

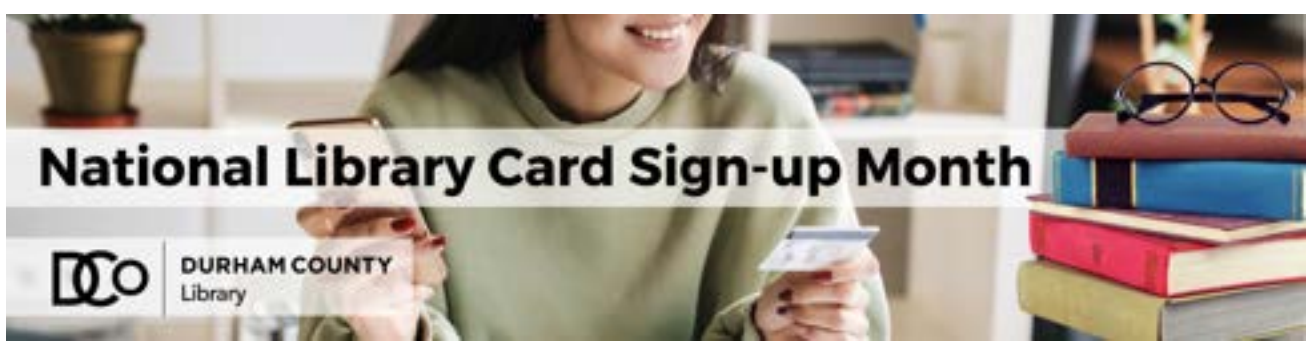
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A picture's worth a thousand words?
A library card's worth millions.
- Roy Blount, Jr., Author



View our catalog for works by journalist and author Roy Blount, Jr.



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September is National Library Card Sign-up Month! Your Durham County Library card grants you access to thousands of online resources like [homework help](#), [movie streaming](#), and [language courses](#) in addition to the hundreds of thousands of books and other physical media on our shelves. The best part is that it's all free!

If you have a friend or family member who doesn't have a library card, bring them down to any of our seven [brick-and-mortar locations](#). All you need is a photo ID and a proof of address! For more information about everything your Durham County Library card can do for you, [please visit our website](#).



MODIFIED
BRAGTOWN BRANCH LIBRARY
HOURS



Durham County Library to Modify Opening Hours

On Monday, September 8, our [Bragtown Branch Library](#) will be updating their Monday hours to open from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. The Bragtown Branch Library will now be open Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. What the Bragtown branch lacks in size, it makes up for in the resources it offers the community! Historical documents and photographs on the walls trace the location's history back to the 1960s, when it opened as a branch of the African American Stanford L. Warren Library. Today, free public computers, sensory tools, and a community garden space outside continue the legacy of our Bragtown Branch as a site of lifelong learning for all. Please see below for a [video location tour](#) of our Bragtown Branch!

For additional details about our locations' opening hours and our available resources and services, please visit us at [DurhamCountyLibrary.org](#).



Tell us more about bilingual storytime!



NCACC AWARD FOR
SPANISH SPEAKING
SERVICES



Durham County Library Recognized with Award from North Carolina Association of County Commissioners

Here at Durham County Library, we strive to reach the one in five Durham residents who speak a language other than English in the home. Our efforts are paying off, because our Spanish language and bilingual programs were just recognized with a Civic Excellence in Innovation Award from the [North Carolina Association of County Commissioners](#) (NCACC)!

The programs recognized at the NCACC conference included SpanishU, an intensive Spanish language course for native English speakers provided by a grant from the [Durham Library Foundation](#). Furthermore, in collaboration with Duke University's Education Program, Durham County Library provided Homework con Amigos, an after-school homework help program for children who predominantly speak Spanish in the home. Please view our website for additional information on our [Spanish language services](#).



