



FEATURED PROGRAM

Fiesta de la Cultura



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September 15 - October 15

All Library Locations

Registration Required for Some Events

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at Durham County Library with our vibrant event series, "Fiesta de la Cultura!" Join us for a festive celebration of Hispanic culture through a variety of activities, including live music, dance performances, delicious food from local vendors, and interactive games like Loteria. The events will take place throughout September and October at various library branches. All events are free and open to the public. Come experience the rich cultural heritage and traditions of the Hispanic community with family and friends. Don't miss out on this exciting celebration!

Mark your calendar on Saturday, October 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the grand finale of Fiesta de la Cultura at Main Library! Enjoy live mariachi music, delicious food, games, and opportunities to connect with our community partners for a day of celebration and fun. Plus, don't miss a panel discussion at 3 p.m., [Trayectorias Latinas: Sharing Our Story](#).

This event is made possible by a grant from the Durham Library Foundation.

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[More Information on Fiesta de la Cultura](#)

FEATURED PROGRAM

Get Your Kicks on Route 66 Walking Challenge



Get Your Kicks on Route 66 Walking Challenge

September 1 - November 30

South Regional Library

Registration Encouraged

How'dy! Looking for a challenge this fall? Then be sure to participate in our supermurgroid walking challenge, Get Your Kicks on Route 66! Although you won't be allowed to track miles spent in your chariot, it will be well-worth it!

How it works: Track the miles that you walk using the Get Your Kicks on Route 66 tracker. You can also skip, hop, ride a bike, swim, dance, ride a horse, or do jumping jacks...you can do any physical activity you want, just convert your exercise into miles.

For each challenge you complete, stop by South Regional for a sticker and then return your tracker to South Regional by December 7th to be entered into the raffle for a chance to win one of three prizes!

Click the link below for more detailed information.

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[More Information on the Route 66 Walking Challenge](#)

FEATURED PROGRAM

The Ethics of Now



The Ethics of Now Featuring Raj Patel and Adriane Lentz-Smith

Friday, September 13, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Main Library

Registration Not Required

Join the Kenan Institute for Ethics and host Adriane Lentz-Smith for a conversation with Raj Patel on solving hunger, climate change, racism, and poverty.

A prolific journalist, bold activist, and respected scholar, Raj Patel is committed to helping us understand what's wrong with the global food system and find alternatives to it. He has testified about the causes of the global food crisis to the US, UK, and EU governments, and is a member of the International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems. He has worked for the World Bank and World Trade Organization and protested against them around the world. In 2016, he was recognized with a James Beard Foundation Leadership Award.

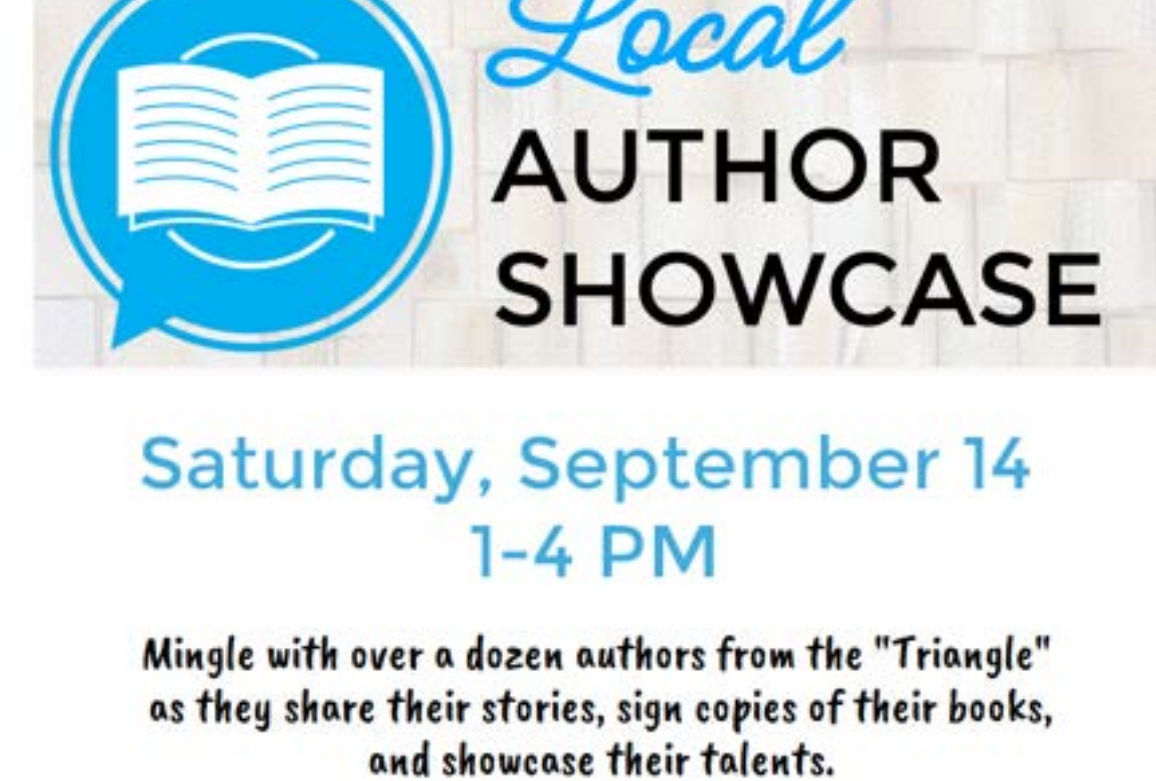
This event is part of the [The Ethics of Now](#), a series of conversations between Duke historian Adriane Lentz-Smith and a range of artists, advocates, and authors whose works explore the moral challenges of our time.

