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The Durham Public Library has moved our digital magazines from RBdigital to the Libby app. You will continue to be able to browse, borrow, and enjoy all the same great magazines from ZINIO you loved in the RBdigital app; now available alongside ebooks and audiobooks on Libby, the award-winning reading app, or by visiting OverDrive.

A sampling of digital magazines available include: The Economist, National Geographic, Bon Appetit, Country Living, Runner's World, Cosmopolitan, Vanity Fair, and over 3,000 more.

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From the Director's Desk

### Happy Spring!

I hope you are enjoying the warmer weather. Thinking about your garden? Sign up for the "Creating a Perennial Border Garden" program on April 19 or check out our wide collection of gardening books for some fresh ideas. And don't forget our downloadable ebooks and audiobooks!

With the public health situation improving and vaccine rollouts picking up speed, we are hopeful that we will be able to expand our hours back to our pre-COVID schedule by early summer. Please sign up for our e-newsletter to get the most up-to-date information.

Have questions or concerns? Feel free to call or stop by my office any time.

Christine

# Hoopla

STREAMING AUDIOBOOKS,  
MUSIC, VIDEO & EBOOKS

April

(Gardening)

Home Grown Vegetables,  
Fruits and Herbs  
Jim W. Wilson

The Family Garden Plan  
Melissa K. Norris

Vegetables Love Flowers  
Lisa Mason Ziegler

Perennial Gardener's  
Design Primer  
Stephanie Cohen

Gardening  
Miranda Smith

How to Grow Fruit Trees  
for Beginners  
Amanda Jones

The Edible Flower Garden  
Rosalind Creasy

Mastering the Art of  
Flower Gardening  
Matt Mattus

May

(Popular Book Club Reads)

Fates and Furies  
Lauren Goff

Keeping Faith  
Jodi Picoult

The Mystery of Mrs. Christie  
Marie Benedict

The Alice Network  
Kate Quinn

The Hunting Party  
Lucy Foley

An American Marriage  
Tayari Jones

The Dutch House  
Ann Patchett

A Prayer for Owen Meany  
John Irving

My Brilliant Friend  
Elena Ferrante

## Hotspots Available

In order to expand Internet access to Durham residents, the Library has established a Wi-Fi hotspot lending program. The hotspots are provided by T-Mobile and funded by a gift from Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare and PALS: The Friends of the Durham Public Library.

No internet at home? Borrow ours for school projects and papers, job searching online, and connecting your tablet or laptop.

On a long car trip? Have the kids in the backseat streaming movies, music or other online content.

On Vacation? Road trip, camping, or grandmas house with no internet?  
Bring it with you!

See our website for details.



Spring New Arrivals



## FICTION

A Gambling Man - David Baldacci

Turn a Blind Eye - Jeffrey Archer

The Women of Chateau Lafayette - Stephanie Dray

Ocean Prey - John Sandford

Sooley - John Grisham

21st Birthday - James Patterson

Hour of the Witch - Chris Bohjalian

That Summer - Jennifer Weiner

The Woman with the Blue Star - Pam Jenoff

The Saboteurs - Clive Cussler



## NON-FICTION

Empire of Pain: The Secret History of the Sackler  
Dynasty by Patrick Radden Keefe

World Travel: An Irreverent Guide by Anthony  
Bourdain and Laurie Woolever

The Premonition: A Pandemic Story by Michael  
Lewis

Somebody's Daughter by Ashley C. Ford



## MYSTERY

A Fatal Lie by Charles Todd

Blood Grove by Walter Mosley

Missing and Endangered by J.A. Jance

Spoils of the Dead by Dana Stabenow

Serpentine by Jonathan Kellerman



## AUDIOBOOKS

The Vanishing Half by Britt Bennett

Win by Harlen Coben

Anxious People by Fredrik Backman

The Code Breaker by Walter Isaacson

Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer

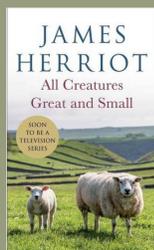
# Virtual Book Discussions

## Hoopla Book Discussion



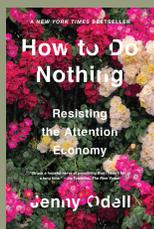
April 20th 7 PM  
Before the Coffee Gets Cold  
by Toshikazu Kawaguchi

May 18th 7 PM  
All Creatures Great and Small  
by James Herriot



## True Story! A Non -Fiction Book Discussion

May 10th 7 PM  
How to Do Nothing  
by Jenny Odell



## BONJOUR!

Expand your speaking skills by practicing the language in a welcoming atmosphere. Facilitated by native French speaker Simone Howe. Meets monthly on the first Thursday of the month on Zoom. Regular participants will receive a link to the Zoom meeting. If this is your first time please email [kmcnally@durhamlibrary.org](mailto:kmcnally@durhamlibrary.org) to receive the Zoom link for the online meeting.

