

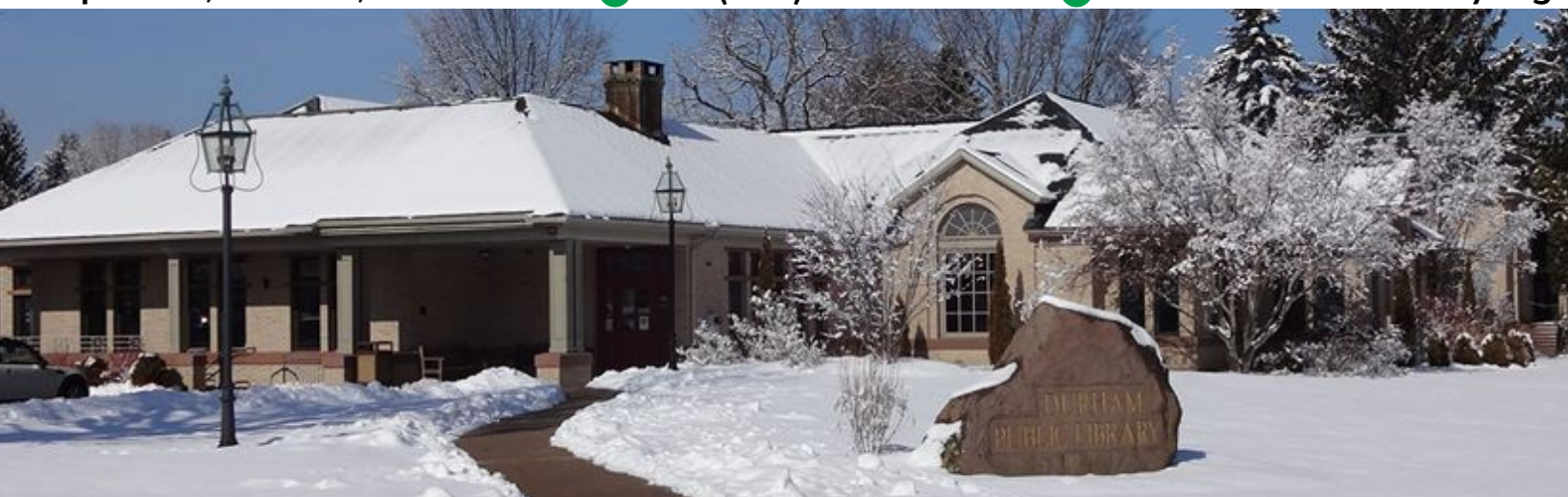


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Durham Public Library Receives State Grant for Space Revitalization

The Durham Public Library is extremely pleased to report that we have been awarded a grant for \$146,957 by the Connecticut State Library Board that will fund updates to the library interior.

There have been numerous changes in technology and community needs since the last significant library updates in 1995. The grant funding will allow the library to upgrade the public computers and reconfigure the interior space with two small study rooms, quiet reading areas, and new furnishings for the circulation and teen spaces. Lastly, the revitalization project will enable the library to complete long needed maintenance projects, including adding an automatic front door, redoing the main floor restrooms, and repainting and carpeting the space. The grant award culminates a strategic planning process that involved both library patrons and the community at large.

"This project is an important part of making the Library responsive to the community," notes Library Director Christine Michaud. "The new study rooms and the automatic doors, in particular, are frequently requested by our patrons, and it is important to keep up with technological changes." She continued, "This remodeling plan is part of our mission of growing knowledge and community. With this project, we are positioning the library to continue to meet community needs in the 21st century, while keeping the charm and character that make the Durham Public Library so special."

"The State Library grant will cover 50% of the project costs and the remainder must be matched by contributions from the Town and the community. "Our next phase is fundraising to meet this goal," Board Chair, Robert H. Booz stressed. Look for more information soon on how you can contribute to this exciting project.



From the Director's Desk

Happy New Year! I think we can all agree that 2020 was a strange and difficult year and that we are hopeful for better days ahead. The library continues to be open for browsing and computer use six days a week. Curbside pickup and homebound delivery are also available. And don't forget our wide array of digital resources and online programs.

Looking to the future, the library is extremely pleased to announce receipt of a \$147,000 grant from the Connecticut State Library. Combined with town funds and local fundraising, we will be able to make significant improvements to the library interior.

