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# THE LIBRARY WINDOW



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# Welcome Back MISSALEX!



Fall is right around the corner, so be sure to check out our new books, perfect for curling up with in the cooler weather! And don't forget, we have much more than books. Check out a museum pass, wi-fi hotspot, or family game, or learn something new with one of our programs for adults, kids, or teens. See our website for a full list of programs.

With the public health situation continuing to be uncertain, we thank you for continuing to wear your mask when visiting the library.

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

Christine



The Durham Public Library is happy to welcome back Miss Alex as Head of Youth Services.

She has some wonderful programs planned, so be sure to check out our website to sign up. Miss Alex is planning a Zoom Preschool Halloween Storytime on October 30. She is going to wear her costume and hopes to see all of you with your costumes on!



#### **Fall New Arrivals**

## **FICTION**

Apples Never Fall - Liane Moriarty The Judge's List - John Grisham Over My Dead Body - Jeffrey Archer Flying Angels - Danielle Steel Mercy - David Baldacci



Game On: Tempting Twenty-eight - Janet Evanovich

Go Tell The Bees That I am Gone - Diana Gabaldon

Wish You Were Here - Jodi Picoult

Criminal Mischief - Stuart Woods

The Paris Detective - James Patterson



**NON-FICTION** 

Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law by Mary Roach

Travels with George: In Search of Washington and his Legacy by Nathaniel Philbrick

A Carnival of Snackery by David Sedaris

These Precious Days: Essays by Ann Patchett



**MYSTERY** 

The Man Who Died Twice (Thursday Murder Club

#2) - Richard Osman

The Heron's Cry - Ann Cleeves

The Dark Hours - Michael Connelly

The Mitford Vanishing - Jessica Fellowes

The Mirror Dance - Catriona McPherson

A Line to Kill - Anthony Horowitz



The Lincoln Highway - Amor Towles





A Quiet Place Part II Hitman's Wife's Bodyquard **Oueen Bees Defending Jacob** Star Trek Discovery Season 3 Here Today **Unforgotten Season 4** The Walking Dead (Seasons 9 & 10) **Final Countdown** 



The March on Washington: **Keepers of the Dream** Your Honor Virus Hunters **Berlin Station Season 1** Halifax: Retribution **Brokenwood Mysteries Series** His Dark Materials Season 2 It Happened One Night

# Patti's Must See DVDs

The Marksman / Honest Thief I recently watched 2 DVDs, The Marksman and Honest Thief, both starring Liam Neeson. In The Marksman, Liam Neeson plays Jim Hanson, an Arizona rancher and ex-Marine sharpshooter, who lives near the Mexico border. One day he sees a young mother and her son, Miguel, trying to cross the border with the drug cartel on their heels. The mother is shot and she begs Jim to take Miguel to Chicago to be with her family. Jim and Miguel are soon on the run, trying to get to Chicago

before the cartel catches up to them. In Honest Thief, Liam Neeson plays Tom Carter, a professional bank robber. After meeting the love of his life, he decides to turn himself in and return all the

money he stole. Unfortunately, two FBI agents doublecross him and set him up for murder. So now Tom has to prove his innocence and bring the agents to justice.

These movies are both PG-13 and described as action/thrillers. The Marksman seemed a little slower to me and focused more on the characters. while Honest

Thief had more action. I enjoyed them both!



### Virtual Book Discussions

Durham Public Library Book Club



BRYN Turnbuli Mondays at 6pm via Zoom October 4 **The Henna Artist by Alka Joshi** November 1 **The Revisioners by Margaret Wilkerson** 



REVISIONERS

December 6 The Woman Before Wallis by Bryn Turnbull

<u>True Story! A Non -Fiction Book</u> <u>Discussion</u> Tuesdays at 7pm via Zoom November 16 You Never Forget Your First by Alexis Coe



# **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 Iredfield@durhamlibrary.org to receive the Zoom link for the online meeting.

# iHola!

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

Stop by the library on the second Monday of each month to pick up a craft or d.i.y. project. No registration required! Story Stroll

Wednesdays at 10 am, starting on September 29th: Join us each week to discuss a short story as we take a stroll around Allyn Brook Park! Register to receive the story each week!