## iHOLA!

The Spanish Conversation Circle is meeting weekly via zoom! Join us each Friday at 4 pm for a virtual Spanish conversation hosted by Marilyn Horn. Each session is limited to 9 adults on a first come, first served basis. Reserve your spot by emailing Marilyn at [marilyncha13@gmail.com](mailto:marilyncha13@gmail.com). She will email you a Zoom link prior to the meeting.

## Take and Make Crafts

Looking to try a new craft or learn a new skill? We will offer a variety of crafts to make at home. Pick up a supply kit from the library and try your hand at a project

April 1- T-shirt Bag

April 15- DIY candles

May 3- Zen Garden

May 17 -Book Phone Charger

# Adult Programming

## Modern Calligraphy

Thursday April 7-8:30 PM

Come learn the popular and playful Modern Calligraphy! Connecticut calligrapher Debby Reelitz will teach where this style comes from, strategies on how to create this lettering style and projects to use the skills you have learned. Paper and brush pen required and provided by the library. Register any time then pick up your materials the week of April 5th. Class and instruction takes place over Zoom. This program is generously supported by PALS.

## Designing a Perennial Border

Wednesday April 21 at 7 PM

How do you create a sunny perennial garden that will delight you with colorful blooms and flowers for cutting from spring through fall? Jana Milbacher, a garden writer and author of The Garden Tourist's New England, has a passion for landscape design and has been gardening on 2 acres for the past 25 years. She will teach you about plant layering, new and reliable perennials, companion plants and design techniques that will make your garden POP!

## Scene at the Library

Tuesday April 27 7 PM

Join us for a new film discussion on Zoom! Connect with others over the shared experience of a movie. Watch the movies on Hoopla then join us over the next few months as we explore these Oscar-winning films over the decades. This program is intended for adults as some films are Rated R. Registration required to receive the link to the zoom meeting.

April 27 An American in Paris (1951)

Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron sing and dance to the music of George and Ira Gershwin in this winner of six Academy Awards, including Best Picture.

## Paint Night with Pam's Picassos

Thursday May 6 at 7 PM

Have you ever wanted to create your own masterpiece? Now is your chance! Pam Halligan, of Pam's Picassos, will guide participants, step by step, to create a watercolor beach scene. All supplies included. Registration required.

## Food Explorers: Lemon Raspberry Bars

Monday May 24 5:30 PM

Join Food Explorers to make Lemon Bars! This version uses Greek yogurt for a light texture, and we'll also be making a quick and optional raspberry sauce to accompany this dessert. You'll need the following ingredients: 6oz cream cheese, 1 cup plain Greek yogurt, 3 eggs, white sugar, 2-3 lemons, graham crackers, butter and optional vanilla extract and raspberries. Please register online to receive the Zoom link.

# Youth Services

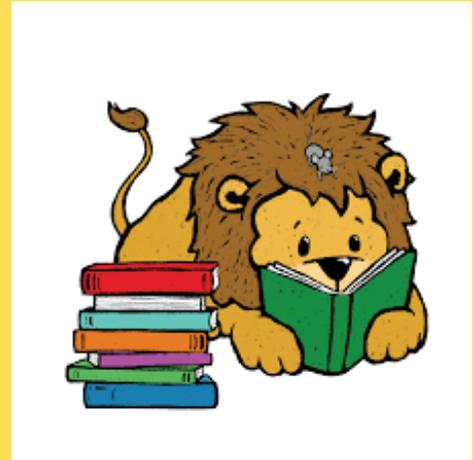
## Llamas and mermaids and puppies, OH MY!

Join us this summer as we explore our theme

### Tails & Tales!

Beginning Monday June 21st, keep an eye out for fun events for the whole family including Take & Make activities, animal encounters, visits from magical fairies, and so much more until we end on Friday August 13th.

