



# THE LIBRARY WINDOW

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## Library Renewal Will Prepare Us for the Years Ahead

We've been listening! Over the years, members of the public have shared what they love about the library and what areas could use an update. In 2014 and 2016, over 400 Durham residents participated in two community surveys. In addition to the print and media collections, you identified community gathering spaces and access to technology as community priorities. You also identified several barriers to meeting those needs, most notably the noise level and the lack of defined spaces for quiet study, small meetings, and community gathering. The Library Renewal project is our response to that feedback. This project will reconfigure the interior space with two small study rooms, quiet reading areas, new furnishings for the circulation and teen spaces, and update the public computing areas. Lastly, the renewal project will enable the library to complete long needed maintenance projects, including adding an automatic front door, redoing the main floor restrooms, and repainting and carpeting the space.

Now we need your help. Two-thirds of the project cost will be covered by a generous grant from the Connecticut State Library and from Town of Durham capital funds. In order to receive the grant funds, however, we must raise the remaining third of the funds by October 2021. As an active library user and supporter, will you please consider a gift to support this project? Donations can be made online at <https://www.durhamlibrary.org/library-renewal/> or by mail to: PALS, ATTN Library Renewal, P.O. Box 271, Durham, CT 06422.

**The Durham Public Library is the busy hub of the community, going beyond its mission of "Growing Knowledge and Community." Please join us in helping the library continue to grow and thrive so that we can best serve the Durham community for years to come.**



From the Director's Desk

With the public health situation improving, we are expanding our hours, effective June 1st. Our new hours will be Monday through Thursday 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM and Friday and Saturday 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. For the health and safety of all our patrons, we request that you continue to wear your mask when visiting the library.

Summer reading is right around the corner! This year's theme is "Tails and Tales," and I hope you will join us for a variety of interesting programs about animals this summer.

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

Christine

## Summer New Arrivals



### FICTION

The Maidens - Alex Michaelides  
The Bullet - Iris Johansen  
One Last Stop - Casey McQuiston  
The Cellist - Daniel Silva  
Dead by Dawn - Paul Doiron  
Nine Lives - Danielle Steel  
The Shadow - James Patterson  
Blind Tiger - Sandra Brown  
Billy Summers - Stephen King  
Class Act - Stuart Woods



### NON- FICTION

The Appalachian Trail: A biography by Philip D'Anieri  
The Woman They Could Not Silence by Kate Moore  
An Ugly Truth: Inside Facebook's Battle for Domination by Sheera Frenkel and Cecilia Kang ( )  
All In by Billie Jean King



### 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

## Summer New Arrivals



### DVDs

Atlantic Crossing  
Barb & Star Go to Vista Del Mar  
Star Trek: Picard (Season 1)  
Vera (Set 6 & 7)  
Crisis  
Pinocchio  
Judas and the Black Messiah  
The Little Things  
The Undoing  
Queens of Mystery (Series 1)  
The Marksman

#### Children's DVDs:

Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood: Tigertastic  
Pinkalicious & Peterrific: Playtime with  
Pinkalicious  
Boboiboy: The Movie  
Rainboy Rangers: Wild for Wildlife!



## Patti's Must See DVDs

### Promising Young Woman

Cassie lives with her parents, works at a local coffee shop, and has a secret life at night. One day, she discovers an opportunity to avenge a traumatic event that happened in the past...

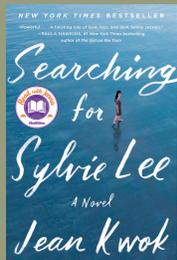
When I first started watching this movie, I wasn't sure if I'd like it. It is pretty dark, which is not my usual genre. But I was quickly drawn into the story and ended up loving it. There are many plot twists and the acting was superb.

