



View our catalog for works by astronomer and science educator Carl Sagan



Disability Pride Month at Durham County Library

July is Disability Pride Month, and here at Durham County Library we're excited to celebrate the achievements, history, and experiences of people with disabilities. You may be interested in viewing our catalog for staff-created lists on subjects like [autism](#), [disability justice](#), and [celebrating neurodiverse minds](#). Our Accessibility Services Coordinator, [Jennifer Jamsky](#), strives every day alongside all Durham County Library team members to make our libraries more inclusive places for all. Here's what she had to say about Disability Pride Month:

"What I love about Disability Pride is that it reminds us that we can create a better, more diverse world that welcomes everyone. Disability Pride highlights the beauty and the challenges of being disabled and reminds us that an individual is only as disabled as society allows them to be. It fosters intentional, interdependent community, and is a wonderful celebration of our connected humanity."



Durham County Library Locations to Close Friday, July 4 for Independence Day

All Durham County Library locations will be closed on **Friday, July 4** to commemorate the ratification of the Declaration of Independence. With the exception of our [Bragtown Branch Library](#) that does not open on Saturdays, all library locations will reopen the following day. [Online resources](#) will still be available while our buildings are closed.



Color Our World: Summer Reading

Our annual Summer Reading program is fully underway! If you missed our kickoff celebrations, then don't worry. You can still stop by any Durham County Library location and pick up a reading log. Support for Summer Reading is provided by the [Durham Library Foundation](#) and the [Friends of the Durham Library](#). Please see below for a selection of Summer Reading events, and be sure to check our [Summer Reading website](#) for further updates:

Katherine Applegate Writing Contest
Monday, July 1 - Thursday, July 31
[Southwest Regional Library](#)
[Registration Required](#)

The Lost Ladybug Project
Thursday, July 10, 4 - 5 p.m.
[North Regional Library](#)
[Registration Required](#)

Young Chefs: Jello Aquarium Cups
Friday, July 11, 4:30 - 5 p.m.
[East Regional Library](#)
[Registration Required](#)

Teen Throwback Art Party
Monday, July 14, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
[South Regional Library](#)
[Registration Required](#)

ReMade by You
Tuesday, July 15, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
[Stanford L. Warren Branch Library](#)
[Registration Required](#)

Craft Time for Adults
Thursday, July 17, 1 - 3 p.m.
[Main Library](#)
[Registration Required](#)

Seashell Decoration Craft
Thursday, July 24, 3 - 4 p.m.
[Bragtown Branch Library](#)
[Registration Required](#)

Sun Catcher Craft
Thursday, July 31, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
[Main Library](#)
[Registration Required](#)



Friends of the Durham Library Highlights

The Friends of the Durham Library is a member-supported, all-volunteer 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. [Donating your books](#) and other media to the Friends is a fantastic way to support library team members and library programming. For upcoming events, membership information, donation instructions, and more, please [visit the Friends' website](#). You can also shop for books any time at the [Friends' online storefront](#).

[FODL Pop-Up CD Sale](#)
[Main Library](#)

Saturday, August 2, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Join us Saturday, August 2 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a pop-up CD sale at Main Library with the Friends of the Durham Library! There will be thousands of CDs from every genre. Some CDs are new and still in the shrink wrap, all for just \$1 per disc. Most of the available selection will be single CDs or two-disc sets, but many outstanding box sets will also be available. Multi-disc sets are also just \$1 per disc.

Academic Scholarships Awarded to Two Durham County Library Team Members

The Friends of the Durham Library's Academic Scholarship Program provides financial aid to Durham County Library team members pursuing a new degree or certification that enhances the employee's ability to further the library's mission and services. This year, the Friends awarded Sara Gibson and Jennifer Jamsky \$5,000 each for their next two years of study. Additionally, the Friends are continuing to support their 2024 scholarship recipients through their second year of study.

Sara Gibson, Durham County Library's [Family Literacy and Community Services](#) manager, is enrolled in the Certified Public Library Administrator program, a voluntary post-Master of Library Science certification program by the American Library Association. One of Sara's goals is to grow the library's community engagement, especially in the Spanish-speaking community. Jennifer Jamsky is Durham County Library's [Accessibility Services Coordinator](#) and will start North Carolina Central University's Master of Library Science program this fall. Jennifer's dream is to one day have an entire department dedicated to accessibility.

Writing the Novel with Redbud Writing Project

Over the course of six weeks, participants in [East Regional Library's](#) Writing the Novel program benefitted from a college-level creative writing course for adults funded by a grant from the Friends of the Durham Library. The course, a partnership with Redbud Writing Project, brought together a cohort of fledgling writers interested both in learning more about their craft and in connecting with their peers. All participants put in many hours of effort, reading hundreds of pages and writing the first chapters of their own works. This partnership with Redbud Writing Project was the brainchild of Durham County librarian Phil Locey, who is himself a [published author](#).

Through workshoping a diverse collection of stories, an undeniable bond formed between the cohort. By the third week, participants had started convening at local watering holes after class to continue discussions and build community. Without a doubt, participants came out of the experience with more confidence in their knowledge and skills and more motivation to progress with their own projects. East Regional Library's Writing the Novel program would not have been possible without this grant. Thank you, Friends of the Durham Library!



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