Reading Activity Logs will be available for pick up beginning Monday June 21st. Have questions? Feel free to email us at [lredfield@durhamlibrary.org](mailto:lredfield@durhamlibrary.org) or [kslepecki@durhamlibrary.org](mailto:kslepecki@durhamlibrary.org).



## Craft Corner

### Spring Chick Paper Craft

All you need for this craft is paper, tape, and glue!

We used a mix of scrapbook and construction paper, but any will do!

1. Cut the paper into two even strips that are 3" x 12".
2. Accordion fold each strip.
3. Glue the two ends of each strip together to form a round column.
4. Gently push the column down to form a circle. Put a strong tape on the back to hold it in place.
5. Cut out a wing and glue or tape it to the front of the circle.
6. Cut out a beak and an eye and glue them to the side of the circle.



**You've made a paper chick!**

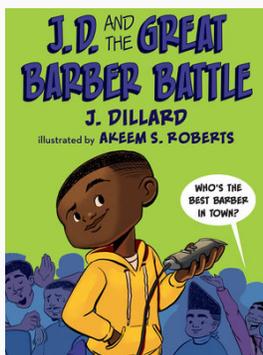
We'd love to see it! Email a picture to [lredfield@durhamlibrary.org](mailto:lredfield@durhamlibrary.org) or tag us on Facebook or Instagram!

(Craft based on post on Artsy Momma blog: <https://artsymomma.com/diy-paper-rosette-birds.html>)

## Miss Lauren Likes...

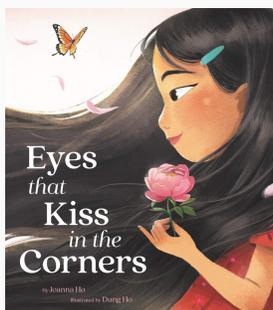
### J.D. and the Great Barber Battle by J. Dillard

Excited to get his first haircut, J.D. is mortified when it does not turn out well. What's a third grader to do? J.D. takes matters into his own hands and learns how to give great cuts - but not everyone is happy about that. Read this fun chapter book to find out what happens next!



### Eyes That Kiss in the Corners by Joanna Ho

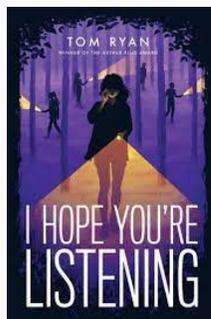
Eyes That Kiss in the Corners is a celebration of what is shared among generations. From a grandmother to a mother, a daughter and a sister, this book celebrates the beauty and strength passed from woman to woman in an Asian family.



## Miss Kristen Likes...

### I Hope You're Listening by Tom Ryan

In her small town, seventeen year-old Delia "Dee" Skinner is known as the girl who wasn't taken. Ten years ago, she witnessed the abduction of her best friend, Sibby. And though she told the police everything she remembered, it wasn't enough. At night, Dee deals with her guilt by becoming someone else: the Seeker, the voice behind the popular true crime podcast Radio Silent, which features missing persons cases and works with online sleuths to solve them. Recommended for any fans of true crime podcasts and documentaries.



### The Left-Handed Booksellers of London By Garth Nix

In a slightly alternate London in 1983, Susan Arkshaw is looking for her father, a man she has never met. Crime boss Frank Thringley might be able to help her, but Susan doesn't get time to ask Frank any questions before he is turned to dust by the prick of a silver hatpin in the hands of the outrageously attractive Merlin. Merlin is a young left-handed bookseller (one of the fighting ones), who with the right-handed booksellers (the intellectual ones), are an extended family of magical beings who police the mythic and legendary Old World when it intrudes on the modern world, in addition to running several bookshops.



