

Editorials

Support Stanford Warren

Blacks in Durham should support Stanford L. Warren Library. One way to show that support is to make sure that blacks are adequately represented on the committee slated to be appointed by the County Library Board to study the future of Stanford L. Warren.

This study, according to a library official, will be an attempt to show how the library can be structured to better serve the community where it is located.

Everyone knows that Stanford L. Warren has been an institution in the black community for years. It has served blacks well, providing several generations with access to books, knowledge and information vital to growth and progress.

Everyone also knows that in many, many instances, when a black institution merges with a white institution, ultimately the black group is submerged into the larger organization and is often no longer identifiable.

This should not happen to Stanford L. Warren.

This library — and its building — is an important part of Durham's history and should be recognized as such. It should be preserved and given the resources to provide top level services to the community at-large.

Another way for blacks in Durham to support this library is to use it. Far too often, when blacks have an opportunity to use a former all-white organization, we take advantage of that opportunity to the detriment of the black institution that served blacks before the new opportunity came.

We do not say that blacks should ignore new opportunities, but we should take advantage of the new, without rejecting the old.

So blacks, individually and through various organizations, should begin now a renewed and concentrated support of Stanford L. Warren. If we don't, before long, it, too, will be either gone, or changed beyond recognition.