



THE LIBRARY WINDOW

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Hearts for Healthcare and Essential Workers

We miss seeing you at the library and we look forward to when the Durham Public Library will reopen and we can visit with you all again. In the meantime, we would like to show our support for Durham's essential personnel. We have great windows at the library and we would like to fill them with hearts as a big "Thank You" to all of our front line workers who have kept our community going during this time.

We invite patrons of all ages to make hearts to display in our windows. You can make any kind of heart you would like, any size, decorated, drawn, painted, cut out or not. Use your imagination and sign them if you wish. Bring them to the library and drop in the collection box on the bench in front. We will hang them in our windows as we receive them. Thank you for showing your support for our front line workers!

Stay healthy and safe,
The Durham Public Library staff



From the Director's Desk

It seems like a long, long time since I wrote my last note and many things have changed in the world and for the Library. One thing that hasn't changed is the Library's commitment to serving our community to the absolute best of our ability.

Library staff continue to be available to help answer your questions. Leave us a voice message or send an email and we will get back to you as quickly as we can. Contact us if you're looking for ways to engage your children with fun and educational materials, if you need help finding available resources for business, health or employment, or if you are simply bored and need help finding something to entertain you! We are ready to help.

Until we can meet again in person, please enjoy our digital resources, follow us on social media, or reach out via email or telephone. We appreciate your patience and understanding and miss seeing you every day.

- Christine

¡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. She will email you a zoom link prior to the meeting.

Patti's Movie Recommendation



Megan Leavey

I recently watched the movie Megan Leavey on Kanopy, our new on demand streaming service. If you love dogs or just enjoy feel-good movies, you'll want to watch this one! Megan Leavey is based on a true story about a young woman who wants to escape her troubled past and joins the Marines. She becomes the dog handler for Rex in the K9 unit and the two form a strong bond. While in Afghanistan, Corporal Levey and Sergeant Rex go on more than 100 missions and save many lives. This is a heart-warming movie and I love the bond between Megan and Rex. I wouldn't really call this a war movie because it's more about their relationship than the war itself. I highly recommend seeing it!

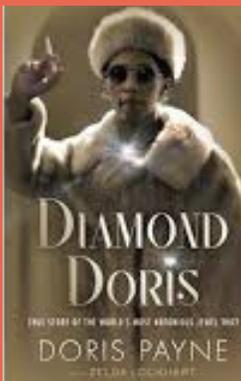


Virtual Book Discussions

Meeting with Zoom

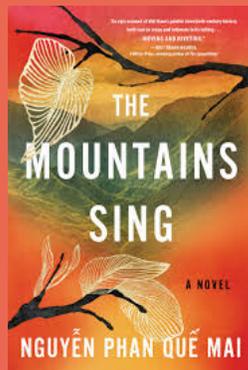
True Story! A Nonfiction

Book Discussion
Monday May 4, 2020
at 7:30 PM

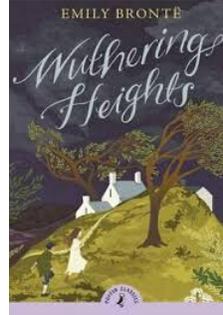


Hoopla Book Club

Wednesday May 13th
at 7:30 PM

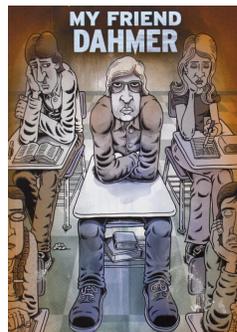


Read the Book, Watch the Movie



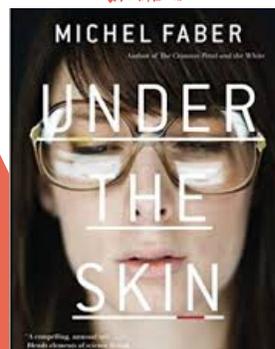
Classic

Emily Bronte's classic novel set in 19th-century England. A poor English boy is taken in by a wealthy family where he develops an intense relationship with his younger foster sister.



True Crime

The true, haunting story of young Jeffrey Dahmer -- the shy adolescent in high school who becomes a notorious serial killer years later.



Sci-Fi

Disguising itself as a human female, an extraterrestrial drives around Scotland attempting to lure unsuspecting men into her van. Once there, she seduces and sends them into another dimension where they are nothing more than meat.



are all available with your Durham Library Card!