# SPRING

## New Arrivals

### CHILDREN'S FICTION

Aru Shah and the City of Gold (Rick Riordan Presents)  
by Roshni Chokshi

Ivy and Bean Get to Work! by Annie Barrows

Max Meow 2: Donuts and Danger by John Gallagher

Phoebe and Her Unicorn 13: Unicorn Famous by Dana Simpson

Warriors: The Broken Code: The Place of No Stars by Erin Hunter

The Rock from the Sky by Jon Klassen

Ways to Grow Love by Renee Watson

Pea, Bee, & Jay 3: Lift Off by Brian Smith

Truly Tyler by Terri Libenson

### NON-FICTION

The Outdoor Scientist- Temple Grandin

A Most Clever Girl- Jasmine A Stirling & Vesper Stamper

Sarah & The Big Wave- Bonnie Tsui & Sophie Diao

Bedtime with Art- Sabrina Hahn

### YOUNG ADULT FICTION

The Curie Society- Heather Einhorn

Pride & Premeditation- Tirzah Price

Witches Steeped in Gold- Ciannon Smart



# Patti's Must See DVDs

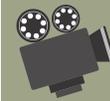
I recently watched Miss Scarlet & the Duke, a 6-part PBS mystery series. Eliza Scarlet (played by Kate Phillips) is a female detective, which is unheard of in Victorian England. She takes over her father's detective agency when he unexpectedly passes away and finds herself butting heads with William Wellington (also known as "the Duke") who is an Inspector with the Scotland Yard. Kate struggles to make a name for herself while fighting against female stereotypes of that time.

I thoroughly enjoyed watching this series. The characters are compelling and well-acted. There are some familiar faces- Kate Phillips played Princess Mary in the Downton Abbey Movie, Linda Shelby in Peaky Blinders, and Venetia Scott in The Crown. Another familiar face is Andrew Gower who plays Rupert Parker, a wealthy gentleman whose mother is trying to marry him off to Eliza. I knew I recognized him and then remembered he played "Bonnie Prince" Charles Stuart in Outlander. It was also fun to see Kevin Doyle as Henry Scarlet (Eliza's father) who was Mr. Molesley in Downton Abbey.

If you haven't had the opportunity to watch Miss Scarlet & the Duke, the library has 2 copies you can check out!



# Spring New Arrivals



## MOVIES

- Blue's Clues & You! Caring with Blue
- News of the World
- Promising Young Woman
- Wander
- Soul
- Our Friend
- The Undoing
- Wonder Woman 1984
- Miss Scarlet & the Duke (PBS series)
- Breach
- All Creatures Great and Small (PBS series)
- A Call to Spy
- Evergreen
- The Informer
- A Cold Hard Truth
- Fatale
- Barbie as Rapunzel

# Literary Terms

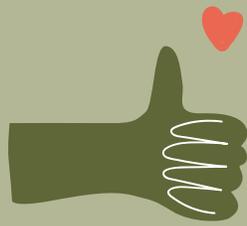
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| anaphora      | mood            | irony         | characterization |
| imagery       | epiphany        | juxtaposition | foreshadowing    |
| antagonist    | protagonist     | pun           | theme            |
| flashback     | personification | symbolism     | moral            |
| point of view | setting         | tone          | simile           |
| hyperbole     | metaphor        | conflict      | allusion         |

# kanopy

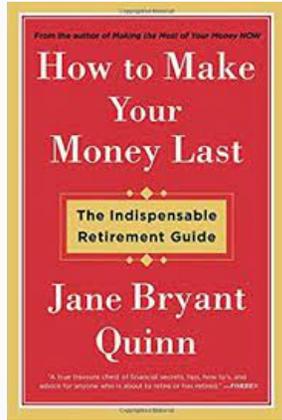
Kanopy Streaming Service

Kanopy is a video-streaming platform dedicated to thoughtful and thought provoking films. In 2016 Kanopy expanded its services to public libraries and now delivers a diverse collection of 30,000+ enriching films, available to stream anytime and anywhere. Kanopy is available via an array of apps on the TV, phone, tablet and computer. Kanopy Kids has a diverse selection of educational and entertaining content that ranges across Movies, TV Series, Animated Storybooks, Live Action, and Animated favorites. Kanopy Kids is appropriate for children ages 2 and up, with a focus on kids age 2-8.

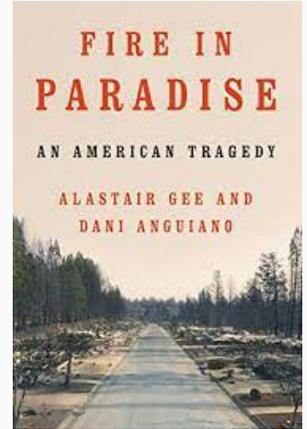


# Staff Picks

Diana recommends "How to Make Your Money Last" By Jane Bryant Quinn



Christine recommends "Fire in Paradise: An American Tragedy" by Alastair Gee and Dani Anguiano



This book has in its title “the indispensable retirement guide” and it is. It was originally published in 2016 and updated for 2020. I highly recommend this book for any age, whether you are a young adult, middle age or getting ready for your golden years, the information in this book will help you plan for a successful retirement.

