Seek the Unknown

48-Hour Teen Film Festival!

In celebrating Teen Read Week 2013, the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System is hosting a teen 48 hour film contest in partnership with The Firehouse Gallery. The contest is open to all teens in Decatur, Miller, and Seminole Counties. The meet-up is at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on Saturday, October 5, 2013 at 10 a.m. The Firehouse Gallery will host the film showing and winner announcement on Monday, October 7, 2013 at 7 p.m. The film must be narrative, not documentary or educational with a time limit of ten minutes or less. The film can be any genre using actors of any age and must be suitable for family viewing. Parents are encouraged to oversee the process but to not become involved in writing, editing, direction or photography beyond showing how to do something. A script must accompany the submitted film no later than Monday, October 7, 2013 at 12 p.m. at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library. The film must not be posted (including outtakes) to YouTube until after the contest Monday night. Films will be judged on: Story, Acting, Continuity, Photography, Lighting, and Sound. Additional points will be earned for teams whose finished film closely matches their script. Films and scripts must be turned in no later than noon on Monday. Films turned in later will not be judged but will be shown at the viewing at 7 p.m. at the Firehouse Gallery. The teams are responsible for the safety of their team members and the community. Teams are responsible for obtaining all equipment, model releases, production worker releases, and locations. Parents are strongly encouraged to help as safety advisors, drivers, location managers, production assistants, catering, and craft services. Production assistants are to help out around the set in any of the myriad of ways sets tend to call on extra help. Parents must refrain from resolving creative issues (such as suggesting camera angles). Please call the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library at 229.248.2665 for more information on the 48 Hour Teen Film Festival.

Join us for the 48 hour teen film festival!
Talking Books Help Blind Crafters Keep Up

Stay crafty with the Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services

Fifteen years after losing her sight, crafter Joyce Kane can still enjoy a good yarn, thanks to the free reading program of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS).

Kane, 61, has always loved crafting—sewing, quilting, knitting, and more. When her children were young, she owned a yarn shop. Later, she was a regular at craft shows and sold her work to wholesalers.

But in 1998, Kane underwent coronary bypass surgery and awoke completely blind. Her doctors were unaware that diabetes had damaged her optic blood vessels, which became starved for oxygen during the operation.

With the help of a friend who recorded a pattern, though, Kane relearned how to knit. She would knit all day, unravel much of her work at night, and begin again the next day until she was satisfied—and had created a sweater.

“I got back to all the things I was doing before,” said Kane. “And I’ve learned some new things, too.” Five years ago, she started Krafters Korner, which offers classes by conference call and e-mail to blind crafters. Today, the Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services helps those like Kane keep up with new ideas and techniques.

The Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services loans materials provided by NLS to those who are blind, cannot see well enough to read standard print, or unable to handle print books or turn pages because of a physical handicap. Computer-savvy patrons may access books online through the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) service.

The Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Service’s collection features many books on the art—and business—of crafting, such as The Handmade Marketplace by Kari Chapin and Simple Crochet by Erika Knight.

To learn more about the services and materials provided by the Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services, please visit www.swgrl.org/handicap.php or call 229.248.2680 or 800.795.2680 to speak with one of our knowledgeable staff members.

Origami Fun!

Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 4 p.m. at the Seminole County Public Library

Join us on Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 4 p.m. at the Seminole County Public Library to learn how to make origami.

Origami is the traditional Japanese art of paper folding. Origami became popular outside of Japan in the mid-1900s.

During the program, participants will learn how to create many different shapes using plain paper. Books on origami will be available for checkout after the program so participants can master their techniques at home.

This program is designed for ages 5—10. Please call the Seminole County Public Library at 229.524.2665 for more information on the origami program.
Bookmobile Schedule
Visit the Bookmobile at a stop near you!

The Bookmobile contains books, DVDs, and more that travel to a stop near you during August! Visit Mr. Max or Mr. Terry to get your hands on these materials at a stop near you:

- **Tuesday, October 1:** Spring Creek Grocery, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, October 2:** Wingate’s Lodge, 10—11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, October 2:** Recovery Community Center, 12—1:30 p.m.
- **Monday, October 7:** Attapulgus Community Center, 10—11 a.m.
- **Tuesday, October 8:** Iron City Convenience Store, 10—11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, October 9:** Parker Park in Climax, 10:30—11:30 a.m.
- **Tuesday, October 15:** Gibbs Bainbridge Village Apartments, 9—10 a.m.
- **Tuesday, October 15:** Brogdon’s Grocery, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
- **Monday, October 21:** Selman Place Apartments, 10—11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, October 23:** Spring Creek Park Resort, 9:15—10:15 a.m.
- **Wednesday, October 23:** Parkside Mini Mart, 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Discuss Interesting Reads and Characters
In Miller and Seminole Counties!