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

- Christine

Virtual Book Discussions

Hoopla Book Discussion

January 19 7:00 PM

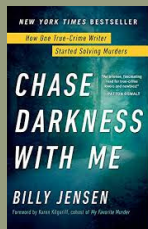
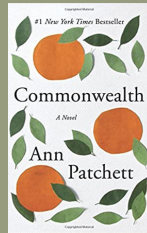
Radium Girls by Kate Moore

February 16 7:00 PM

Commonwealth by Ann Patchett

March 16 7:00 PM

My Brilliant Friend by Elena Ferrante



True Story! A Non-Fiction Book Discussion

Monday, January 11 7:00 PM

Chase Darkness With Me by Billy Jensen

BONJOUR!

Expand your speaking skills by practicing the language in a welcoming atmosphere. Facilitated by native French speaker Simone Howe. Meets monthly on the first Thursday of the month on Zoom. Regular participants will receive a link to the Zoom meeting. If this is your first time please email kmcnally@durhamlibrary.org to receive the Zoom link for the online meeting.

¡HOLA!

The Spanish Conversation Circle is meeting weekly via zoom! Join us each Friday at 4 pm for a virtual Spanish conversation hosted by Marilyn Horn. Each session is limited to 9 adults on a first come, first served basis. Reserve your spot by emailing Marilyn at marilyncha13@gmail.com. She will email you a Zoom link prior to the meeting.

Adult Programming

Fast Track to Time Management

Thursday, Jan 21

7 PM

Are you finding yourself with more and more tasks to do, yet there's never enough time to get everything done? Are you stumped about how to accommodate kids, spouse, and yourself, learning and working virtually from home at the same time, or in limited space? For 40 years, Ronni Eisenberg has helped others get organized and now she can help you! Join us for this Zoom workshop and take control of your time and space. Please register to receive the Zoom link prior to our meeting.

Essential Estate Planning

Thursday Feb 11

7 PM

Did you know that if you don't create your own estate plan, some of your end of life decisions are dictated by the state of Connecticut? Even if you already have an estate plan there's a good chance it needs updating because laws often change. If you would like to decide how your estate is divided, who is responsible for your care, who gets custody of your minor children, and more... this program is for you! Come learn from an experienced elder law attorney about important documents EVERY ADULT should have. You'll learn about wills, trusts, powers of attorney (POA), and healthcare directives. You'll walk away knowing what these documents are for, and what you need to do to create them. Please register to receive a Zoom link prior to the program.

Understanding Social Security with AAA Retirement

Wednesday Feb 24

6 PM

Want to get the most out of your social security benefits? AAA Retirement will provide an overview of social security benefits for single, married, widowed, and divorced beneficiaries. Learn how to increase your social security retirement income by up to 76%, receive social security income for an ex or deceased spouse's earnings, and understand strategies to plan retirement and navigate social security. Attendees will walk away with resources on how to get maximum benefits and transition into retirement. This program is being offered by AAA Retirement in partnership with the Durham Public Library. The zoom link will be sent out by AAA Retirement.

Take and Make Crafts



January 4 - Luminaries

January 18 - Watercolor Kit

February 1 - Turn the News into a Rose

February 16- Rag Wreath



Hoopla

STREAMING AUDIOBOOKS,
MUSIC, VIDEO & EBOOKS

January (Popular 2020 Books)

February (Romance)

March (Spring Clean)

Beach Haven
T. I. Lowe

Can't Hurt Me
David Goggins

Collateral Damage
Lynette Easton

Don't Overthink It
Anne Bogelff

For Any Reason
Courtney Walsh

Lies My Teacher Told Me
James W. Loewen

My Dear Hamilton
Stephanie Dray

The Alice Network
Kate Quinn

The Book Woman of
Troublesome Creek
Kim Michelle Richardson

The Alchemist
Paul Coelho

Virgin River
Robyn Carr

The Inn Keeper of Ivy Hill
Julie Klassen

The Last Anniversary
Liane Moriarty

If I Were You
Lynn Austin

Suddenly
Barbara Delinsky

Family Tree
Susan Wiggs

Table for Two
Nora Roberts

Get a Life Chloe Brown
Talia Hibbert

The Other Miss Bridgerton
Julia Quinn

Notorious
Minerva Spencer

Decluttering at the Speed of
Life
Dana K. White

Remodelista The Organized
Home
Julie Carlson

Clean Mama's Guide to a
Healthy Home Becky
Rapinchuk

Cleaning and Organizing
DIY
Various Authors

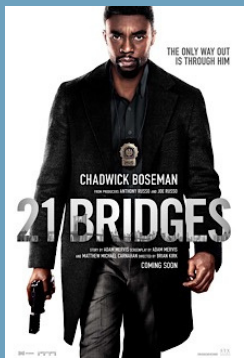
Declutter Anything
Ed Morrow

Keep What You Love
Irene Smitt

The Holistic Home
Laura Benko

The Naturally Clean Home
Karyn Siegel-Maie

Patti's Movie Recommendation



"21 Bridges" is an exciting crime thriller about a NYPD detective who goes on an overnight manhunt for two cop killers. He ultimately shuts down the 21 bridges in Manhattan to keep the killers from escaping. There's a twist in the movie that makes it even more suspenseful. Great acting by Chadwick Boseman, who plays the detective. He also starred in "Black Panther" and "Marshall," which are good movies to watch as well.