The ending was clever and not what I expected. The movie is definitely worth seeing- I plan to watch it again! We have 2 copies of it at the library. (Rated R)



# Virtual Book Discussions

## Hoopla Book Discussion



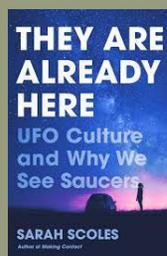
June 15 at 7:00 p.m.  
Searching for Sylvie Lee  
by Jean Kwok

July 20 at 7:00 pm  
The Mystery of Mrs. Christie  
by Marie Benedict



## True Story! A Non -Fiction Book Discussion

July 12 at 7:00 p.m.  
They are Already Here: UFO Culture  
and Why We See Saucers



## 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 [iredfield@durhamlibrary.org](mailto:iredfield@durhamlibrary.org) to receive the Zoom link for the online meeting.

## ¡HOLA!

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.

# Adult Programming

## Let's Talk Pets: Exploring Dog DNA

Wednesday June 16 at 7 PM.

Dog owners are becoming increasingly interested in the genetic make-up of their furry family members. As the popularity of Canine DNA testing grows and the trend of "Breed Reveal Parties" takes hold, the need for a general understanding of dog evolution and genetics grows. In order for owners to fully understand how their small mixed breed dog could possibly have German Shepherd in its DNA, a basic understanding of canine genetics is useful. This program will provide the skills needed to identify dog breeds based on their phenotypic characteristics, give background information in canine evolution, and provide a basic understanding of canine genetics. Test your knowledge of different dog breeds and learn how genetics contribute to pet health

## Cradle to Grave: Documenting Connecticut Birth, Death, and Marriage in Your Family Search

Wednesday June 23, 2021 at 7 PM

Documenting where your ancestors were born, married, and died is key to piecing together their family story. But with different record keeping systems in each of the U.S. states, finding the records can be a challenge! Join us for a hands-on workshop with Bryna O'Sullivan of Charter Oak Genealogy.

We will access and use vital records, church records, gravestones, and more to learn more about someone in your family. Please bring a name or identifying information for an ancestor to trace in this workshop.

This program will focus on Connecticut records, but the principles you'll learn can be applied to research anywhere in the United States. Please be sure to create a FamilySearch account before our workshop.

## Let's Talk Pets: Cat Behavior with Dr. Geller

Thursday July 22, 2021 at 7 PM

Do you want to understand why your cats do certain things? Whether your cat is avoiding the litter box, acting hostile toward another animal in the same household, scratching the furniture, or showing signs of separation anxiety, Dr. Geller can help! Rachel Geller, Ed.D. is a certified Cat Behavior and Retention Specialist through the Humane Society and a certified Humane Education Specialist through the Academy of Prosocial Learning. She will share common cat behavior issues and how to solve them and answer your questions.

## Creating Stories that Matter

Tuesday July 13, 2021 at 7 PM

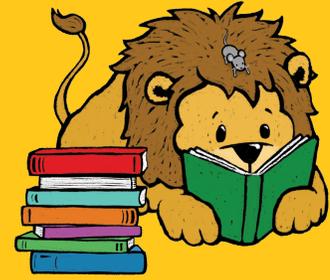
In this dynamic, hands-on workshop, Jennifer Munro, a nationally known storyteller, will guide you through the basic how-tos of story creation, sharing simple, effective strategies for crafting a story from an engaging beginning to a deeply meaningful and satisfying end. Whether you dream of being a Moth storyteller, regaling family and friends with your life experiences, or you just want to be more comfortable sharing your story this workshop is for you!

