

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

One Walk to Rule Them All Exercise Challenge



One Walk to Rule Them All Exercise Challenge
September 1 - November 30
[South Regional Library](#) or [North Regional Library](#)
[Registration Not Required](#)

Join us for One Walk to Rule Them All, a Lord of the Rings-themed exercise initiative that will inspire you to participate in your favorite types of exercises! To participate, simply pick up a printed tracker from either South Regional Library (4505 S. Alston Ave.) or North Regional Library (221 Milton Rd.) or click the link to the event to request a printable PDF via email. Trackers will be available beginning August 24.

How it works:

- You have until November 30th to complete at least four of the five challenges listed on the tracker.
- You can join in at any time during September, October, or November!
- You can do any type of exercise or physical activity you like!
- Use your tracker to track the number of minutes you exercise.
- For each challenge on the tracker you complete, bring your tracker to South Regional Library or North Regional Library to claim your completion button for that challenge. You will also receive a lanyard upon your first visit. (while supplies last). If you prefer, you can claim them all at the end of the challenge.
- Return your tracker to South or North Regional by December 10th to be entered into the grand prize raffle.
- If you complete all five challenges on the tracker, you earn two entries.
- You can earn extra entries into the raffle by attending specific programs/events throughout September, October and November, must return a completed tracker to be eligible to receive extra entries.
- All ages are welcome to participate; however, we do not have separate prizes for different age groups.

There will be five winners! The Grand Prizes are:

- Two Fitbit Charges
- Two Lord of the Rings themed gift bags filled with some cool LOTR stuff.
- One Lord of the Rings Lego set (Balrog book nook)

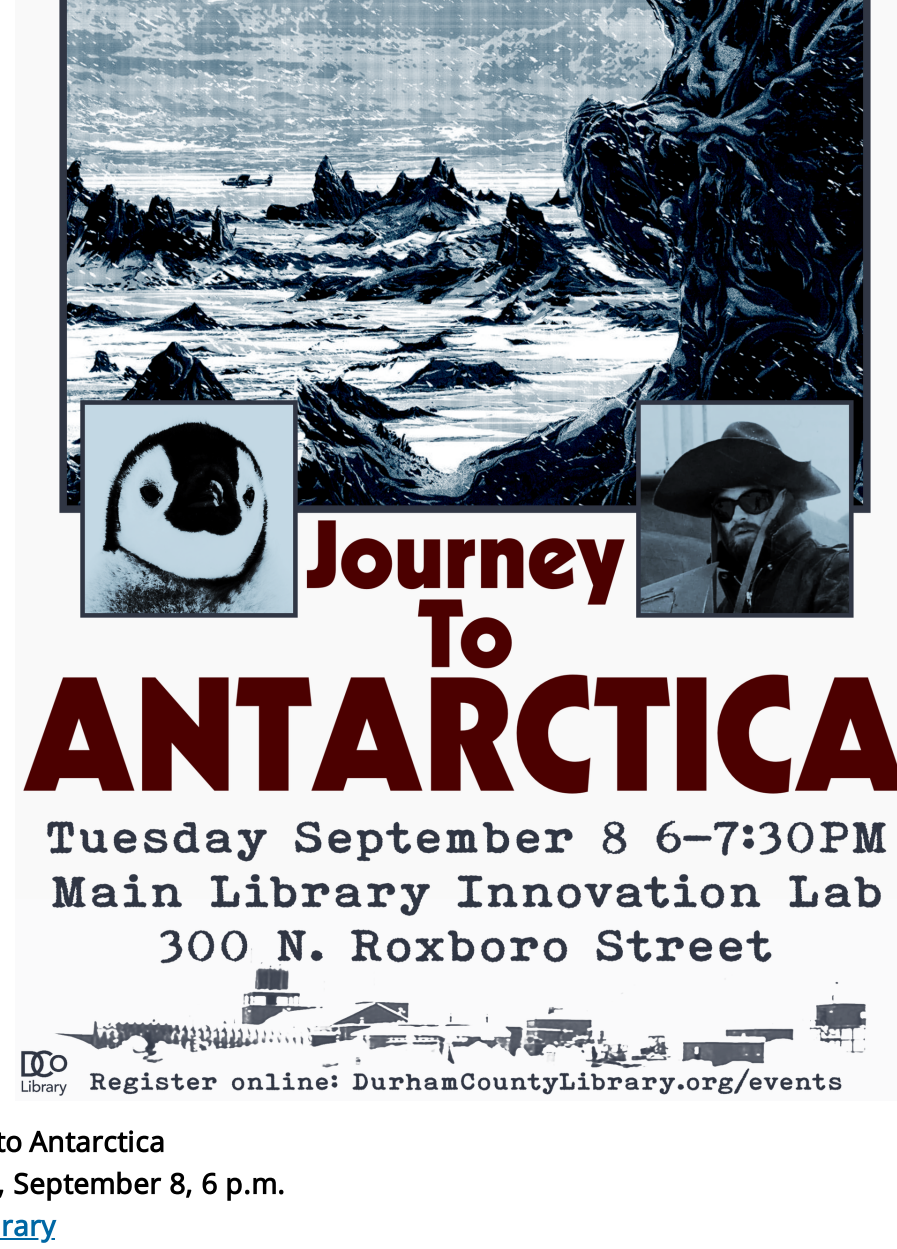
One Walk to Rule Them All is made possible through the generosity of the Friends of the Durham Library.