Try Creativebug!

US Census 2020

Washi Tape Journal Cover

Use some washi tape to decorate your school supplies, journal, picture frames... the possibilities are endless! Kristen covered her notebook to make those afternoon meetings much more fun! Check out this video on Creativebug and get inspired to make your own washi tape project!



Washi Tape Journal

Shape
your future
START HERE >

United States®
Census
2020

The US Census 2020 is happening now! Did you know that each year, Census data informs federal funding for more than 100 programs including school lunches, highway construction, and education? The information collected in the 2020 Census will determine congressional representation, inform hundreds of billions in federal funding every year, and help improve our community for the next decade.

You can complete your form online using the invitation you received in the mail. For more information visit

<https://2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond.html>

Geometric Paper Collage

This was a fun, easy project. I like to scrapbook, so I had most of the supplies. My diamond template was bigger than what was used online, so I used a larger piece of stock and had less stars. It was fun to put the designs together, the instructor explained everything well, I would definitely try another project on Creative Bug.

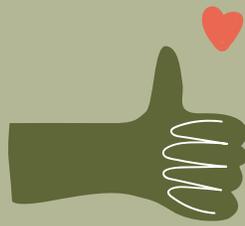
Geometric Paper Collage

Finger Knit Trivet

The trivet instructions called for sash rope, but since I only had yarn available I made a coaster-sized trivet for my tea cup. The video was engaging with 2 instructors walking us through the steps necessary to finger knit, wrap, and complete our piece. The best part is you can use any yarn you have on hand and it took less than 45 minutes. Finger knitting is a great way to do something meditative even if you don't have traditional knitting supplies. The video and instructions can be found on Creativebug.

Finger Knit Trivet



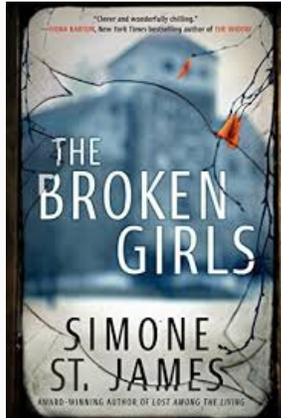


Staff Picks

Patti

recommends

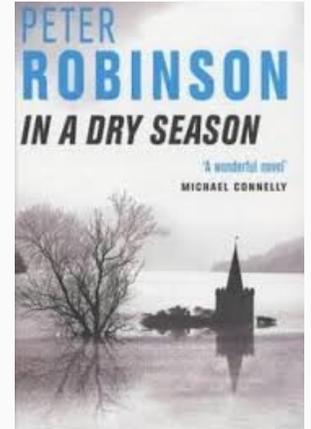
"The Broken Girls"
by Simone St. James



Carol

recommends

"In a Dry Season"
By Peter Robinson



Journalist Fiona Sheridan discovers some deep dark secrets in an abandoned boarding school named Idlewild Hall. The school is a place for unwanted girls and it's supposed to be haunted. Fiona's sister was found murdered years earlier in the fields near the school. Although the murderer was caught, Fiona always felt that something wasn't quite right about the case. When a shocking discovery is made during the renovations of the school, the loss of Fiona's sister is linked to the secrets of the past...

I thoroughly enjoyed this book! It was mysterious and spooky and I couldn't put it down. I'm not usually a big fan of creepy stories, but this one wasn't just a ghost story. It was a fascinating murder mystery as well. The Broken Girls is available on Overdrive/Libby.

A novel of suspense involving characters that are so believable that one would wonder what they are doing after the book ends. The story revolves around Thornfield reservoir. A warm humid summer has caused the reservoir to dry up and expose a small village known as Hobb's End that ceased to exist after World War II in England. Detective Alan Banks is notified of a grim discovery in the village and a host of everyday characters from the present and the past present themselves to the reader. The author is an expert at plotting and this story ascends to the pinnacle of crime fiction. Largely through the convincing and complex characters, an unimaginable story presents itself to the reader. A real mystery lies here. I couldn't put this book down. This book is available on Hoopla.

Check it out and let Patti know what you think!

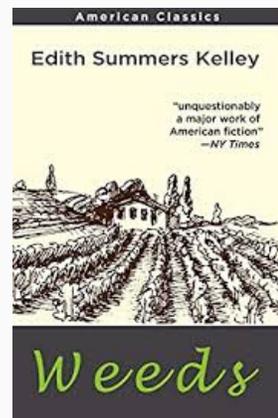
Check it out and let Carol know what you think!