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[More Information on the Ethics of Now](#)

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Local Author Showcase

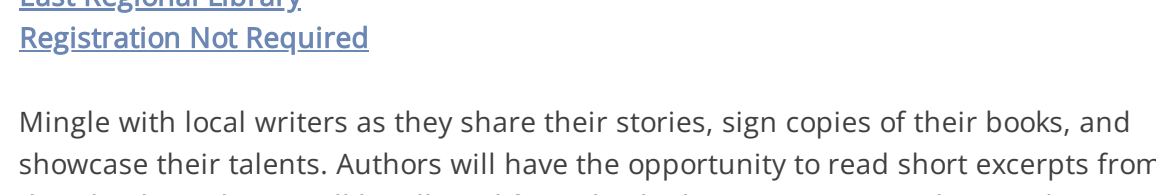


Mingle with over a dozen authors from the "Triangle" as they share their stories, sign copies of their books, and showcase their talents.

Whether you're an aspiring writer or a supporter of great literature, this event is an excellent opportunity to bask in our valuable, vibrant community.

Come join us!

For more information, visit our website: durhamcountylibrary.org/events



Local Author Showcase

Saturday, September 14, 1 - 4 p.m.

East Regional Library

Registration Not Required

Mingle with local writers as they share their stories, sign copies of their books, and showcase their talents. Authors will have the opportunity to read short excerpts from their books and time will be allowed for individual conversations and networking. Whether you're an aspiring writer or a supporter of great literature, this event is an excellent opportunity to bask in our valuable, vibrant community. Over a dozen authors from the Triangle will table at this event. Come join us!

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[More Information on the Local Author Showcase](#)

FEATURED

Hot Sauce 101



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Tuesday, September 10, 6 - 7 p.m.

Main Library

Registration Required

Join Julie Singer of Julz's Creations to learn about all things peppers and hot sauce!

Learn about different types of peppers and how the Scoville heat scale is used to measure the heat of peppers. Who are the people competing to eat the hottest peppers and sauces calling themselves Chile heads? How is hot sauce made shelf stable whether that be via acidification, heat, or fermentation? Learn about different types of hot sauces.