Join us on **Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at 10 a.m.** at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library for the next installment of the First Tuesday Book Club. They will discuss the book *Killing Kennedy: The End of Camelot* by Bill O’Reilly. The First Tuesday Book Club will meet again on **Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at 10 a.m.** at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library where the book *Calico Joe* by John Grisham.

The First Wednesday Book Club at the Seminole County Public Library will meet on **Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at 10 a.m.** They will discuss the book *The Supremes at Earl’s All-You-Can-Eat* by Edward Kelsey Moore. The First Wednesday Book Club will meet again on **Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at 10 a.m.** at the Seminole County Public Library where they will discuss *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

The History Book Club will meet at the Seminole County Public Library on **Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at 11 a.m.** and will discuss the book *American Scoundrel* by Thomas Keneally. The next meeting of the History Book Club will take place on **Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at 11 a.m.** where they will discuss the book *Carolina Kid* by Heidi Schnakenberg.
Celebrate Halloween at your library!
Wednesday, October 30, 2013 at 3:30 p.m.

October is here, which means Halloween is approaching fast. Celebrate Halloween at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library in October!

We will be having a Halloween celebration on Wednesday, October 30, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library. There will be Halloween-themed stories, and crafts. Children are encouraged to dress up in their Halloween costumes for even more fun!

This program is designed for children ages 3—8. Please call the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library at 229.758.3131 for more information on the Halloween celebration!

Learn to Use a Computer
October 22—24, 2013 at 10 a.m.

Do you need to learn how to use a computer? Learn to use a computer with assistance from the library and join us for Introductory Computer Classes this month!

Classes will be offered at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library on Tuesday, October 22 through Thursday, October 24, 2013 at 10 a.m. Please call 229.248.2665 to place your name on the waiting list. Introductory Computer Classes is a three-day course; attendance is required on all three days of the course.

The topics that will be covered include How to Use the Mouse and Keyboard, navigating the Windows environment, Introduction to Microsoft Word 2010, and Introduction to the Internet and E-Mail.

Don’t miss out on your chance to master the computer with the help of your library!
Toddler Time!
At your library!

Join us for Toddler Time in Decatur, Miller, and Seminole Counties! Toddler Time is a fantastic way for your little one to make new friends and discover the value of the library.

Join storyteller Ms. Donna at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library on **Thursday, October 17, 2013 at 3:30 p.m.** There will be stories, songs, and fun for all!

Be prepared to have a blast with storyteller Ms. Ralna at the Seminole County Public Library for Toddler Time **every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.** Stories, songs, games, fun, and much more await all who for Toddler Time at the Seminole County Public Library!

Toddler Time continues **every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library. Storyteller Ms. Debbie will delight your children with stories, songs, games, crafts, and fun. Don’t miss a minute of Toddler Time at your library!**

Enjoy storytime for your little ones at the library this month!

Learn Microsoft Excel 2010
In Miller and Seminole Counties

Have you ever been confused by all of those little boxes in Microsoft Excel? What exactly do they mean, anyway? Learn how to use Microsoft Excel 2010 at the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library on **Tuesday, October 29, 2013 at 10 a.m.** Space is limited; please call the Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library to reserve your spot today! (229) 758-3939.

Classes will also be held at the Seminole County Public Library on **Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10 a.m.**

This class will cover important topics in Microsoft Excel 2010 including working with formulas, formatting spreadsheets, and creating charts and graphs. Attendees will learn how to create a workbook, insert text and formulas, and how to delete and insert columns and rows. Participants must know how to use Microsoft Word before enrolling in this class.

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**Legos and Games**

Every Thursday from 4—6 p.m.!

Do you like to play Legos and games? So do we! Join us at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library **every Thursday in October from 4—6 p.m.** to play Legos and board games.

We will be playing all types of board games from classic to modern board games. There will also be lots of Legos available! Build any creation your heart desires using the library’s new Lego collection.

