Make Retirement Fun: Volunteer!

Getting Involved Through National Service During Senior Corp Week, May 5 -11th, 2013

The library is hosting a program that focuses on having a happy healthy retirement by being healthy, and by volunteering. The program will be held in the Decatur County —Gilbert H. Gragg Library meeting room Monday, May 6th from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Two Volunteer areas that the meeting will cover are Senior Companions and Foster Grandparents.

With the Senior Companions program, younger seniors are paired with older seniors who need a friend. Both seniors benefit from the program, enriching lives by providing companionship, and assistance where needed.

The Foster Grandparents program works within the school environment, pairing students who need extra assistance with caring seniors who have the time to tutor and talk to these young people. The senior has the satisfaction of knowing they are making a difference both in the life of the child and in society.

Being healthy and active is another component of a wonderful retirement. Learn to move at Silver Sneakers offered by the YMCA.

Also we will learn about the resources your library offers!

Come and get more information about these service opportunities at the Senior Corp Week program.
The Seminole County Public Library is celebrating Children’s Book Week with a visit from Clifford, the Big Red Dog on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. Join storyteller Ms. Ralna for stories and fun about everyone’s favorite big red dog. Clifford the Big Red Dog will be available for pictures and to meet and greet your children immediately following the stories.

Clifford series of stories are written by Norman Bridwell. Clifford teaches his owner, Emily Elizabeth, and others about the importance of sharing, helping others, and being a good friend.

All Southwest Georgia Regional Library System locations will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2013 in honor of Memorial Day. All library locations will re-open regular business hours on Tuesday, May 28, 2013.

If you need to return library materials on Monday, May 27, 2013, you can drop them in the outside book drop at all library locations.

While our physical facilities may be closed, make sure you visit our virtual location at www.swgrl.org! Our virtual location is open all the time, and you can search the catalog for available materials, view suggested reading materials for children, teens, and adults, view upcoming events, search for local information at the Hard Times Resource Guide, register your child or teen for the 2013 Summer Reading Program, and much more!

Holiday Closing
All library locations will be closed on Monday, May 28, 2012 in honor of Memorial Day.
Celebrate Mother’s Day

Come to your local library to make a Mother’s Day Craft! All children are welcome. Contact the individual library for more information about their craft. May 9th.

National Children’s Book Week Read-In

In honor of National Children’s Book Week, the Decatur County - Gilbert H. Gragg Library is hosting an Award Winners Read-In. The Read-In will be held from 11:00 to 2:00 Friday, May 17, 2013. The Library will have as many of the Caldecott and Newbery Award books on hand to read. Come and sign the Read-In Wall and have your picture taken with your favorite book.

Registration for Summer Reading Program Begins this Month

Summer is almost here! We are gearing up for another wonderful summer of fun and reading. Registration begins on Monday, May 13th. River Town Days will have an early bird special sign up on Saturday, May 11th.
Ancient Art of Yoga and Tai Chi and Qigong

The ancient art of yoga comes to us from the subcontinent of India. The ancient arts of Tai Chi and Qigong comes from China. Both venerable lands have much to offer civilizations of today as their ancient arts are experienced anew. As we hurry scurry through our days and weeks we tend to build up anxiety which can lead to high blood pressure. How can we reduce overly anxious feeling and thoughts? How can we reduce elevated blood pressure? Here are some of the newer titles of books and dvds that are available at your local libraries which teach yoga, tai chi, and qigong. Not only can they help us reduce blood pressure and increase a positive outlook on life, these practices have also been found to increase balance, helping us avoid falls! Check these titles out today.

“Wheels of Life” cover.

Titles available include:

- Found on the shelf at: 613.7 Kam
- Found on the shelf at: 613.7 Hol
- Found on the shelf at: 613.71 QIG
- Found on the self at: 615.5 Dal
- Found on the self at: 613.71 QIG
The Bookmobile contains books, DVDs, and more that travel to a stop near you. Visit Mr. Max or Mr. Terry to get your hands on these materials at a stop near you:

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

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

### Discuss Interesting Reads and Characters
In Miller and Seminole Counties!

The First Tuesday Book Club at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library will meet on **Tuesday, May 7 2013 at 10 a.m.** and discuss the book *Velva Jean Learns to Drive* by Jennifer Niven. The next meeting of the First Tuesday Book Club will be held on **Tuesday, August 6, 2013 at 10 a.m.**

Join us on **Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at 10 a.m.** at the Seminole County Public Library for the next installment of the First Wednesday Book Club. They will discuss the book *Home Again* by Kristin Hannah. The First Wednesday Book Club will meet again on **Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at 10 a.m.** at the Seminole County Public Library where they will discuss *Mud Bound* by Hillary Jordan.

Don’t miss a moment of these exciting discussions!
Summer Reading Program is Coming Up!

Summer is almost here! Plan on spending time with us this year by attending the programs we have scheduled for you and your children.

June 4: Visit from Geronimo Stilton
10:00 Decatur; 1:00 Seminole; 3:30 Miller

June 6: Toddler Time
10:00 Decatur; 1:00 Seminole; 3:30 Miller

June 11: Arthur Atsma Magician
10:00 Decatur; 1:00 Seminole; 3:30 Miller

June 13: Toddler Time
10:00 Decatur; 1:00 Seminole; 3:30 Miller

June 18: Chehaw Park Animal Visit
10:00 Decatur; 1:00 Seminole; 3:30 Miller

June 20: Toddler Time
10:00 Decatur; 1:00 Seminole; 3:30 Miller

June 25: Games Day
10:00 Decatur; 1:00 Seminole; 3:30 Miller

June 27: Toddler Time
10:00 Decatur; 1:00 Seminole; 3:30 Miller

July 2: No events scheduled this week due to holiday.