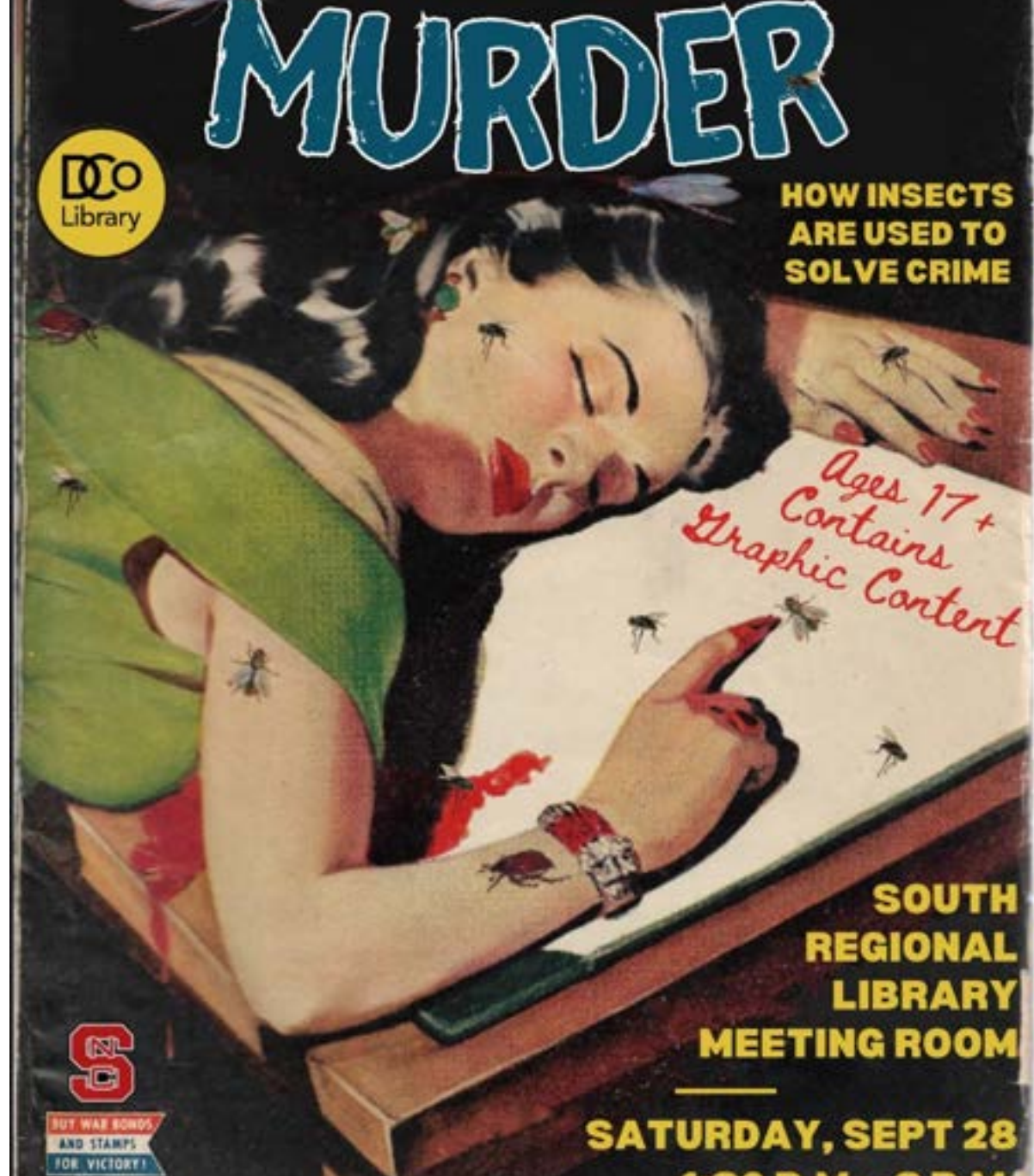
At the end of the presentation taste test different sauces and pickles if you dare!

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[Register for Hot Sauce 101](#)

FEATURED

Maggots & Murder: How Insects are Used to Solve Crime



Maggots & Murder

Saturday, September 28, 1:30 - 3 p.m.

South Regional Library

Registration Required

Join us as we dive into the fascinating world of forensic entomology! Discover how maggots and other insects become silent witnesses, revealing key details in criminal investigations such as time and place of death. Whether you're a true crime junkie, a science buff, or the next Dr. Hodgins, this presentation from NC State University Ph.D. candidate Ezra Bailey is sure to excite!

Note: this presentation contains graphic content related to death, decomposition, and crime scenes. Viewer discretion is advised.

