The Southwest Georgia Regional Library System Presents:

**THE SWGRL SPOTLIGHT**

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**Breakfast with Santa**

Registration begins soon!

Santa will visit the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System in December! Santa will visit the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library on **Saturday, December 4, 2010**. Santa will appear at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on **Saturday, December 11, 2010**.

Breakfast with Santa at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library is designed for children up to age 9. At the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library, ages 2-5 are welcome. Space for this program is limited. To reserve your child’s spot, please call the library beginning **Monday, November 8, 2010**. E-mail reservations are not accepted. Reservations before this date will not be accepted. Breakfast with Santa at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library is sponsored by First Port City Bank. Breakfast with Santa at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library is sponsored by Ameris Bank, First State Bank, and People South Bank.

The Seminole County Public Library will also be hosting Breakfast with Santa in December for children up to age 7, and is sponsored by the Georgia Rural Library Initiative Grant. Watch for more details on this program soon.

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**Holiday Closing**

Closed on Thursday, November 25, 2010 for Thanksgiving Day

The Southwest Georgia Regional Library System will be closed on **Thursday, November 25, 2010** in honor of Thanksgiving Day. All library locations will re-open regular business hours on **Friday, November 26, 2010**.

While our physical facilities will be closed, you can still access the library anytime online at www.swgrl.org, where you can find suggested reading materials for all ages, download an application for a library card, search the online card catalog for that book or DVD you have been wanting to check out, and much more!

We look forward to serving you again on **Friday, November 26, 2010**.

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**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
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Donalsonville, Georgia 39845
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**Sign your child up to meet Santa at the library in December!**
Celebrate National Gaming Day at the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System this month! Play a variety of board games and video games on the Nintendo Wii and the PlayStation 2 at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library on **Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.**. There will be several different types of board games available to play, including classic board games such as Chess, Checkers, and Connect Four, and modern board games such as 5 Second Rule and Pictureka.

Compete with your friends on **Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at 4 p.m.** at the Seminole County Public Library! And join us for the National Gaming Day celebration on **Saturday, November 13, 2010 at 1 p.m.** at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library.

This program is designed for ages 8—18. Please call your library for more information about this program.

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**Computer Classes**

Learn how to use a computer at your library this month!

Do you have a computer and are not sure how to use it? Or, do you want to find something that is only available on the Internet but don’t know how to use it? Enroll in Introductory Computer Classes at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library from **Tuesday, November 9 through Thursday, November 11, 2010.**

Space is very limited; please call the library at 229.248.2665 to place your name on the waiting list.

This is a three-day course; attendance is required on all three days of the course. The topics that will be covered in this course include Introduction to Computers and Windows, how to use the mouse and keyboard, Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007, and Introduction to the Internet and E-Mail.
Here Comes the Bookmobile!
The Bookmobile will visit a stop near you this month!

Don’t 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!

- **Monday, November 1:** Attapulgus Community Center, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, November 2:** Spring Creek Grocery, 10—11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, November 3:** Wingate’s Lodge, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, November 10:** Parker Park in Climax, 10:30—11:30 a.m.
- **Monday, November 15:** Selman Place Apartments, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, November 16:** Brogdon’s Grocery, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, November 24:** Spring Creek Park Resort, 9:15—10 a.m.
- **Wednesday, November 24:** Parkside Mini Mart, 10:15—11 a.m.

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

Book Clubs
Discuss interesting reads with interesting people!

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 **Tuesday, November 2, 2010 at 10 a.m.** at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library for the First Tuesday Book Club! We will be discussing Dogwood by Chris Fabry. The next meeting of the First Tuesday Book Club will be held on **Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at 10 a.m.**, when the book A Dog Named Christmas by Greg Kincaid will be discussed. This is a tender story of how one special dog changed the lives of one developmentally challenged young man’s adoptive family, and an entire town, forever. Don’t forget to join us on **Wednesday, November 3 2010 at 10 a.m.** at the Seminole County Public Library for the First Wednesday Book Club. This month, we will discuss the book Someone Knows My Name by Lawrence Hill. If you miss this discussion, don’t forget to join in on the next meeting of the First Wednesday Book Club on **Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at 10 a.m.** where we will discuss the book Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese.
Toddler Fun
Introduce your toddler to fun stories in Decatur, Miller, and Seminole counties!

Bring your toddler every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for Toddler Storytime at the Seminole County Public Library! Join us as storyteller Ms. Ralna presents stories, games, and fun for all during Toddler Storytime! Please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 for more information.

Toddler Time continues at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library on the third Thursday of each month, which will be held on Thursday, November 18, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. Storytellers Ms. Taryn will have stories, songs, fun, and much more! Please call the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library at 229.758.3131 for more information on Toddler Time.

And, join us at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. for Toddler Tales! Storytellers Ms. Debbie and Ms. Taryn will introduce your child to a love of reading and the library with books, songs, crafts, and more! Please call the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library at 229.248.2665 ext. 121 for more information.

These programs are designed for children ages 18 months—4 years old. Help your child discover the library with these fantastic programs!

Build a Story
At the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on Monday, November 8, 2010!

Are you interested in writing a story, but not sure where to start? How do you put the different elements of your story into one? Join published author Anne Holt at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on Monday, November 8, 2010 at 4 p.m. for an informative presentation on how to build your story. This program is designed for ages 12 and up.

Anne Holt received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Virginia in 1989. She holds a Master of Arts degree in Historical Administration and Public History and a Ph.D. in History from Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida.

Anne is an accomplished storyteller. She writes fiction, poetry, and non-fiction on history and parenting and Frontier Florida. For more information on Anne’s books, please visit her website at www.ahholt.com.
Schedule of Events

- November 2: First Tuesday Book Club, 10 a.m.
- November 2: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- November 3: First Wednesday Book Club, 10 a.m.
- November 4: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- November 4: Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- November 8: Building a Story, 4 p.m.
- November 9—11: Introductory Computer Classes, 10 a.m.
- November 9: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- November 9: Games Galore, 3:30 p.m.
- November 9: Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Foundation Board meeting, 5 p.m.
- November 10: Games Galore, 4 p.m.
- November 11: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- November 11: Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- November 13: Games Galore, 1 p.m.
- November 16: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- November 18: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.
- November 18: Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- November 18: Toddler Time, 3:30 p.m.
- November 30: Toddler Tales, 10 a.m.

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

Stay tuned to the December, 2010/January, 2011 issue of the SWGRL Spotlight for important holiday closings and storytime schedules.

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Library Locations

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