#### Local Author Book Reading

Wednesday, September 29 at 6 PM, via Zoom. Join us for a reading by local author, Karen Guzman, from her

new book, Arborview! 5 Things You Need to Know To Retire with Confidence with AAA

Wednesday, October 13 at 6pm, via Zoom You Are Not Alone with Sydney Sherman

Monday, October 25 at 6pm, via Zoom Join us for a Zoom program by acclaimed metaphysical author, Sydney Sherman on her book, "You Are Not Alone: Our Loved Ones Are Here... You're Just Not Listening." This presentation will be based on Sydney Sherman's life experiences and topics

found in her book, including the science of death, the distinction between myths and the paranormal, and advice for avoiding frauds in the field. Overall, Sherman and her book will educate attendees on how they can continue their relationship

with their loved ones.

#### Fashion As History with Dr. Colleen Darnell

Monday, November 15 at 6pm, via Zoom Details coming! Check our website www.durhamlibrary.org

#### Your Pilgrim Roots: Find and Document Your Connection to the Passengers of the Mayflower

Thursday, November 18 at 6pm via Zoom Does Thanksgiving have you wondering about the family tale that you're descended from a Pilgrim? Join us to learn how to document your family stories about Mayflower ancestry. This

presentation will introduce the migration routes out of Plymouth colony, so that you can determine which of your family lines is most likely to have Mayflower roots; identify the sources most used to document Mayflower families; and cover the basics of an application to the General Society of Mayflower

#### Descendants

#### How to Haiku with Jennifer Montgomery

Monday, December 13 at 6pm, via Zoom Details coming! Check our website www.durhamlibrary.org

# Fall 2021 Programs for School-Aged Kids

Registration required for all programs. Registration open 2 weeks before each pick-up date. Register using the the library's online calendar.

#### Small Scientists Take-Home Kit Ages 2-5

Have fun and help your child explore the world around them. Register for a new experiment for your scientist each month. Designed for children ages 2 to 5 and not yet in Kindergarten. Limit 12.

Pick-up 10/19, 11/16, 12/14.

#### Full STE(A)M Ahead Take-home Kit Grades K-2 & 3-5

Register for a monthly Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math activity. For children in Grades K-2 & 3-5 only please. Register each month for a new activity! Limit 12.

Pick up 10/5, 11/2, 11/30.

#### Art Start Take Home-Kit Ages 2-5

Have a pint-sized Picasso on your hands? Register for our Art Start Kit for an art project for your toddler or preschooler aged 2-5 and not yet in Kindergarten. Sign up every month for a new project! Limit 12.

Pick-up 10/20, 11/17, 12/15.

#### Artists Only Take-Home Kit Grades K-2 & 3-5

Artistic? Looking to practice your skills or try something new? Register every month for a new project with our Artists Only Kits. For children in Grades K-2 & 3-5 only please. Limit 12.

Pick-up 10/6, 11/3, 12/1.

#### Fall Storytime Kit Ages Birth to 5

A kit designed for parents and young children in accompaniment with the Durham Public Library online storytimes on YouTube with Miss Diana.

For children not yet in Kindergarten and their caregivers. Registration required. Registration begins 8/31. Limit 24.

Pick-up Starting September 14th.

These kits contain;

- A shaker
- A scarf
- A book to keep
- Bubbles
- An early literacy calendar with book, activity, song & rhyme suggestions





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Get one-on-one online homework help with certified tutors for grades K- college, covering a wide range of topics. Live tutoring is available 2pm-11pm daily and a 24/7 writing lab, lesson library, language lab, collaboration tools and more are available 24/7.

In addition, it provides study tools such as a Test Center to help with standardized tests (SAT, ACT, GED and more) and practice subject specific tests, like math and science, as well as 24/7 access to an extensive library of online flashcard sets in hundreds of subjects.

Available from home with a Durham Public Library card or to all patrons in-person at the Durham Public Library.

# Miss Alex Likes...

#### Louis by Tom Lichtenheld

Louis is tired. Louis is grumpy. Louis is DONE. Louis is also a Teddy Bear. However, he would like very much to resign from his duties. All he gets is abuse. He's been abandoned on the bus, poked by needles, put through the wash, so, he's outta here. Unless, could there be a reason to stay? Find out in this charming picture book guaranteed to make you snort, if not laugh, out loud.



