



# THE LIBRARY WINDOW

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## NEW SERVICE: HOMEBOUND DELIVERY



**Do you, or someone you know, have physical limitations that prevent you from leaving home?**

The Durham Public Library now has a Homebound Delivery Service. This Service is a free service to any resident of Durham who is unable to visit the library because of a temporary or permanent disability. Call the library to receive a physical copy or go to our website to fill out the online application. Within the application you will be able to choose what interests you as far as genre and type of material: Books, Large Print Books, Books on CD, DVD's, CD's, Magazines. A library staff member will then choose items using the application as a guideline. A specific item can also be requested. You can borrow up to 25 items.

After the application is received someone will contact you about delivery.

All of this information and more can be found on our website:

[www.durhamlibrary.org](http://www.durhamlibrary.org) or contact Christine Michaud at 860 349 9544 x5 with any questions.



**Happy New Year!**

We are starting off the new year and the new decade with a new way to keep up with events at the Library - a bi-monthly newsletter.

We hope you will find it a helpful way to learn about all the fun and useful things you can find and do at the Durham Public Library.

We have some exciting plans for 2020, including a revamped "Teen Lounge" on Mondays after school, getting the new Homebound Delivery Service up and running, and, of course, books! Whether you are looking for a classic or the newest bestsellers, we can help you find exactly the book you are looking for.

Have questions or concerns? Feel free to stop by my office any time.

**- Christine**

# Monthly Meet-Ups

Just drop in!

French Conversation  
Circle  
First Thursday of the  
Month  
5:30 - 6 PM

Spanish Conversation  
Circle  
Third Thursday of the  
Month  
4:30-6 PM

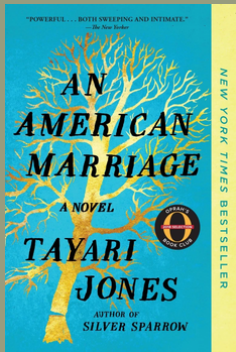
The Stitching  
Circle  
Every Thursday  
7 to 9 PM

## Book Discussions

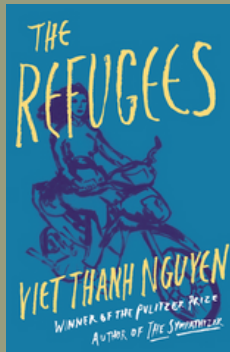
(Pick up a copy of the book at the library!)

Book Lovers'  
Circle

True Story! A  
Nonfiction Book  
Discussion



Wednesday  
January, 8th  
7:30 pm



Wednesday  
February, 5th  
7:30 pm



Monday  
January, 13th  
7:30 pm

## Movie Matinees

Jan. 2 Downton Abbey (PG)  
Jan. 9 Ad Astra (PG-13)  
Jan. 16 Judy (PG-13)  
Jan. 23 The Goldfinch (R)  
Jan. 30 Overcomer (PG)  
Feb. 6 Harriet (PG-13)  
Feb. 13 Valentine's Day (PG-13)  
Feb. 20 Fast & Furious: Presents Hobbs & Shaw (PG-13)  
Feb. 27 Definitely, Maybe (PG-13)

## Happening at the Library

### Technology Workshop : Smartphone101

Have a smartphone or tablet you want to learn how to use? Join us for a tutorial on apps and how they work. We'll end the class with steps on how to check out full-color, full-text magazines using our RB Digital App and show you how to use Libby to check out e-books and e-audiobooks free with your library card!

January, 6th 11-12 pm.

January, 9th 4-5 pm.

Please Register

### Beginning Collage

Looking to create your own masterpiece without using paint? Join us for a workshop to create a collage "painting". Local artist Candice Weigle-Spier will walk us through making a picture with colors found and cut from old calendars and magazines. This two-session workshop will include all the materials necessary to create your very own work of art. No art experience required. This program is generously funded by PALS: Friends of the Durham Public Library. This is a 2-session workshop and attendance at both sessions is required.

January, 16th 7-8:30 pm

January, 23rd 7-8:30 pm

Please Register

### The Grotesque Ten

See collegiate architecture up close and learn about it's history! Mathew Duman, photographer, author, and graphic designer, embarked on a "grotesque safari", traveling to 10 universities around the country to photograph the grotesques and gargoyles roosting on their academic buildings. He presents a selection of his findings from his book "The Grotesque 10: Amazing Architectural Sculpture from Ten American Colleges and Universities ", in this lecture.