Winter New Arrivals



FICTION

Neighbors - Danielle Steel

The Russian - James Patterson

Twenty - James Grippando

The Four Winds - Hannah Kristen

Prodigal Son - Gregg Hurwitz

The Power Couple - Alex Berenson

The Saboteurs - Clive Cussler

American Traitor - Brad Taylor

The City of Tears - Kate Mosse

Before She Disappeared - Lisa Gardner



NON- FICTION

Land: How the Hunger for Ownership Shaped the Modern World by Simon Winchester

Robert E. Lee and Me: A Southerner's Reckoning with the Myth of the Lost Cause by Ty Seidule

Queens of the Crusades: England's Medieval Queens by Alison Weir

The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna, Gene Editing, and the Future of the Human Race by Walter Isaacson



MYSTERY

The Falcon Always Wings Twice by Donna Andrews

A Hanging at Dawn by Charles Todd

Agatha Christie's The Killings at Kingfisher by Sophie Hannah

Law of Innocence by Michael Connelly

Moonflower Murders by Anthony Horowitz



AUDIOBOOKS

A Promised Land by Barack Obama

Ready Player Two by Ernest Cline

The Searcher by Tana French

All the Devils are Here by Louise Penny

The Evening and the Morning by Ken Follett



MOVIES

Irresistible (Steve Carell)

Mr. Robot - Seasons 1-3

Empire - Seasons 1-4

Fleabag - Season 2

The Great - Season 1

Rainy Day in New York

The Secret: Dare to Dream

The War with Grandpa

Infidel

The Crown Season 3

Made in Italy

Ava

Better Call Saul Season 5

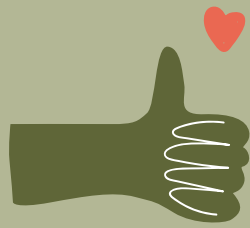
Bill & Ted Face the Music

The Irishman

Mulan (the live action one)

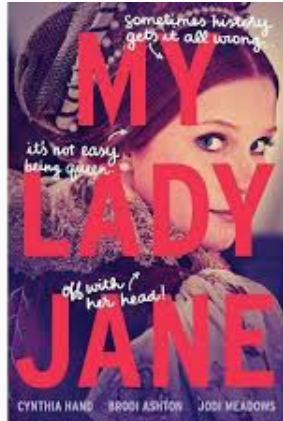
Relic

Yellowstone Season 3

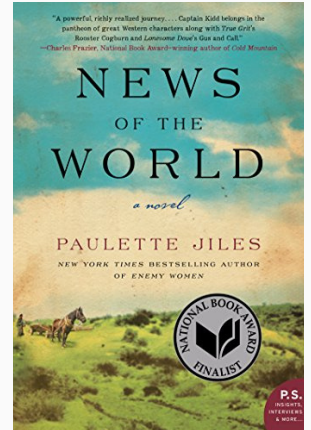


Staff Picks

Elizabeth B.
recommends
"My Lady Jane" by
Cynthia Hand, Brodi
Ashton, and Jodi
Meadows



Kim
recommends
"News of the
World"
by Paulette Jiles



This alternate history light-heartedly reimagines the story of the unfortunately fated "Nine Days Queen" Lady Jane Grey. In a fantastical version of sixteenth-century England, bookish Jane is forced into an arranged marriage and caught up in a scheme to take the throne from her cousin King Edward VI. But when the plan goes wrong, hijinks ensue as Jane struggles to avoid losing her head (literally). Maybe in this version, she'll finally get her happy ending. This book is both hilarious and romantic. Enjoyable for both teens and adults, it's the perfect book to put the reader in a good mood.