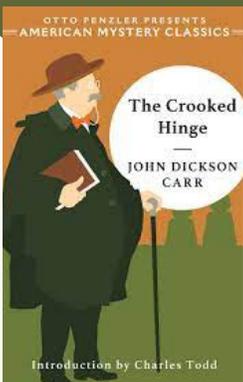
This is a fascinating look at the 2018 Camp Fire, which was the most destructive wildfire in California history. The authors explain not only the events of the fire itself, but the history that led to the disaster and the continuing consequences. The book reads like a thriller, but also poses important questions about personal and community responsibilities, long-range infrastructure planning, and what our society values most.

From social security strategies to finding health insurance to stretching your savings to last for many years, this book has it all.

Check it out and let Christine know what you think!

Check it out and let Diana know what you think!

Elizabeth recommends "The Crooked Hinge" by John Dickson Carr



I am just finishing up the book The Crooked Hinge by John Dickson Carr. It's got a couple of fun characters and a plot line that even goes back to some 'fictional' people who sailed on the Titanic. An ancient automaton also figures in the story. Who is the true heir to the Farnleigh estate? No one knows and the story that follows brings you plenty of red herrings and a grumpety (my made up word) private investigator named Dr. Gideon Fell. This mystery, originally published in 1938 has recently been reissued by Penzler Publishers and is but one of many titles from their American Mystery Classics selections. Our Assistant Director, Kim McNally, has curated a small collection here in our own mystery book section.

Some of the titles that we have here in Durham include:

The Case of the Careless Kitten, Erle Stanley Gardner

A Taste for Honey, H.F. Heard

Death from a Top Hat, Clayton Rawson

The Unsuspected, Charlotte Armstrong

And The Dutch Shoe Mystery, Ellery Queen

I have read four of the 5 above titles and enjoyed all of them. I think some of the 'old fashioned' mysteries can be a lot of fun. Cheers to Happy Mystery reading!

Check it out and let Elizabeth know what you think!

DID YOU KNOW?

## Durham Public Library has free CT DMV Practice Tests

Are you getting your learner's permit or driver's license? Get ready to take the written portion of the test by going to our website to take a free CT DMV practice test. On our homepage, click the Digital Resources Tab to access the link for the practice tests. We also have the motorcycle and CDL tests covered. There is a list of FAQ, a link to the CT Diver's License Guide and a link to the CT DMV website. Give it a try!

### Spring Hours

Monday & Tuesday  
11:00 am to 5:00pm

Wednesday  
2:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Thursday, Friday, &  
Saturday  
11:00 am to 5:00 pm

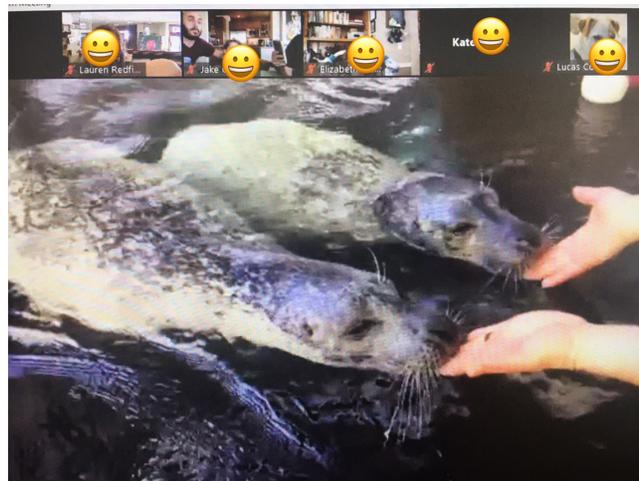
### Closings

Good Friday  
April 2

Memorial Day  
May 31



Wynnie and Arlow (above) showing off their finished March Pick Up Craft. An arctic fan and paper heart (right) were included in February and January's kits. We'd love to see your finished products too! Tag us on social media and you could be featured in the next newsletter!



The Virtual Harbor Seal Encounter with the New England Aquarium took place on February 6. It was a lot of fun for all ages!