January 28th 7:00pm

Please register

This program is generously funded by PALS : Friends of the Durham Public Library

## Mary Todd Lincoln: Wife & Widow

Living historian Sally Mummey will portray Mary Todd Lincoln as she muses on her life from her dreams as a girl to her years as First Lady during the Civil War. Mrs. Lincoln will share stories of her life with President Lincoln and the events of that evening in Ford's Theatre when the assassin's bullet not only changed the course of the nation but destroyed her life as well. With wit and heartbreak, seasoned with abiding love for her husband and her children, Mrs. Lincoln will reveal the passionate humanity of a misunderstood woman

February, 8 10:30 am  
Please register

## Art Journaling

Explore your creativity through art and journaling in this 90 minute workshop. Pastor Jeanette Hicks will guide participants through a series of prompts designed to encourage thinking and writing about the things that matter most to you. All supplies provided. This program is sponsored by PALS

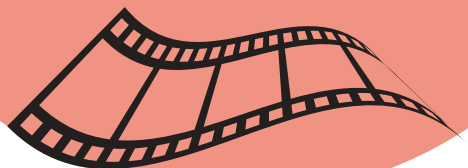
## Patti's Movie Review



### Downton Abbey Motion Picture

In this delightful follow-up of the Downton Abbey series, the Crawleys and their staff prepare for a visit from the King and Queen of England.

The movie was great fun! Fans of the series will enjoy seeing all the original cast again and meeting some new characters, too. Even people who didn't follow the series can enjoy seeing the movie, although they won't understand the inside jokes. Maggie Smith (Violet Crawley) was a joy to see, as always. I've missed her one-liners!



## New Arrivals



### FICTION

Hindsight - Iris Johansen (1/7)  
Moral Compass- Danielle Steel (1/7)  
The River Murders - James Patterson (1/7)  
Treason- Stuart Woods (1/7)  
Lost - James Patterson (1/13)  
Sisters by Choice - Susan Mallery (2/11)  
The Other Mrs. - Mary Kubica (2/18)  
The Big Lie - James Grippando (2/25)



### NON- FICTION

Imperfect Union: How Jessie and John Fremont Mapped the West, Invented Celebrity, and Helped Cause the Civil War -Steve Inskeep (1/14)

A House in the Mountains: The Women Who Liberated Italy from Fascism - Caroline Moorehead (1/28)

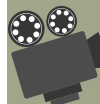
American Sherlock: Murder, Forensics, and the Birth of American CSI - Date Winkler Dawson (2/11)

The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz - Erik Larson (2/25)



### MYSTERY

In the Shadow of Vesuvius - Tasha Alexander (1/7)  
First Cut - Judy Melinek ,T.J. Mitchell (1/7)  
How Quickly She Disappears -Raymond Fleischmann (1/14)  
Galway Girl- Ken Bruen (11/5)  
The Old Success - Martha Grimes (11/5)



### MOVIES

Harriet (PG-13)  
Countdown (PG-13)  
Joker (R)  
Maleficent: Mistress of Evil (PG)  
The Lighthouse (R)  
Zombieland: Double Tap (R)

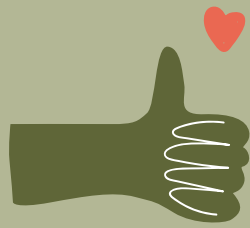


### AUDIOBOOKS

Treason - Stuart Woods  
All the Ways We Said Goodbye - Beatriz Williams, Lauren Willig,  
Karen White  
Home Work - Julie Andrews  
The Starless Sea - Erin Morgenstern

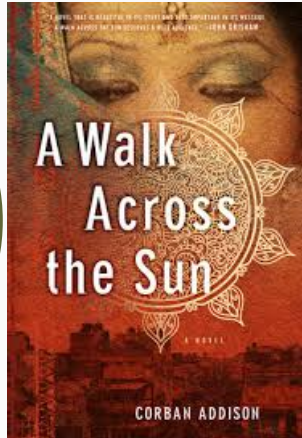
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## Staff Picks