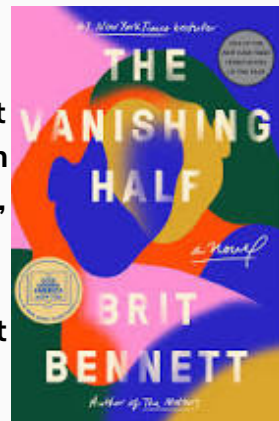
Five years after the Civil War Captain Jefferson Kidd crosses paths with a ten year old held captive by the Kiowa. He agrees to see her safely across Texas where she will be reunited with her family. Along the way, the unlikely companions meet interesting people, harsh conditions, and dangerous situations. Did I mention the young girl only speaks Kiowa? I loved how the author was able to show how two people can learn from one another and develop a bond despite the often one-sided conversations. This short novel is part western, part historical fiction, but ultimately the tale of a family. The movie was just released starring Tom Hanks. See the movie, but read the book first!

Check it out and let Elizabeth know what you think!

Check it out and let Kim know what you think!

Jennifer
recommends
"The Vanishing Half"
by Brit Bennett

This relevant, yet historical, fiction follows the lives of identical twin sisters, Stella and Desiree, as they grow up in a small town in Louisiana in the 1950's. The girls are so light skinned, they could pass for white. Their roads diverge when Stella takes an opportunity to live her life as a white woman, leaving Desiree, and their lives as black women and twins, behind. This book follows the twins, and then their daughters, as they make their way in the world separately. It covers a wide range of topics (race, gender, class...) which makes it the perfect book club pick!



Check it out and let Jen know what you think!

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LIBRARY SERVICES For Students

Congratulations on starting the 2020-2021 school year! We here at the Durham Public Library are eager to support you in your scholarly endeavors!

We offer:



Digital Resources

Online tools you can use at home!



Libby and OverDrive:
eBooks and eAudiobooks.



Ebooks, eAudiobooks, and Movies.



Documentaries, foreign films, & language learning including Muzzy and Little Pim.



Reliable information for research projects and more.



Live tutoring & homework help, test prep, and writing guidance.



WiFi and Computer Use



Copier and Scanner Services



Books, DVDs, Books on CD, magazines, and more!

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- Masks required.
- 30 minute time limit in the library.
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Youth Service's Programming

Cocoa & Crafts



Now that it's winter, it's time for some cocoa...and crafts! Stop by the library and pick up a new craft each month — along with some cocoa to enjoy at home! Geared towards kids ages 8 -12. Runs January - April. January pick up dates: January 19 - 23. Registration required each month.

St. Patrick's Day Pick Up Craft



Pick up a St. Patrick's Day-themed craft kit to do at home! Craft is geared towards younger children. Registration required. Pick Up Dates: March 8 -13.

Zoom Dungeons & Dragons



Zoom D&D continues this winter! Love to play but are unable to get together with friends? Our Zoom meeting is the perfect place for you! Play Dungeons & Dragons with other local teens from the comfort of your own home each Wednesday, beginning Wednesday January 13. This program is available for teens in grades 7 & up, registration is required.

Valentine's Day Pick Up Craft



Pick up a Valentine's Day-themed craft kit to do at home! Craft is geared towards younger children. Registration required. Pick Up Dates: February 8 - 13

Teen Self Care



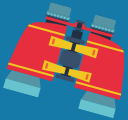
The world is a stressful place, take some time for yourself with our Teen Self Care Series! Each month we have D.I.Y kits available to pick up, with registration. This session is all about using your creative side-kits include materials and instructions for crafts, creative thinking exercises and yummy comfort food!

Spring Pick Up Craft



Pick up a Spring-themed craft kit to do at home! Craft is geared towards younger children. Registration required. Pick Up Dates: March 29 - April 1.

Backyard Adventurers



Pick up, Take home, Explore! At the beginning of each month, we will provide a package of tools, materials and fun science activities for children ages 4-7. This session runs for the months of February and March. Each package is designed to encourage your child to explore their environment in different ways- using science and play! Registration is required



Backyard Adventurers: Earth Day Kit



Celebrate Mother Nature with this unique edition of Backyard Adventurers! In honor of Earth Day, this kit is completely virtual and is filled with activities that celebrate nature. For children age 4-7, the kit will be sent directly to your inbox. Registration with an email address is required.

Backyard Adventurers: Snow Day Kit



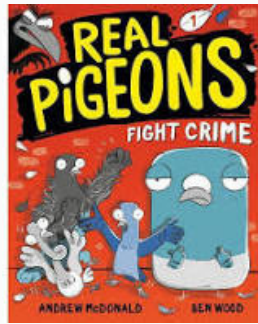
Snow Days have never been more fun! Register for your very own Snow Day Kit- full of fun experiments to do with snow and ice that can be used all winter long! With registration, this kit will be sent directly to your inbox and uses materials typically found around the home. This kit is fun for the whole family! Registration with an email address is required.