# Miss Kristen Likes...

#### Squad by Maggie Tokunda-Hall

When Becca transfers to a high school in an elite

San Francisco suburb, she's worried she's not going to fit in. To her surprise, she's immediately adopted by the most popular girls in school. But at a party under a full moon, Becca learns that they also have a big secret. Becca's new friends are werewolves. Their prey? Slimy boys who take advantage of unsuspecting girls. Eager to be accepted, Becca allows her friends to turn her into a werewolf, and finally, for the first time in her life, she feels like she truly belongs. Perfect graphic novel for fans of Pretty Little Liars and Teen Wolf.



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#### The Woods Are Always Watching by Stephanie Perkins

Best friends Neena and Josie spent high school as outsiders, but at least they had each other. Now, with college and a two-thousand-mile separation looming on the horizon, they have one last chance to be together—a three-day hike deep into the woods of the Pisgah National Forest. Simmering tensions lead to a detour off the trail and straight into a waking nightmare ... and then into something far worse. Something that will test them in horrifying ways. Perfect read for Halloween!



#### CHILDREN'S DVDS

Scooby-Doo! The Sword and the Scoob Curious George 5-Movie Collection Paw Patrol: Moto Pups Kipo and the Age of Wonderbeasts

#### **CHILDREN'S NON-FICTION**

Fairy Tale Science- Sarah Albee Fallout: Spies, Superbombs, and the Ultimate Cold War Showdown- Steve Sheinkin Who is Tom Brady?- James Buckley Tad Lincoln's Restless Wriggle- Beth Anderson What are the Winter Olympics?- Gail Herman The Girl Who Could Fix Anything- Mara Rockliff

#### **YOUNG ADULT FICTION**

The Hawthorne Legacy- Jennifer Lynn Barnes Defy the Night- Brigid Kemmerer The Hideaway- Pam Smy Aristotle and Dante Dive into the Waters of the World-Benjamin Alire Saenz Lakesedge- Lyndall Clipstone The Mirror Shattered Midnight- Dhonielle Clayton The Heartbreak Bakery- A.R. Capetta Girls of Fate and Fury- Natasha Ngan The Nobleman's Guide to Scandal and Shipwrecks-Mackenzi Lee

# Staff Picks

Patti recommends "Silence for the Dead" by Simone St. James



Silence for the Dead takes place in 1919 at a remote hospital in England, which used to be a fancy estate. The patients are soldiers who are shell-shocked from the Great War. A new nurse arrives, Kitty Weekes, to replace a nurse who has left abruptly. But Kitty has a secret- she's not really a nurse. She has falsified her background in order to be hired. She's determined to stay, though, because it's a perfect place for her to hide. Kitty soon realizes that there are some strange things going on at the hospital. Creepy noises in the bathroom plumbing, weird black mold, crumbling plaster, patients all having the same nightmares, glimpses of a strange man walking around at night. She enlists the help of mysterious Patient 16 to help her figure out what it all means.

I loved this story because you never know which character you can trust. There are plenty of twists and a constant eeriness throughout the book. I've read several books by Simone St. James and this is one of my favorites. Diana recommends "Summer Wives" By Beatriz Williams



Summer Wives by Beatriz Williams has romance and mystery, two of my favorite things in a book. This story takes place on fictitious Winthrop Island with events happening in the years 1930, 1951, 1969. The storyline moves back and forth within these time frames, which can be a little confusing, but I still enjoyed reading about the family saga and the characters involved. The ending has a twist, which I always enjoy.

Also interesting with this book is that the author lives along the CT coastline and was inspired by Fishers Island (located 2 miles off the southeastern coast of CT) to write this story about the people on Winthrop Island. So a little local flavor to Summer Wives.

Christine recommends "Broken Horses: A Memoir by Brandi Carlile" This is a fascinating look at the life and creative process of folk-rock singer Brandi Carlile. Written in a conversational style, it covers her life from her impoverished childhood in the Pacific Northwest through her long climb to music success. I highly recommend getting this title on audio – which features Carlile singing many of her own songs as well as songs that influenced her.





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## Autumn Hours



Monday - Thursday 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Friday and Saturday 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Closings



Labor Day September 6 Durham Fair September 23, 24, 25 Columbus Day October 11 Veteran's Day November 11 Thanksgiving Day November 25





Circle K Farm's set up a petting zoo outside the library. It was fun for all ages! (8/13/2021)





The staff at DPL made beautiful fairy houses for display over Summer Reading. We also had kits available for families to create their own at home!

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