

**NOVEMBER
DECEMBER**

2024

"The message is clear: libraries matter. Their solid presence at the heart of our towns sends the proud signal that everyone—whatever they are, whatever their educational background, whatever their age or their needs—is welcome."

- Kate Mosse

Save the Date

STANFORD L. WARREN BRANCH LIBRARY
1201 FAYETTEVILLE STREET | DURHAM, NC 27707

REOPENING DECEMBER 12, 2024 @ 10 A.M.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO CELEBRATE

Stanford L. Warren Branch Reopening December 12

After closing for extensive renovations and updates, we are proud to announce that our historic Stanford L. Warren Branch library will reopen on Thursday, December 12. In addition to future-proofing the physical structure, we have also worked to beautify the building's interior with new furnishings, additional free resources, and artwork. Please save the date for the reopening day, and feel free to join us at 10 a.m. for the celebration.

More information on the history of Stanford L. Warren Branch library can be found in [an online exhibit](#) curated by our North Carolina Collection, [an archive of Durham history](#).

BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

January - May 2025 Bookmobile Schedule

Our Bookmobile is our mobile branch that has titles for children, teens, and adults in both English and Spanish. Bookmobile staff are also happy to sign new patrons up for library cards on the spot. In the New Year, we'll be getting out on the road with more scheduled stops at more locations than ever before! [Check the schedule on our website](#) to see if the Bookmobile is stopping close to your home or workplace next year. Please note this schedule is subject to change due to weather, traffic, or mechanical difficulties.

DURHAM COUNTY Library

HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Durham County Library Holiday Programs

Here at Durham County Library, we serve our community by providing thousands of free programs each year. Listed below are just a handful of programming offerings for the months of November and December. For a complete listing, please visit [our events calendar](#).

[Turkey Scavenger Hunt](#)
[Main Library](#)

All November Long
Registration Not Required

Come find all the turkeys hidden around the children's department at Main Library! Pick up a scavenger hunt sheet at the children's desk and return it once you've found all the turkeys. Then, you'll get a special sticker!

[Come Write-In! for National Novel Writing Month](#)
[East Regional Library](#)

Tuesday, November 26, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Registration Not Required

November is National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo)! NaNoWriMo challenges participants to write 50,000 words of a novel in 30 days. Join your fellow aspiring novelists, also known as Wrimos, at East Regional Library to add to your daily word count and contribute to Durham's rich community of writers.

[Let's Write Some Snail Mail!](#)
[Southwest Regional Library](#)

Wednesday, December 11, 4 - 4:45 p.m.
Registration Required

When was the last time you sent someone a hand-written letter through the mail? We'll provide fun pens, paper, and stickers - just come with a letter recipient in mind. All ages are welcome.

[Bell Durham Concert](#)
[Main Library](#)

Tuesday, December 17, 6 -7 p.m.
Registration Not Required

Join Bell Durham for "Longing for Light," a one-hour holiday handbell concert. Bell Durham, founded in 2023, is Durham's first community handbell ensemble. Using six octaves of handbells, hand chimes, and various other instruments, the ensemble plays a diverse array of music.

[Write Types](#)
[North Regional Library](#)

Saturday, December 28, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Registration Required

Write Types is a writing critique group for works of all genres. Each meeting, we will discuss the craft of writing and review each other's works. To submit an item for critique, email dpeterson@dconc.gov by December 12. Registered attendees will receive works to review on December 13.

LIBRARY CARD ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Library Card Account Information

To abide by agreements with library vendors and make the best use of limited resources to provide materials to Durham County residents and library members, Durham County Library is moving to a three-year expiration term for regular, non-temporary library accounts. Juvenile accounts will also expire after three years or on the cardholder's 18th birthday, whichever comes first.

As a result of instituting this change, you may notice an adjustment to the expiration date on your account. You can check the expiration date by logging in to your [online account](#) and looking under **My Settings** for your **Card Expiry Date**. If you have an email attached to your account, you should receive notification approximately 10 days prior to your account's expiration date. After December 2, expired cards will no longer be able to access Libby/Overdrive until they are renewed.

Once a library card expires, you can renew it by visiting any [Durham County Library location](#) with a photo ID and verification of your Durham County address. Cardholders under the age of 18 may renew their cards by having a parent/guardian accompany them with their photo ID and verification of address. Non-resident cards will still expire after one year. Please [contact the library](#) to renew your non-resident account and pay the annual \$45 out-of-county fee. You can [find more information about library cards](#) on our website.

Please [get in touch](#) if you have any questions. Thank you for being a customer of Durham County Library.

Happy Holidays
Holiday Closures

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It's that time of year again! Throughout November and December, the library will close for a handful of days during the holiday season. Please see below for our closing schedule:

Thursday, November 28: Closed
Friday, November 29: Closed

Tuesday, December 24: Closed
Wednesday, December 25: Closed
Thursday, December 26: Closed

Tuesday, December 31: Closing at 6 p.m.
Wednesday, January 1: Closed

Please [view our website](#) for further information about each of our locations.

Friends of the Durham Library

BOOKS AMONG FRIENDS

Upcoming Friends of the Durham Library Events

The Friends of the Durham Library is a 501(c)(3) organization that supports Durham County Library through staff scholarships, programming grants, and more. The Friends sell gently used books, CDs, DVDs, and games donated by the community. For upcoming events, membership information, donation instructions, and more, please [visit the Friends' website](#).

You can shop for books any time at the [Friends' online storefront](#). Each month, the Friends discount books in certain categories in their online store by 25%. November's discount categories are History, Medicine, LGBTQ, Sports, Self-Help, and Health & Wellness.

In-Person Sale at Books Among Friends
Books Among Friends

Friday, December 6, 3 - 7 p.m. *Members Only*
Saturday, December 7, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Friends of the Durham Library will host an in-person sale at their storefront, Books Among Friends, over the first weekend in December. Available for purchase will be over 20,000 fine donated books suitable for readers of all ages and interests. There will also be a wide selection of puzzles and games. The Friday sale is open to Friends of the Durham Library members, and all items will be 25% off. **Memberships can be purchased at the door** or at any time on [the Friends of the Durham Library website](#). The Saturday sale will be open to the public.



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