Miss Lauren Likes...

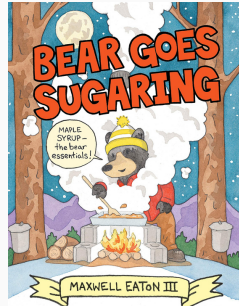
Real Pigeons Fight Crime by Andrew McDonald

Ever wonder what pigeons do all day? Well luckily, at least some of them fight crime! This silly series follows the antics of some wild birds - as they fight crime, eat danger (book 2), and nest hard (book 3)!



Bear Goes Sugaring by Maxwell Eaton

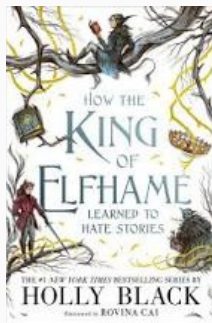
Part nonfiction, part graphic novel, this book follows Bear as he learns all about making maple syrup. Perfect for a cold winter day - followed by some pancakes!



Miss Kristen Likes...

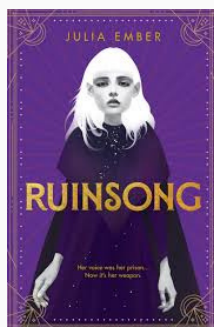
How the King of Elfhome Learned to Hate Stories by Holly Black

Before he was the cruel prince or a wicked king, he was a faerie child with a heart of stone. This tale includes details of life before The Cruel Prince, and adventure beyond The Queen of Nothing, and familiar moments from the Folk of the Air trilogy, told completely from Cardan's perspective. And the artwork is fantastic! Definitely check out this short story if you're a fan of the rest of the series.



Ruinsong by Julia Ember

In a world where magic is sung, a powerful mage named Cadence has been forced to torture her country's disgraced nobility at her ruthless queen's bidding. Once reunited with her childhood friend, who has ties to the underground rebellion, Cadence must make a choice to take a stand- or become a monster. Recommended for fans of Freeform's Motherland: Fort Salem.



WINTER

New Arrivals

CHILDREN'S FICTION

Cat Kid: Comic Club by Dav Pilkey (graphic novel)

Love From Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae
(picture book)

Spring Stinks by Ryan T. Higgins (picture book)

Never After by Melissa De La Cruz (fiction)

Thea Stilton and the Rainforest Rescue by Thea Stilton
(fiction)

Magic Treehouse: Warriors in Winter by Mary Pope
Osborne (fiction)

NON-FICTION

The Worry Less Book by Rachel Brian

Beatrix Potter, Scientist by Linday H. Metcalf & Junyi Wu

Life Through Time: The 700-Million-Year Story of Life On
Earth by John Woodward

Cardboard Box Engineering: Cool, Inventive Projects for
Thinkers, Makers & Future Scientists by Jonathan Adolf

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Wayward Witch by Zoraida Cordova

Return of the Thief by Megan Whelan Turner

Instant Karma by Marissa Meyer

Stormbreak by Natalie C. Parker



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Winter Hours

Monday & Tuesday
11:00 am to 5:00pm

Wednesday
2:00 pm to 8:00 pm

**Thursday, Friday, &
Saturday**
11:00 am to 5:00 pm

Closings

MLK Day
January 18

President's Day
February 15

PALS: Friends of the Durham Public Library

The goal of PALS is to promote awareness and enhance usage of the Library by raising funds for programs, materials, equipment and services not included in the town's library budget. Materials and programs are purchased for a broad spectrum of ages and interests, including: programming; museum & park passes; special start-up collections such as DVDs, graphic novels, and Lucky Day Books; multimedia equipment; and the Summer Reading Program.

Now more than ever PALS has stepped up to support the library and the Durham community as we adjust library programs and services in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Your support makes a difference. You support electronic resources such as downloadable books, audiobooks, movies, music, magazines, craft classes and more. Your support provides free tutoring, homework help, resume review, and interview practice for local residents. You support curbside delivery and homebound delivery for patrons who are unable to come into the library.

If you would like to support PALS by making a donation or joining them, please see the Durham Library website or call the library. With more support, PALS can continue to assist the Library in providing quality programming and extra library services.

PALS: The Friends of the Durham Public Library would like to thank everyone who donated to the Annual Appeal. This year especially, we are grateful for the support of the community. We would especially like to recognize the donations in honor of the following individuals:

Etzie Heyl
Al and Betty Johnson
"My Grandchildren"
Melissa Albin
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