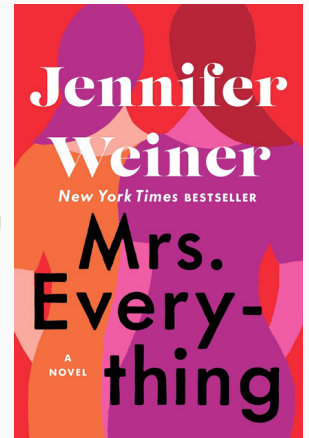
Diana  
recommends  
"A Walk Across  
the Sun"  
by Corban  
Addison



I would describe this book as a thriller. It tackles the tough topic of Child Sex Trafficking. It is a hard topic, that is handled tastefully. The main characters are two sisters, 17 year old Ahalya and 15 year old Sita. The other main character is Thomas Clark, an attorney, who becomes entwined in their story. What I liked about the book was how the two storylines came together. It was a page turner with plenty of action. This book also brings attention to a serious issue that is happening in the world today.

Check it out and let Diana know what you think!

Kim  
recommends  
"Mrs. Everything"  
by Jennifer  
Weiner

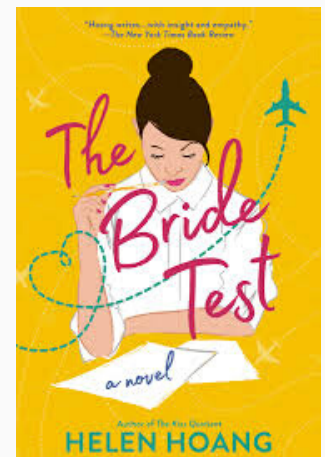


This story follows two sisters, Jo and Bethie, as they navigate life from the 1950's to the present, experiencing the same upbringing, but ending up in very different places. The oldest, Jo, is practical and bends to society's expectations. Bethie, the younger of the two, is a romantic, whose life doesn't unfold as she imagined. As the story moves from 1950's to 1970's it tackles divorce, women's changing expectations, interracial marriage, and what it really means to be happy. The book includes multiple viewpoints and readers who like a family saga and characters that feel like friends will appreciate this book.

Check it out and let Kim know what you think!

Christine  
recommends  
"The Bride Test"  
by Helen Hoang

I tend to read either serious nonfiction or light romance – this book is definitely the latter! A follow-up to the best-selling *The Kiss Quotient*, *The Bride Test* is a sweet and funny Cinderella story about Khai Diep, who has autism and thinks he doesn't "do" relationships, and Esme Tran, the woman Khai's mother fixes him up with. Recommended for fans of contemporary romantic comedies with heart.



Check it out and let Christine know what you think!

# Youth Services

## Just Drop In!

**Starting in January...**

**Mother Goose Storytime**  
Mondays @ 10:30 AM

**Preschool Storytime**  
Tuesdays @ 10:30 AM

**Rubik's Cube Mosaic**  
Saturday, January 11 @ 11 AM

**Starting in February...**

**Sensory Storytime**  
Fridays @ 10:30 AM

**Kid's Yoga**  
Thursdays @ 10:30

## Children's Programs

**Registration required**

**Robo Mondays**

For Grades 2+.  
1/6, 1/13, 1/27  
6 PM

**Preschool Musical Jamboree**

For ages 2.5+  
1/15, 1/22, 1/29  
10:30 AM

**Cocoa and Crafts**

For grades 3+  
1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27  
Does not meet 1/6  
6 PM

**Sushi Making Workshop**

Ages 6 -12  
Monday, Jan 27  
5 PM

**Candy Making**

Grades 3+  
Thursday, Feb 6  
5PM

### Literacy Tip

Start early!  
Reading to babies is important for healthy brain development and lays the foundation for language and writing skills.

### Mr. Gym!

Come celebrate  
**Take Your Child to the Library Day**  
and enjoy a concert  
by Mr. Gym!  
Saturday, February 1st  
3 PM  
All ages welcome!  
Register online



Saturday, February 1, 2020 is  
**Take Your Child to the Library Day (TYCLD)**,  
an international initiative that encourages families  
everywhere to take their children to their local  
library. Launched in 2011 in Connecticut, TYCLD  
raises community awareness about the importance  
of the library in the life of a child, and promotes  
library services and programs for children and  
families. Join the celebration! Miss Lauren will have  
a drop in craft in the children's room all day!



# Teen Telescope

Thursday, Jan 30 at 7 PM

Come and use the library's telescope to check out the winter night sky!