# Summer Youth Programming

## Summer Reading Kick-Off Event: Llama at the Library!

Saturday, June 26 at 11 AM  
(Raindate: Tuesday, July 13 at 11 AM)  
For all ages

Join us for a storytime at the library - featuring a real llama! Listen to a story, learn about llamas, and then have a chance to pet a llama yourself! Event will be outside; masks required. Registration required



## Lunch with Sea Lions with the New England Aquarium

Tuesday, June 29 at noon, via Zoom  
For all ages

Enjoy your lunch while you get up close and personal with sea lions! Engage with a marine mammal trainer as they conduct a training session with sea lions at the New England Aquarium! Learn about how they train, why they train, and what you can do to protect the ocean environment for these amazing animals! Registration required



## Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays, July 6 - August 10 at 10 AM (weather dependent)  
For ages 3- 5 years old  
Join us for storytime in the garden! We'll listen to stories, sing songs, and get our wiggles out! Event will be outside; masks required. Registration required



## Safety PAWtrol with the Connecticut Humane Society

Friday, July 16 at 2 PM  
Thursday, July 29 at 3 PM  
For all ages.

Bring a book (or borrow one of ours!) and read one-on-one to Jackson, a certified therapy dog! Event will be outside in the garden. Registration required. Email Miss Lauren at [Iredfield@durhamlibrary.org](mailto:Iredfield@durhamlibrary.org) for a timeslot for a 15 minute session to read to Jackson!



## Read to Rover

Thursday, July 8 at 3PM  
(Raindate: Friday, July 30 at 3 PM)  
For kids in grades K -5

Discover how to safely interact with dogs by learning how to read their body language! Event will be outside; masks required. Registration required



# Summer Youth Programming

## Fairy Dwellings

Add some magic to your garden with your very own Fairy House! Choose between two different projects- both options include all materials and easy to follow instructions, provided by

The Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme, CT.

**Option 1:** Decorate a pre-built Fairy Teepee! Registration is required as materials are limited. These kits will be available to pick up between Tuesday July 6th & Saturday July 10th. This option is great as a group project for families with younger children!

**Option 2:** Build your very own Fairy House using sticks from your backyard! These kits will be available on a first come, first serve basis beginning Monday July 26th and remaining available for pick up until Saturday August 14th, or while supplies last. No registration is required, and is recommended for older children, teens or as a family group project.

Questions? Email Miss Kristen at [kslepecki@durhamlibrary.org](mailto:kslepecki@durhamlibrary.org)



## Doodle Art

Tuesday July 13th

Celebrate the art of the doodle with one of the most spectacular tails of all- the peacock tail! Join Calligrapher Debby Reelitz Tuesday July 13th on Zoom (time TBD) as she talks with participants about patterns and how calligraphers use them. Participants will create some black and white doodle art following this year's Summer Reading theme- Tails & Tales! For tweens & teens age 11 & up. Materials will be provided. Registration required. Questions? Email Kristen at [kslepecki@durhamlibrary.org](mailto:kslepecki@durhamlibrary.org)



## Pick Up Activity Kits- For Kids!

Pick up a kit with a packet of activities and supplies each week of Summer Reading, while supplies last!

A new kit will be available at the Main Desk every Monday, beginning Monday June 21, and each one follows a different Tales & Tails theme. Registration is not required.

## Pick Up Activity Kits- For Teens!

Pick up a kit with a packet of activities and supplies each month of Summer Reading, while supplies last! New kits will be released Mondays June 21, July 5, & August 2nd; and will be available for pick up at the Main Desk the entire month. Each one follows a different Tales & Tails theme.

Registration is not required.



## Petting Zoo with Circle K Farms

Friday, August 13 at 3 PM

For all ages.

Goats, Lambs, and Bunnies - oh my! Come join us for a petting zoo on the lawn of the library!

Event will be outside; masks required.

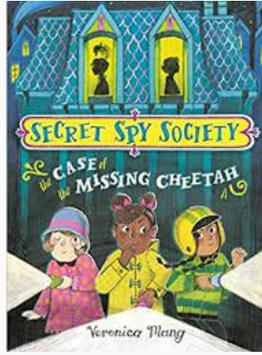
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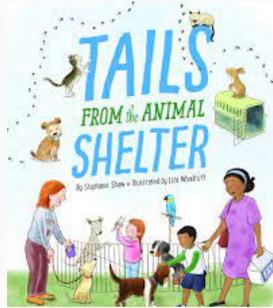
### Secret Spy Society #1: Case of the Missing Cheetah by Veronica Mang

Three girls are bored on a rainy night when they discover a mystery in need of solving. Little do they know that they'll end up working with some of the greatest spies in history! This fun chapter book is an intriguing mystery book combined with biographies of prominent women spies through history.