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[More information on One Walk to Rule Them All Exercise Challenge](#)

FEATURED PROGRAM

Journey to Antarctica



Journey to Antarctica
Tuesday, September 8, 6 p.m.
[Main Library](#)
[Registration Required](#)

Penguins! Parks! Phenomenal science!

Join us in the Innovation Lab (3rd floor) at Main Library for a presentation and discussion with Margaret Millikin, a logistics expert who works at McMurdo Station in Antarctica.

Learn about Antarctica's wildlife, life at McMurdo, and what type of career path could lead YOU to this icy paradise. Registration required. We recommend this program for tweens (ages 9-12), teens, and adults. Questions? Email jjamsky@dcconc.gov

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[Register for Journey to Antarctica!](#)

FEATURED PROGRAM

(5th Annual) Local Author Showcase!



(5th Annual) Local Author Showcase
Saturday, September 12, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
[East Regional Library](#)
[Registration Not Required](#)

Mingle with local writers as they share their stories, sign copies of their books, and showcase their talents. Authors will have the opportunity to read short excerpts from their books and time will be allotted for individual conversations and networking.

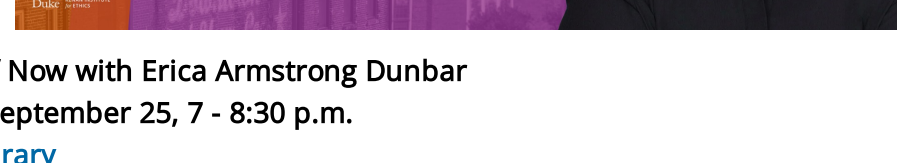
Whether you're an aspiring writer or a supporter of great literature, this event is an excellent opportunity to bask in our valuable, vibrant community. About a dozen authors from the "Triangle" will table at this event. Come join us!

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[More information for Local Author Showcase](#)

FEATURED PROGRAM

Ethics of Now with Erica Armstrong Dunbar



Ethics of Now with Erica Armstrong Dunbar
Friday, September 25, 7 - 8:30 p.m.
[Main Library](#)
[Registration Required](#)

What does history look like through the eyes of those whose stories are rarely told?

Through her historical writing and work on the HBO series "The Gilded Age," Erica Armstrong Dunbar offers us portraits of African Americans in the nineteenth century, people as complex and compelling as the times in which they lived. One is the remarkable Ona Judge, who escaped from slavery — and her former owners, George and Martha Washington — when she was twenty years old. Though she lived the rest of her life as a fugitive, Judge was "Never Caught" — despite the Washingtons' repeated attempts to return her to slavery.