We'll see what stars and planets we can identify and chat about the cosmos with Jim Mazur, of the New Haven Astronomical Society, and his wife, Laurie.

Weather dependent.

If it's cloudy or there's a ton of snow, we'll reschedule.

Dress warmly!

Ages 12+

Registration required.

## Young Adult Programs

### Unplugged Monday

Join your friends at the library for a teen lounge. We'll have games, crafts, snacks, and space to hang with your friends (and charge your phone).

Mondays

2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

No registration needed; just drop in!

### TAG (Teen Advisory Group)

Have thoughts on library programs? Want a say in what services are provided for teens?

Come and join our Teen Advisory Group!

Tuesday, January 14

3 PM

For patrons in grades 7 - 12.

Registration preferred (so we know you might be coming), but it's ok to drop-in too!

### Dungeons and Dragons

Drop in and play Dungeons and Dragons!

All skill levels welcome.

No registration required

Every Wednesday

2:30 - 4 PM



A new Youth Services librarian will be joining our team soon, so be sure to check our webpage for programming updates or new programs added!

## YA New Arrivals

One Of Us Is Next- Karen McManus

Strange Exit - Parker Peevyhouse

Into the Pit (Five Nights at Freddy's) - Scott Cawthon

Tweet Cute - Emma Lord

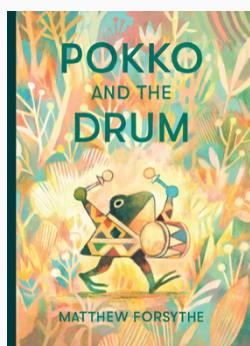
The Gravity of Us - Phil Stamper



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Miss Lauren Likes...



### **The Year We Fell From Space by Amy Sarig King**

**This book delves into the topics of divorce and mental health with an honest and open viewpoint. The main character, Liberty, struggles to understand her father's depression and also take stock of her own mental well-being. In The Year We Fell From Space, King creates an achingly realistic experience of divorce and the impact of depression on a family that ends on an equally realistic, yet hopeful note.**

### **Pokko and the Drum by Matthew Forsythe**

**In this sweet and funny picture book, Pokko is a frog who is bothering his family with his loud drumming. Kids and parents will both relate and appreciate Pokko's persistence and the fun that follows.**

## **Early Literacy Kits**

As part of the Every Child Ready to Read program, the library has developed circulating "literacy kits" that support early literacy practices.

Each kit contains:

2 board books

5 picture books

a music CD

an educational DVD or toy

an idea packet of pre-reading activities that parents and children can do together

Kits circulate for 3 weeks; there is a \$1.00 per day fine for late returns.

# **New Arrivals**

## **Picture Books**

Pig the Tourist - Aaron Blabey

Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring - Kenard Pak

Naughty Ninja Takes A Bath - Todd Tarpley

## **Graphic Novel**

Narwhal and Jelly 4: Narwhal's Otter Friend - Ben Clanton

HiLo 6: All the Pieces Fit - Judd Winick

## **Fiction**

Race to the Sun (Rick Riordan Presents) - Rebecca Roanhorse

Bravelands #5: The Spirit-Eaters - Erin Hunter

Notorious - Gordon Korman

Middle School 12: Master of Disaster - James Patterson

PakJinxed - Amy McCullouch

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KNOW?

# You can pay your fines online!

Click on "Log Into My Account"

Type your last name and patron ID number (on your library card)

On the left side under your personal information there will be a link that says "\$1.15 in unpaid fines and bills" (The amount is dependent on how much you owe. If you currently owe no fines, this link will not be there at all. You must have at least \$1.01 in fines to pay online.)

Click on that link to access payment screen.

Click "Pay Now"

A pop-up window will come up and you can check boxes next to each fine you would like to pay. Click continue. Enter your Visa, Discover, or Mastercard number, select the type, and enter the expiration date. Click "continue".

On the final screen you will need to input your card's security code and billing information before clicking "I Authorize This Transaction" to finalize your payment.

## January / February Hours

**Monday - Thursday**

**10 AM - 9 PM**

**Friday & Saturday**

**10 AM - 5 PM**

### Closings

**New Year's Day**

**Closed January 1**

**Martin Luther King Day**

**Closed January 20**

**President's Day**

**Closed February 17**



**A visit with Santa at the Durham Public Library**



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