



Love My Library

Love My Library - Let's Count the Ways!



Durham County Library would love to hear your stories and experiences about why you love Durham County Library. Share what makes your visits special! If there are ways we can improve, then please share. Your feedback helps us make every library experience great.



Love My Library - Let's Love Durham Too!

The library is teaming up with Discover Durham's [Love Durham Challenge](#) to celebrate the city we call home and the small businesses that keep its heartbeat strong.

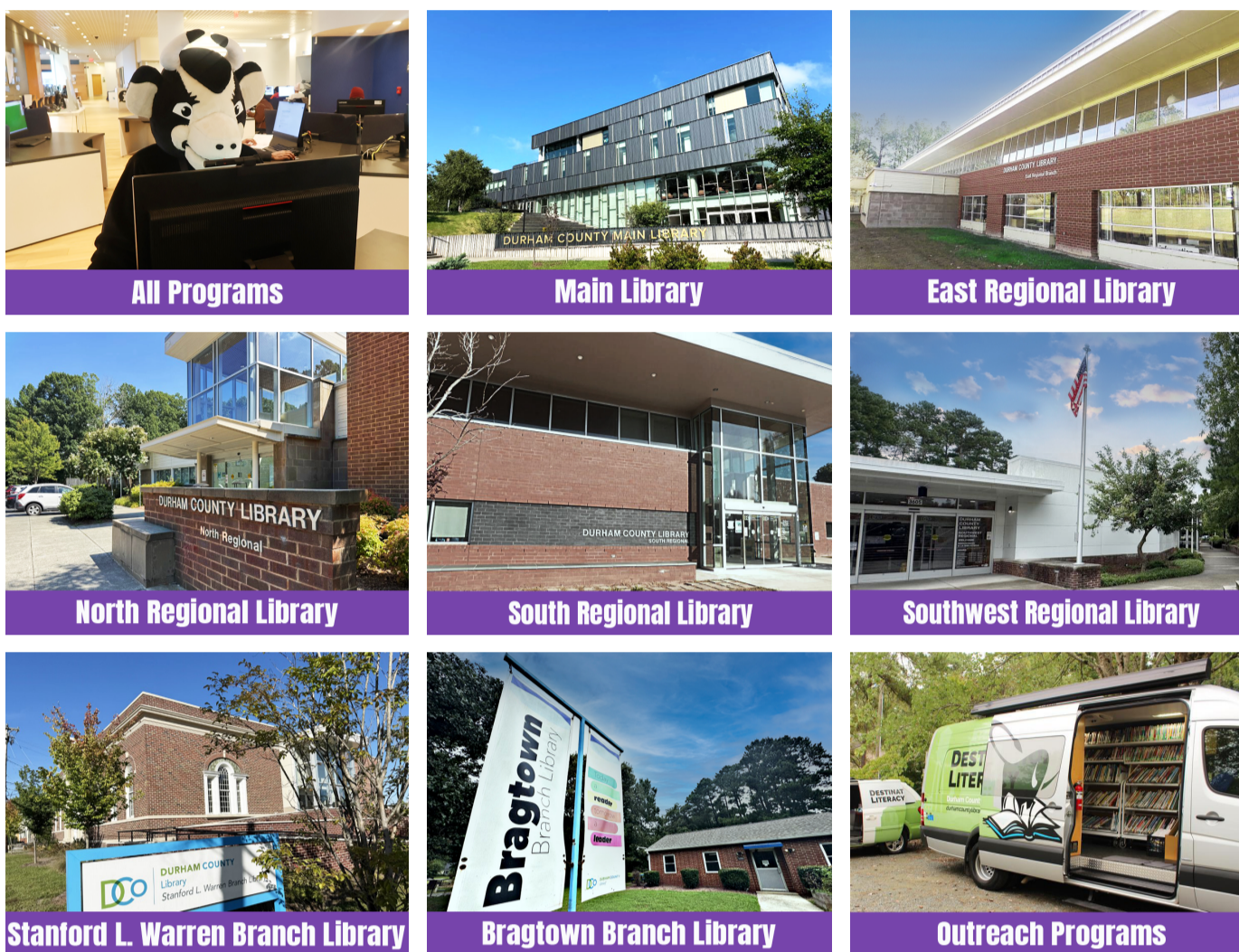
As part of the check-in challenge, show how you love Durham County Library "As A Family" by completing one of Love Durham's four themed challenges - and while you're at it, explore more than [140 participating businesses](#) across our vibrant community.

Events and Programs by Location

Discover what's happening at Durham County Library!

Each month, Durham County Library hosts over 500 programs - there's something for everyone! There are too many to share here, but you can explore February's offerings by clicking on a location below to see programs for all age groups.

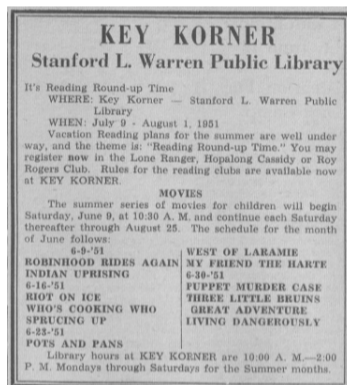
Want to know if the [Bookmobile](#) is making a public stop near you? Just click on Outreach Programs to find out!