On the 250th anniversary of 1776, Dunbar invites us to consider how a fuller narrative of our past enriches the American story — and our present and future as a nation e pluribus unum, or "out of many, one."

A reception and book signing will take place after the hour-long event, and copies of Dunbar's books *Never Caught: The Washingtons' Relentless Pursuit of Their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge* and *She Came to Slay: The Life and Times of Harriet Tubman* will be available for purchase, courtesy of Parker & Otis.

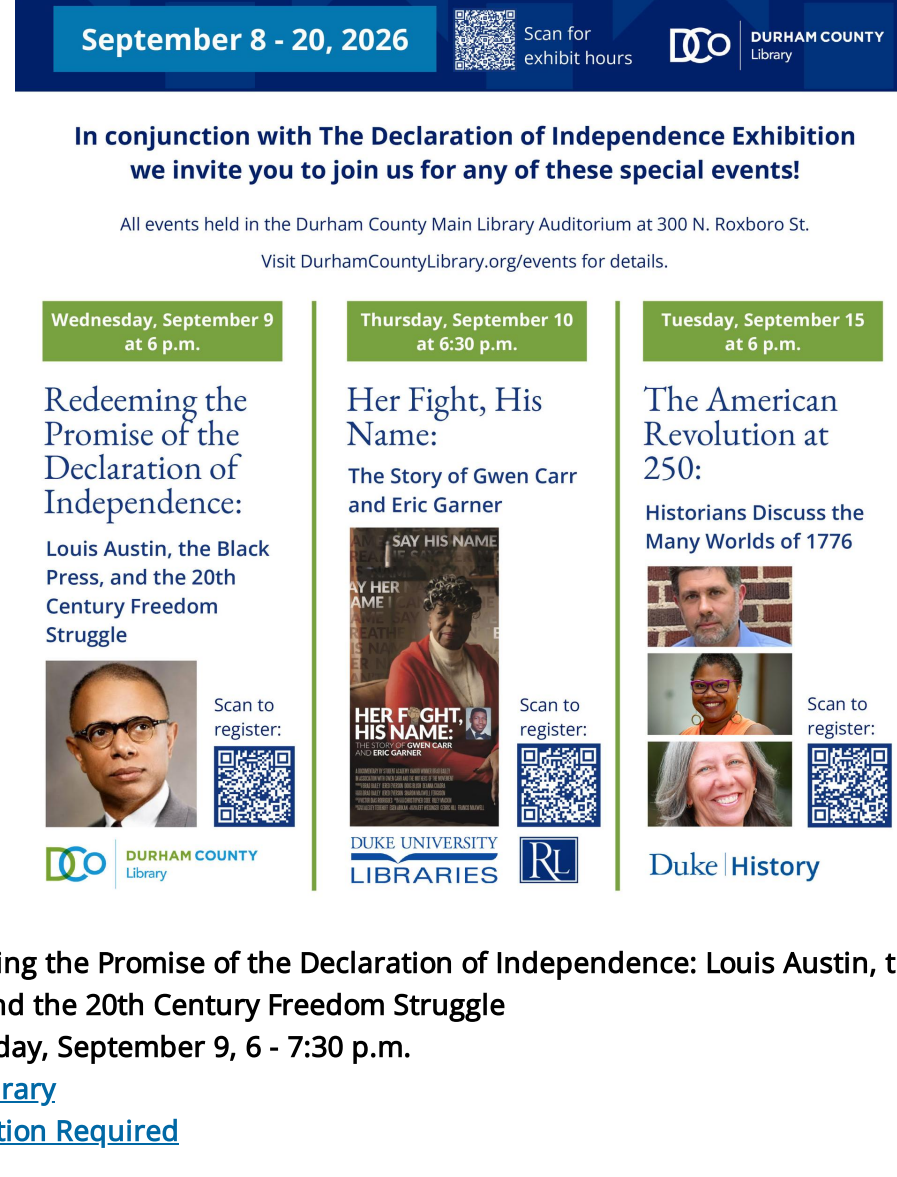
This event is being held in partnership with We the People and Duke University's Kenan Institute for Ethics.

