



Below is just a selection of our adult programs. For our full listing of programs, please view our events calendar.

Justice in the Weeds: Why People Reclaim Neglected Cemeteries



Justice in the Weeds: Why People Reclaim Neglected Cemeteries
Saturday, June 27, 3 - 4 p.m.
[East Regional Library](#)
[Registration Required](#)

Across the United States, people are coming together to care for overgrown cemeteries - the burial grounds of marginalized people, including African Americans, psychiatric hospital patients, and the poor. These volunteer groups pull up weeds, clean headstones, and uncover lost stories. But they are doing more than yard work. They are raising big questions: Why were these cemeteries neglected in the first place? What does it say about how some lives - and deaths - are treated as less valuable than others? And what can we do, after people's deaths, to show them respect and care?

In this talk, Professor Adam Rosenblatt shares stories from his book *Cemetery Citizens*, which explores cemetery reclamation efforts in Durham, Richmond, Philadelphia, and other places. You'll hear about the challenges volunteers face, the powerful emotions that come with uncovering forgotten histories, and how caring for the dead can help build new kinds of community. The talk also invites discussion: what does justice for the dead look like - and what can it mean for the living?

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[Register for Justice in the Weeds](#)

FEATURED PROGRAM

Durham Refugee Day Film Screening



Durham Refugee Day Film Screening
Friday, June 5, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Friday, June 12, 4 - 5:30 p.m.
[Main Library](#)
[Registration Not Required](#)

This June, we are honored to recognize Durham Refugee Day with special community film screenings. Each event is crafted to uplift the journeys, voices, and contributions of our newest neighbors. Through these films, attendees will gain meaningful insight into why families leave their home countries, how they rebuild their lives here in Durham, and the traditions, skills, and strengths they bring to our shared community.

Each screening will feature a curated block of short films that highlight stories of resilience and reflect the lived experiences of refugees around the world. Screenings will be hosted at both the Durham County Main Library and Russell Memorial CME Church.

Whether you're newly exploring these conversations or already engaged in refugee support efforts, we warmly invite you to join us. Come watch, reflect, and learn together as we honor the diverse stories that continue to shape the fabric of Durham. The first two screenings will be at Main Library. A third screening will be held on Saturday, June 20 at 1:30 p.m. at Russell Memorial CME Church.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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FEATURED PROGRAM

Primordial Bones: Mammal Paleontology & The Human History



Primordial Bones: Mammal Paleontology & The Human History
Tuesday, June 30, 6 - 7 p.m.
[South Regional](#)
[Registration Required](#)

Enter the time machine of South Regional Library for a journey to the distant past and a look at the bones of our distant ancestors with Dr. Matt Borths, curator of the Duke Lemur Center Museum of Natural History. This talk will highlight the rich mammalian fossil collection at the DLC, the importance of mammal paleontology, and the origins of human life.

Dr. Borths is curator of the DLC Museum of Natural History. He earned his bachelor's degrees from The Ohio State University (Geological Sciences and Anthropology) and his Ph.D. from Stony Brook University (Anatomical Sciences).

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[Register for Primordial Bones](#)

FEATURED PROGRAM

Bull For Initiative: Live D&D with Mettlesome Theater



Bull For Initiative: Live D&D with Mettlesome Theater
Monday, June 29, 6 - 7 p.m.
[Main Library](#)
[Registration Required](#)

Journey to Main Library for a show with high charisma!

Watch a live-play Dungeons & Dragons show with dice-rolling and improvised storytelling! Costumed improvisers role-play as recurring characters in a unique story prepared by the Dungeon Master. Audience participation (and a giant D20 dice) helps determine the fate of our bumbling heroes.

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[Register for Bull For Initiative: Live D&D](#)

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

[Nic Cage Film Discussion Group - Dream Scenario](#)
Tuesday, June 2, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Main Library

[Home Buyer 101](#)
Saturday, June 6, 10 - 11:30 a.m.
South Regional Library

[Tree Pruning Basics](#)
Saturday, June 13, 2 p.m.
Main Library

[Dungeon Crafter Carl: A Cricut Tutorial](#)
Thursday, June 18, 4 - 5:30 p.m. OR
Tuesday, June 23, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
South Regional Library

[Lizards! Who? What? Where? When? Why](#)
Tuesday, June 23, 6 - 7
Main Library

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