TEST PREPARATION

Test Preparation Resources

Back to school means that standardized tests like the PSAT, the SAT, the ACT, the ASVAB, and AP subject tests are just a few short months away! Luckily, Durham County Library has you covered. Our [LearningExpress Library](#) has courses and practice exams for all major pre-college standardized tests. Also available with LearningExpress are courses to help prepare for vocational exams for a wide array of professions.

Live tutors from [Brainfuse HelpNow](#) are also available to help with preparation for the SAT and ACT and with navigating the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) process. In addition, both physical and electronic [test preparation books](#) are available to check out from all library locations.



Friends of the Durham Library Highlights

In-Person Sale

Friday, September 26, 3 - 7 p.m. *Members Only*
Saturday, September 27, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Books Among Friends - [3825 S. Roxboro Street](#)

The Friends of the Durham Library will host an in-person sale at their bookstore, Books Among Friends, on Friday, September 26 and Saturday, September 27. With over 20,000 donated books in stock, there will be something suitable for readers of all ages and interests. There will also be a wide selection of puzzles and games. The Friday sale is reserved for members, who get early access and a 25% discount off the Friends' already-low prices. [Become a member](#) on the Friends' website or simply sign up at the door on Friday. The Saturday sale will be open to the general public.

September Online Sale

Every month, [Books Among Friends](#) offers an online sale on select categories of books. In September, books in the Essays, Literature, Plays, Poetry, and Short Stories categories are 25% off when purchased online (no code needed). Check it out!

FODL Pop-Up DVD Sale

Saturday, September 6, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
[Main Library](#)
[No Registration Required](#)

Join us for a pop-up DVD sale at Main Library with the Friends of the Durham Library! There will be thousands of DVDs from every genre. Some DVDs are new and still in the shrink wrap, all for just \$1 per disc. Most of the available selection will be single DVDs, but many outstanding box sets will also be available. Multi-disc sets are also just \$1 per disc.

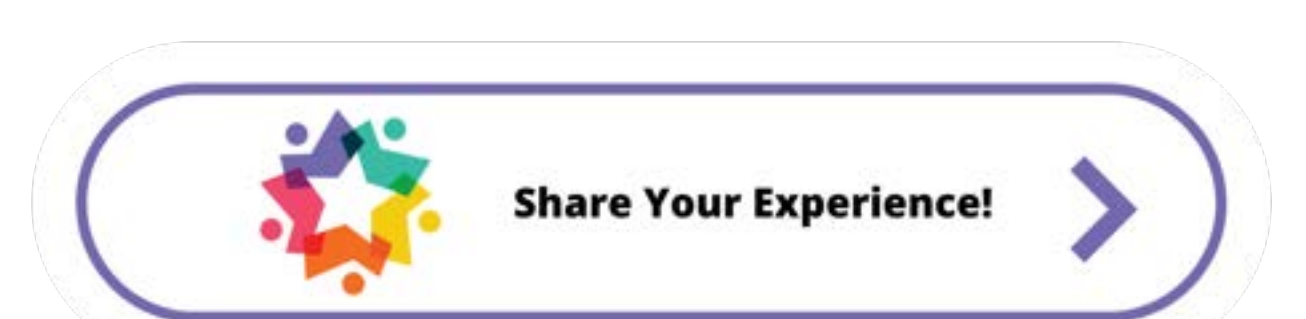
Friends of the Durham Library Grant-Sponsored Programs

The proceeds from this month's in-person sale and all other Friends sales go to supporting Durham County Library team members. Providing grant funds for library programs is just one of the ways the Friends support Durham County Library. September's grant highlight is North Regional Library's Mahjong program. Using FODL grant funds, North Regional Library team member Desiree purchased additional Mahjong sets to meet the increased demand from the community.



"When I applied for this grant, the community demand for Mahjong outstripped the number of sets we had available. The support of the Friends made it possible for us to meet this demand and contribute further to the library's mission of connecting the community. Whether it's your first time playing or you know your way around the tiles, come on out to our [Learn to Play Mahjong](#) program from Noon - 3 p.m. on Wednesdays at [North Regional Library](#)!" - Desiree

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 their 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](#).







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