### Tails From the Animal Shelter by Stephanie Shaw

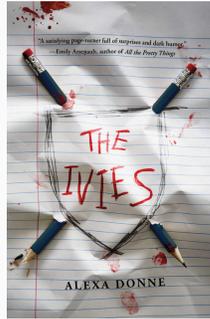
Learn all about the kinds of animals looking for homes at the animal shelter, as well as all the great work done by those who work there in this engaging non-fiction picture book!



## Miss Kristen Likes...

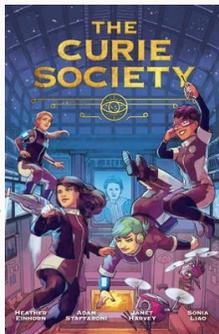
### The Ivies by Alexa Donne

Everyone knows the Ivies: the most coveted universities in the United States. Far more important are the Ivies. The Ivies at Claflin Academy that is. Alexa Donne delivers a nail-biting and timely thriller about teens who will stop at nothing to get into the college of their dreams. Too bad no one told them murder isn't an extracurricular.



### The Curie Society by Janet Harvey

An action-adventure graphic novel, the story follows a team of young women recruited by an elite secret society- originally founded by Marie Curie- with the mission of supporting the most brilliant female scientists in the world. The heroines use their smarts, gumption, and cutting-edge technology to protect the world from rogue scientists with nefarious plans



# SUMMER

## New Arrivals

### CHILDREN'S FICTION

- Baby-Sitters Little Sister #4: Karen's Kittycat Club by Ann M. Martin (graphic novel)
- The Bad Guys in Cut to the Chase (#13) by Aaron Blabey (graphic novel)
- Clash (Click #4) by Kayla Miller (graphic novel)
- Absolutely Nat by Maria Scrivan (graphic novel)
- Spy School at Sea by Stuart Gibbs (middle grade)
- Franklin Endicott and the Third Key (Tale from Deckawoo Drive) by Kate DiCamillo (middle grade)
- High School Musical: The Road Trip by Melissa De La Cruz (middle grade)
- Mindy Kim and the Trip to Korea by Lyla Lee (middle grade)
- The Little Blue Bridge by Brenda Maier (picture book)
- Lobstah Gahden by Alli Brydon (picture book)
- Q and U Call It Quits by Stef Wade (picture book)

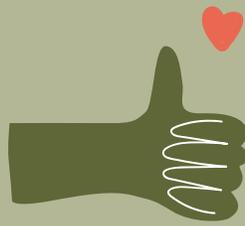
### NON-FICTION

- The Kitchen Pantry Scientist: Biology for Kids by Liz Lee Heinecke
- Who is Neil Degrasse Tyson? By Pamela Pollack
- My Body is a Rainbow: The Color of My Feelings by Mallika Chopra
- A Life Electric: The Story of Nikola Tesla by Azadeh Westergaard
- King of Ragtime: The Story of Scott Joplin by Stephen Costanza
- What is the Story of the Mummy? By Sheila Keenan

