held on Thursday, January 20, 2011 at 3:30 p.m.

Give a Unique Gift
For that special someone in your life!

Are you dreading those holiday crowds this season? Are you unsure of making online purchases for your holiday gifts? Instead of that, why not donate a book in honor of that special someone in your life.

You can give the library either a new book or you can send a check so the library can order the item. This is a great gift idea for that person in your life who is difficult to buy for. Each book will have a special bookplate inserted recognizing your loved one. You can do this at any one of our convenient locations in Decatur, Miller, or Seminole counties.

This year, give the gift that the entire community can enjoy!
Schedule of Events

- December 1: First Wednesday Book Club, 10 a.m.
- December 2: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- December 2: Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- December 4: Breakfast with Santa, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
- December 7: First Tuesday Book Club, 10 a.m.
- December 11: Breakfast with Santa, 9 a.m., 10 a.m., and 11 a.m.
- December 11: Breakfast with Santa, 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Noon, and 1 p.m.
- December 16: Teen Christmas Celebration, 3 p.m.
- December 16: Toddler Time, 3:30 p.m.
- January 4: First Tuesday Book Club, 10 a.m.
- January 5: First Wednesday Book Club, 10 a.m.
- January 6: Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- January 11: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- January 13: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- January 13: Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- January 18: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- January 19: Seminole County Public Library Board of Trustees meeting, 10 a.m.
- January 19: Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library Board of Trustees meeting, 1 p.m.
- January 19: Southwest Georgia Regional Library System Board of Trustees meeting, 3 p.m.
- January 19: Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Board of Trustees meeting, 5 p.m.
- January 20: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- January 20: Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- January 20: Toddler Time, 3:30 p.m.
- January 21: Tedd Arnold Author Visit
- January 25: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- January 27: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- January 27: Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
Fabulous February!

Stay tuned to the February issue of the SWGRL Spotlight for information on new programs, computer classes, and much more!

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Library Locations

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

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