Elizabeth
recommends

"Weeds"
by Edith Summers
Kelley

This book, written in 1923, rediscovered in the 1970's and reappraised as an American Classic is available through Hoopla. The story is a portrayal of the monotonous and drudge filled life of the small tenet farmer in the tobacco fields of Kentucky and centers around a young woman with spirit and a restless longing for a purpose in her life. This is a story about acceptance of your lot in life and finding the good in it through the beauty of nature.

Check it out and let Elizabeth know what you think!



Miss Lauren Likes...

Starfell#1 : Willow Moss & the
Lost Day

By Dominique Valente
Available on hoopla!

Did you love The Land of
Stories series? Then check out the
first book in the new series, Starfell.
Willow's magic has always been
considered small...until the most
powerful witch in the land needs her
help. Can Willow help Moreg find
the lost day? Engagingly written and
with relatable characters, Starfell is
sure to delight fans of fantasy and
magic.

Muzzy

Available on Kanopy Kids!



Looking for cartoons in Spanish or French?
Want your kids to learn some basics of a
new language or keep up their foreign
language skills? Check out Muzzy on Kanopy
Kids! Kids of all ages will enjoy the fun
characters and will be surprised by and
proud of how much they pick up!

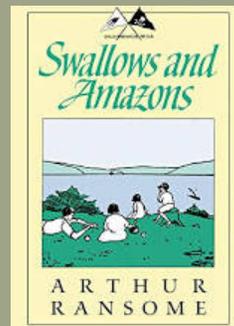
Miss Kristen Likes...

The Thief by Megan Whalen Turner
Available on hoopla!

Eugenides, the queen's thief, can steal anything-or so
he says. When his boasting lands him in prison and
the king's magus invites him on a quest to steal a
legendary object, he's in no position to refuse. The
magus thinks he has the right tool for the job, but Gen
has plans of his own. Kristen says: "One of my
favorite books! The story was fast paced and exciting,
and the twist at the end had me immediately grabbing
the next book in the series. Megan Whalen Turner will
keep you guessing from beginning to end. Be sure to
read the first 4 books before the final installment
comes out later this year!"



Read the Book, Watch the Movie *Family Edition!*



Available
on
hoopla!



Four children dream of escaping the tedium of a summer holiday with
their mother. When finally given permission to camp on their own on
an island in the middle of a vast lake in the Lake District, they are
overjoyed, but when they get there they discover they may not be
alone. The battle for ownership of a lonely island teaches them the
skills of survival, the value of friendship and the importance of holding
your nerve.



Kanopy Kids features TV series,
learning languages, animated
storybooks, anime favorites, and classic
films and movies for the whole family!

Digital Programming

STORY TIME @
HOME!

A NEW THEME
EVERY FRIDAY IN
MAY



Creative
Kids
Crafting
Corner

A collection of crafts and activities
curated by the Youth Services
department for kids and families to
do at home

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ONLINE POETRY
EXHIBIT

Keep sending us your poems! We started for National
Poetry Month, but we want to read more! Send your
poems (along with your name and age)
to poetry@durhamlibrary.org. Every week on Friday, we
will collect the poems we received that week and
publish them on our website

SOCIAL
DISTANCING
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Preschool Ages 5 & under
Kids Ages 6-11
Teens Ages 12-18

DID YOU KNOW?

You can still access our WIFI

Need wifi? Or just a change of scenery? Our free wifi can be accessed from most locations in the parking lot. No password is needed.

Minigolf Adventure Returns to the Library

The second annual Fore! The Library MiniGolf Adventure took place on Saturday, March 7 and Sunday, March 8 at the Library. The event is organized by PALS, the Friends of the Durham Public Library, to raise funds for programs, materials, museum passes, and other library services.

Saturday evening saw numerous groups of friends playing a minigolf course throughout the Library, before enjoying the beer, wine and food at the "19th Hole" on the lower level. Sunday brought many families to enjoy minigolf, snacks, and crafts. "This event is a lot of fun," said Library Director Christine Michaud. "It lets people enjoy the library in a whole new way, as well as raising needed funds."

We'd like to thank the many businesses and individuals who contributed money to sponsor the individual holes, contributed food or beverages, and who volunteered their time. This event would not be possible without their contributions to this fun and unique event.



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