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[Register for Ethics of Now](#)

FEATURED PROGRAM

Special Events for The Declaration of Independence Exhibition



Redeeming the Promise of the Declaration of Independence: Louis Austin, the Black Press, and the 20th Century Freedom Struggle
Wednesday, September 9, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
[Main Library](#)
[Registration Required](#)

In conjunction with The Declaration of Independence Display, brought to the library in partnership with Duke University's We the People initiative and The Nasher Museum, we invite you to join us for a special event - Redeeming the Promise of the Declaration of Independence: Louis Austin, the Black Press, and the 20th Century Freedom Struggle.

Join us as [Professor Jerry Gershenhorn](#) explores Austin's powerful legacy. Together, we will examine how Austin's legacy of speaking "The Truth Unbridled," and challenging racial injustice transformed local activism into a masterclass in constitutional accountability, and why his battle for equality remains a model for building democracy today.

The preamble of the Declaration of Independence proclaims that "all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness." During the 20th century, Louis Austin, editor and publisher of *The Carolina Times* in Durham, used the power of the press, to make those words real, as he exposed and challenged racial injustice and racial segregation, on the page, in the streets, and in the courtroom.

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[Register for Redeeming the Promise of the Declaration of Independence](#)

Her Fight, His Name: The Story of Gwen Carr and Eric Garner
Thursday, September 10, 6:30 - 8 p.m.
[Main Library](#)
[Registration Required](#)

Join us for a screening of the short documentary "Her Fight, His Name: The Story of Gwen Carr and Eric Garner," that centers on Carr's enduring fight for justice following the 2014 death of her son, Eric, after being pinned to the ground in a chokehold by a police officer in Staten Island.

The New York City medical examiner stated the cause of death as a homicide. Garner's final words, "I can't breathe," became a rallying cry in protests against police violence and systemic racism across the United States. Filmed over several years, the documentary places Carr's voice at its core, tracing her transformation from grieving mother to nationally recognized advocate for accountability and human rights.

Winner of the 2026 Human Rights Digital Storytelling Award sponsored by the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

Community discussion to follow with Director Brad Bailey and Mrs. Gwen Carr.

Brought to you by: [Archive of Documentary Arts](#) and [David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library](#).

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[Register for Her Fight, His Name](#)

The American Revolution at 250: Historians Discuss the Many Worlds of 1776
Tuesday, September 15, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
[Main Library](#)
[Registration Required](#)

In conjunction with The Declaration of Independence display we invite you to join us for a special event - The American Revolution at 250: Historians Discuss the Many Worlds of 1776.

This event is brought to you by the Durham County Library, Duke Department of History and UNC Chapel Hill Department of History.

Duke History professors Phil Stern, Adriane Lentz-Smith and UNC-Chapel Hill History professor Kathleen DuVal will sit in conversation.

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[Register for The American Revolution at 250](#)

Check out these other events for adults!

Click the links below to for more info.

Is This AI?
Tuesday, September 8, 2 - 3 p.m.
Southwest Regional Library

Songs We Carry: Exploring Music, Memory, and Family Stories
Tuesday, September 8, 6 - 7 p.m.
Main Library

Meet Me at the Prancing Pony Book Club
Wednesday, Sept. 16, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Boxyard RTP

Is This AI?
Friday, September 18, 1 - 2 p.m.
North Regional Library

SALAMANDERS!
Tuesday, September 22, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Main Library

Middle Earth Diamond Painting
Tuesday, September 22, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
North Regional Library

Save a Seat for Me: Notes on American Fatherhood with Mark Anthony Neal
Wednesday, September 30, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
Main Library

[See a full calendar of events](#)

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