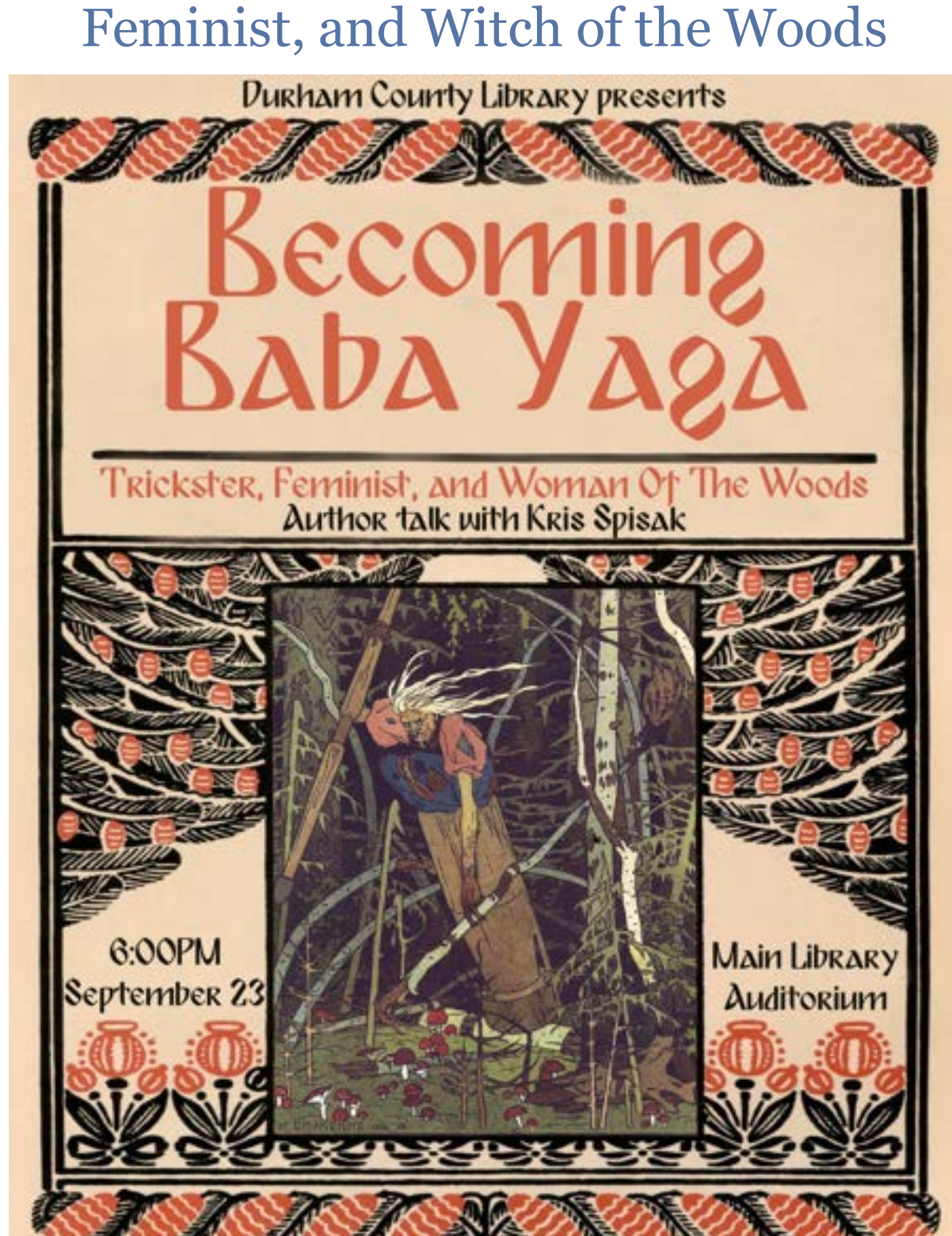
Recommended for audiences 17 and older. Registration is requested.

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[Register for Maggots & Murder](#)

FEATURED

Becoming Baba Yaga: Trickster, Feminist, and Witch of the Woods



Becoming Baba Yaga

Saturday, September 23, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Main Library

Registration Not Required

Whether you know Baba Yaga as a Slavic witch, earth goddess, or monster in modern media, she is a force with secrets to divulge. Her roots stretch back millennia, and her chicken-legged hut is only part of her intrigue. The folktales of Baba Yaga speak to the dichotomy of our existence—the hope and the horror, the magic and the mundane. Author Kisis Spisak knows stories that linger have something to teach us, and Baba Yaga tales do not disappoint.

Seating is first-come, first-serve. Please allow time for parking and navigating to and within the library.

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[More Information on Becoming Baba Yaga](#)

Check out these other events for adults!
Click the links below to for more info.

[Mental Wealth Featuring Lady Bizness](#)
Wednesday, September 25, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Main Library

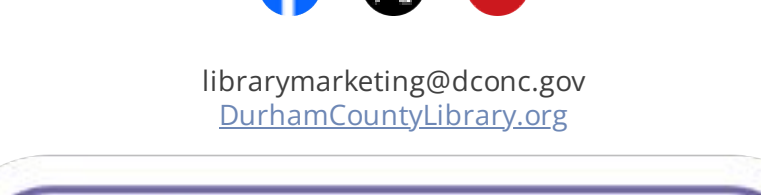
[Memory Café](#)
Friday, September 13, 10 - 11 a.m.
North Regional Library

[Plotting with Python](#)
Monday, September 9, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Main Library

[End-of-Life Guides: Perspectives from Death Doula and Hospice Nurse](#)
Saturday, September 21, 2 - 4 p.m.
Main Library

[Butterflies and Moths](#)
Saturday, September 21, 10 - 11 a.m.
Main Library

[See a full calendar of events](#)



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