### YOUNG ADULT FICTION

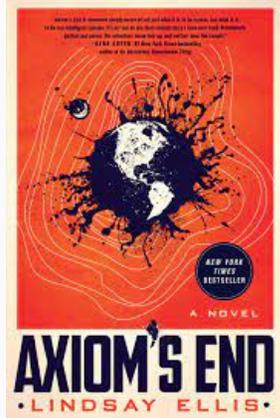
- The Sea is Salt and So Am I by Cassandra Hartt
- Between You, Me and the Honeybees by Amelia Diane Coombs
- Daughter of Sparta by Claire Andrews
- Any Way the Wind Blows by Rainbow Rowell
- Shadow by Kara Swanson
- The Queen Will Betray You by Sarah Henning
- How We Fall Apart by Katie Zhao
- Bad Witch Burning by Jessica Lewis



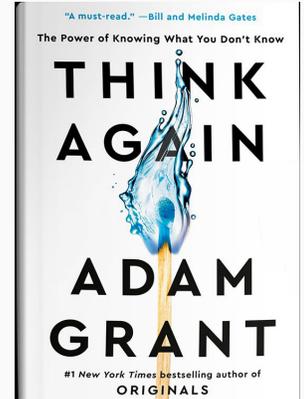


# Staff Picks

Elizabeth B  
recommends  
"Axiom's End"  
by Lindsay Ellis



Jen  
recommends  
"Think Again: The  
Power of Knowing  
What You Don't "  
by Adam Grant



It's 2007, and all Cora Sabino wants is to not mess up her new temp job and to avoid association with her estranged whistleblower father. But then it turns out that he was right: the government actually has been covering up extraterrestrial presence on Earth for decades. Soon Cora becomes the one person who can communicate between humans and their otherworldly visitors. But although she can literally interpret what the strangers are saying, she questions whether she truly understands what they want and what it means for her own world. In this exciting first-contact novel, it is never clear just who is telling the truth, who is lying, and what they are covering up.

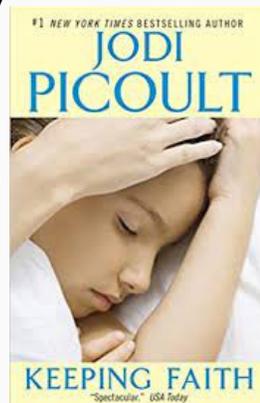
This was my first time reading a book by this author and I listened to audio version from Libby. I really liked hearing the author read it - it reminded me of a really engaging podcast. My main take away was to not be afraid to admit when your wrong, actively seek out information that goes against your own views and work on improving yourself (rather than proving yourself). This book felt very relevant given the state of the country with very polarizing viewpoints on so many topics. Being able to hear and understand others with opposing viewpoints from your own can only make you grow as a person and can help foster that mindset in others.

Check it out and let Elizabeth know what you think!

Check it out and let Jen know what you think!

Diana  
recommends  
"Keeping Faith"  
By Jodi Picoult

This book kept me riveted from the first page to the last. The story focuses on a mother, Mariah, and her daughter, Faith, who are dealing with Mariah's broken marriage from Colin, Faith's father. Faith acquires an imaginary friend, her "guard" due to the break up. After Faith seems to have performed some "miracles", there is some speculation "guard" is actually "God". There is a media frenzy around Mariah's house, and the story moves through how Mariah protects Faith. Its interesting to see how the different characters in the book view Faith. There is suspense and a love story, all wrapped up in the question: Is God working through Faith? I loved the end of the book, with a bit of a twist.



Check it out and let Diana know what you think!

DID  
YOU  
KNOW?

## The Durham Public Library participates in the Museum Pass Program.

These passes offer either free admission or discounted admission. Many of our Museum Passes participate in our Print-on-Demand program, in which you are able to print the pass from your home printer. See our website for a list of participating museums.

### Summer Hours

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Monday - Thursday  
10:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Friday and Saturday  
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

### Closings

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4th of July



*Good  
Bye*

Our Assistant Director, Kim McNally, has accepted the Director position at Berlin-Peck Memorial Library. June 4th will be her last day here at Durham. We will all miss her warm smile, easy companionship, and willingness to jump in and do whatever job needs to get done.

Wishing Kim all the best in her  
new job.

The Durham Public Library Staff