July 4: Closed for Holiday

July 9: How to Find Arrowheads
10:00 Decatur Kevin Dowdy

July 11: Toddler Time
10:00 Decatur; 1:00 Seminole; 3:30 Miller

July 16: Magic Scratch Off Board Art Project
10:00 Decatur; 1:00 Seminole; 3:30 Miller

July 18: Toddler Time
10:00 Decatur; 1:00 Seminole; 3:30 Miller

July 23: End of the Summer Reading Program Party with Fuzzy the Magician
10:00 Decatur; 1:00 Seminole; 3:30 Miller

July 25: Games Day
10:00 Decatur; 1:00 Seminole; 3:30 Miller

July 31: Toddler Time
10:00 Decatur; 1:00 Seminole; 3:30 Miller

July 30: Games Day
10:00 Decatur; 1:00 Seminole; 3:30 Miller

Where to look when you run out of books?
Try: Novelist's Read a Likes

Using Novelist to Find “Read-a-Likes”
Finding Good Books is Easy!

From time to time you may need a little extra help finding the “right” book that matches your tastes, temperament, and interests. You can easily do this using Novelist. Go to the library’s website at swgrl.org, and select a resource called GALILEO. You may do this from the library’s computers, or get the quarterly password while you are at the library to access it from home. GALILEO provides access to a range of online databases including Novelist.

This resource is a database of authors and book reviews which was created to provide fiction bibliographies of authors and to suggest read-a-likes. Read-a-likes lets you see authors that write in a similar vein as your favorite author. For example you if you love Judith McNaught, type her name in, hit enter, and a list of other author’s will come up describing why these authors are similar.

You may also search by genre or time period. For example, you may like to read fiction based in Victorian England. The database will provide you with a list of recommended titles from which to choose.

Another resource is Fantastic Fiction. It is located online at: Fantasticfiction.co.uk. Besides providing bibliographies of authors, many authors have shared the titles of books that they like to read!

Whichever way you decide to go, the books are available through your library. Just ask, if they aren’t currently on the shelf, they can be put on hold, or borrowed through PINES.
New Awe Computers!

Early Literacy Station Computers from the AWE Company are now available for children visiting the library. They have all sorts of awesome educational fun games that will stretch your imagination and brain power! These games are especially designed to both entertain, and educate children ages 3 to 10. These computers are bright, easy to use, have sound, and have screen touchable interactive activities. Some of the games loaded are: Giggles My Musical World / Giggles ABCs and 123s/ Nursery Rhymes; JumpStart Phonics; ClueFinders 3rd Grade and 4th Grade Adventures; and Math Blaster 5-7, just to give a few examples of what is available on these computers.

To access them just ask at the circulation desk for the headphones. Don’t forget your library card!

Enjoy playing on the new computers this month!

Summer Teen Programs

June 3 @ 5 p.m.
Money and Checkbooks: How to get started for good financial health.

June 10 @ 5 p.m.
IN’s and OUT’s of MOVING OUT. Plus map bulletin board craft.

June 17 @ 5 p.m.
How to find the best post HS educational program for you.

June 24 @ 5 p.m.
Credit: How to establish it, and maintain it for life.

These teen programs will be held at: Southwest Georgia Regional Library 301 S. Monroe Street, Bainbridge, GA 39819. For more information call Carole Albyn at 229 248-2665 #114

SAT and ACT Study Groups.

Misery likes company right? Make friends, bring friends. Tap into library resources to make the grade.

Every Wednesday at 2:00 in June and July.

All teens are welcome!
New Materials at Your Library!

- **The Matchbox Diary**
- **Destined**
- **Light**
- **Being Henry David**
- **Peaches for Father Francis**
- **Cookies in the Cookie Jar?**
- **Fearless**
- **Empire and Honor**
- **Threat Vector**

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**THE SWGRL SPOTLIGHT**
Schedule of Events

- May 1: First Wednesday Book Club, 10 a.m. (S)
- May 6: Senior Corp Volunteer Program, 10 a.m. (D)
- May 7: First Tuesday Book Club, 10 a.m. (M)
- May 9: Mother’s Day Craft, 3:30 p.m. (D)
- May 9: Mother’s Day Craft, 3:45 p.m. (M)
- May 9: Mother’s Day Craft, 4 p.m. (S)
- May 14: Clifford the Big Red Dog, 9:30 a.m. (S)
- May 14: Decatur County-Gilbert H. Gragg Library Foundation meeting, 5 p.m. (D)
- May 17: National Children’s Book Week Read-in. (D)
- May 23: Pajama Storytime, 4 p.m. (S)
- May 27: All Libraries Closed for Memorial Day

Color code: Purple (D)=Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library  Red (M)=Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library
Green (S)=Seminole County Public Library
Dig Into Reading!

Stay tuned for the June issue of The SWGRL Spotlight which will have detailed information on the 2013 Summer Reading Program, “Dig Into Reading” (Children) and “Beneath the Surface” ( Teens)!

Receive this newsletter directly in your e-mail inbox by e-mailing librarian@swgrl.org or by visiting any library location to subscribe.

Library Locations

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301 S. Monroe Street
Bainbridge, Georgia 39819
229.248.2665

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

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103 West Fourth Street
Donalsonville, Georgia 39845
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