The Lego collection is made possible by the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Foundation.

Children of all ages are welcome to play Legos and games at the library. You can play for the entire two hours, or just play for a portion of the time.

Please call the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library at 229.248.2665 for more information on the Legos and games afternoons.

**Advanced Microsoft Word 2010**

Monday, October 21, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library

Do you need to enhance your Microsoft Word skills? Do you know the basics of Microsoft Word but want to learn more about this versatile program? The library can help!

Join us on **Monday, October 21, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.** at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library for Advanced Microsoft Word 2010. Learn advanced topics in Microsoft Word 2010 including inserting word art and clipart, working with tables, and much more.

A basic knowledge of Microsoft Word is required before enrolling in this class.

Space is limited; please call the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library at 229.248.2665 to reserve your spot today!
New Materials at Your Library!

- **Beholding Bee** by Kimberly Newton Fusco
- **The Cuckoo's Calling** by Robert Galbraith
- **Katie Fforde: A Perfect Proposal**
- **Charles Todd: Proof of Guilt** by an Inspector Ian Rutledge Mystery by Harper
- **Dick Francis: Refusal** by Felix Francis
- **Beyonders: Chasing the Prophecy** by Brandon Mull
- **The Lady and Her Monsters** by Rosanne Montillo
- **Odd Duck** by Carol Fieldmann and Jesus Varela
- **Journey** by Aaron Becker
Art on Display

Tuesday, October 1, 2013—Friday, October 25, 2013

Be sure to visit the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library during the month of October to view the lovely art on display!

The Decatur County Artists Guild is holding their annual art show at the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library this month. There are painters in many media including wood turners, potters, photographers, mixed media and fabric artists. Make sure you see the beautiful art by these talented artists at the library.

The Decatur County Artists Guild showcases many different types of artwork, including paintings, ceramics, and much more. Make sure you see the beautiful art by local artists.

Don’t forget to visit the Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library from Tuesday, October 1 through Friday, October 25, 2013 to view the art on display for yourself!
Art Materials at Your Library!
Schedule of Events

- October 1: First Tuesday Book Club, 10 a.m. (M)
- October 1: Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)
- October 2: First Wednesday Book Club, 10 a.m. (S)
- October 3: Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)
- October 3: Toddler Time, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m (S)
- October 3: Legos and Games, 4 p.m. (D)
- October 5: Seek the Unknown Teen 48-Hour Film Festival (D)
- October 8: Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)
- October 10: Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)
- October 10: Toddler Time, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. (S)
- October 10: Legos and Games, 4 p.m. (D)
- October 15: Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)
- October 16: Seminole County Public Library Board of Trustees meeting, 10 a.m. (S)
- October 16: History Book Club, 11 a.m. (S)
- October 16: Miller County—James W. Merritt, Jr. Memorial Library Board of Trustees meeting, 1 p.m. (M)
- October 16: Southwest Georgia Regional Library System Board of Trustees meeting, 3 p.m. (S)
- October 16: Decatur County—Gilbert H. Gragg Library Board of Trustees meeting, 5 p.m (D)
- October 17: Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)
- October 17: Toddler Time, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. (S)
- October 17: Toddler Time, 3:30 p.m. (M)
- October 17: Legos and Games, 4 p.m. (D)
- October 21: Advanced Microsoft Word, 5:30 p.m. (D)
- October 22: Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)
- October 22—24: Introductory Computer Classes, 10 a.m. (D)
- October 24: Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)
- October 24: Toddler Time, 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. (S)
- October 24: Legos and Games, 4 p.m. (D)
- October 29: Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)
- October 29: Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2010, 10 a.m. (M)
- October 30: Halloween Celebration, 3:30 p.m. (M)
- October 31: Toddler Time, 10 a.m. (D)
- October 31: Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2010, 10 a.m. (S)
- October 31: Toddler Time, 10:30 a.m. (S)
- October 31: Origami Fun, 4 p.m. (S)
- October 31: Legos and Games, 4 p.m. (D)

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New in November!

Stay tuned the November issue of The SWGRL Spotlight for details on the results of the 48 Hour Teen Film Festival, and learn about Dr. Who’s 50th Anniversary Party. You won’t want to miss the November issue!

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Library Locations

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Bainbridge, Georgia 39819
229.248.2665

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