Flashback Durham

Key Korner Movie Hour at Stanford L. Warren Branch Library

In honor of Black History Month, Durham County Library remembers the Key Korner Movie Hour, a weekly Saturday children's program from the summer of 1951 at [Stanford L. Warren Branch Library](#). Key Korner was the name of the children's area completed that year as part of an expansion of the library building. *The Carolina Times*, shown on the left below, advertised the movie showings in their June 9 issue alongside the library's Summer Reading Round-up Book Club. Children attending the movie showing are pictured below on the right. You can find archived periodicals and historical photos just like these by searching our [North Carolina Collection's](#) extensive digital collections, or visiting the archive housed at Main Library.



Durham County Library's Stanford L. Warren Branch Library got its start in the basement of the White Rock Baptist Church with a 1913 donation of 799 books from Durham's first African American physician, Dr. Aaron McDuffie Moore. Those volumes now form the non-circulating Selena Warren Wheeler Collection, which is still housed at the Stanford L. Warren Branch Library. In 1916, Moore joined local businessman John Merrick to establish the Durham Colored Library in a building Merrick owned on the corner of Fayetteville and Pettigrew streets.

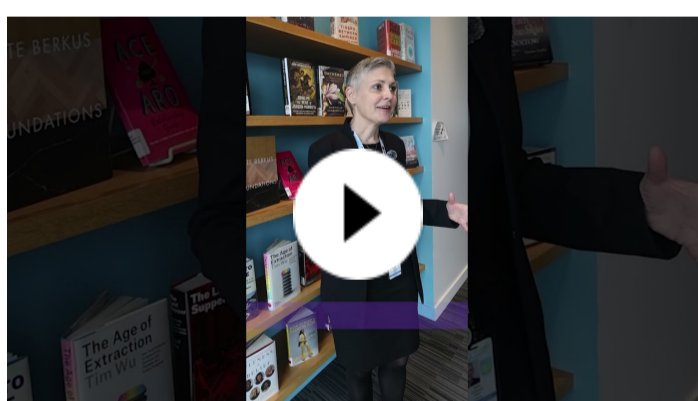


The efforts of the institution's first librarian, Hattie B. Wooten, led to large enough increases in circulation and use of the library's meeting spaces to warrant the construction of a larger building. Many African American-owned organizations contributed to the financing and construction of the new library space. Among those contributors was Dr. Stanford Leigh Warren, a physician who had long served on the board of the Durham Colored Library and donated \$4,000 toward the purchase of the land that would become the site of the library bearing his name today. The building that is today the Stanford L. Warren Branch Library opened to the public as the Stanford L. Warren Public Library on January 17, 1940. Over the years, the Durham Colored Library expanded to include three additional locations, one of which remains in operation today as Durham County Library's [Bragtown Branch Library](#). Merging with the Durham County system during desegregation, serving as a community hub during the Civil Rights Movement, witnessing the dismantling of the historic Hayti District during the construction of the Durham Freeway, and undergoing multiple rounds of renovations are all part of the building's history.

Most recently, the Stanford L. Warren Branch Library reopened to the public in December 2024 following three years of structural repairs and an internal re-fit complete with new carpet, furniture, shelving, and more. Our [Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Report](#) commemorates the reopening by featuring the past and present of the Stanford L. Warren Branch Library. Further details about the branch's history can be found in our North Carolina Collection's [digital exhibit](#).



Did You Know?



Meet Our New Library Director!

At the start of January, Durham County Library proudly welcomed Dana Conners as our new Library Director. Watch the video to hear Dana share how she discovered her passion for libraries.

Library Inspiration

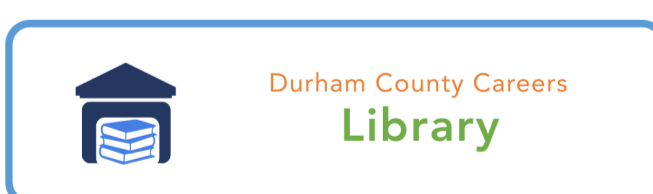
“Reading brings us unknown friends.”
-Honoré de Balzac

Click to search our collection for items written by this month's library inspiration!

Career Opportunities

Durham County is a fantastic place to work!

A rewarding career in public service awaits you at the links below.



Friends of the Durham Library

Upcoming Friends Event

In-Person Book Sale
Books Among Friends, 3825 S. Roxboro St.
Member Day: Friday, February 6, 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Public Day: Saturday, February 7, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



The [Friends of the Durham Library](#) will hold an in-person sale at their storefront, Books Among Friends, over the first weekend of February. There will be over 20,000 donated books of all genres and suitable for all ages available. Most are priced at \$5 or less alongside a selection of puzzles and games. During the members-only sale on Friday, everything will be marked 25% down from the Friends' already-low prices. Memberships are available at the door or [online at FODLNC.org](#). The Saturday portion of the sale is open to the public. All proceeds from the sale go toward supporting Durham County Library through continuing education scholarships for staff and grants for special library programs.