Durham County Library – FY 2013
Fact Sheet

MISSION
Durham County Library encourages Discovery, connects the Community and leads in Literacy.

POPULATION SERVED
279,641 (Durham County)

LIBRARY CARD HOLDERS
197,622

VISITS BY THE PUBLIC
1,646,088 Total

PROGRAMS FOR THE PUBLIC
1,444 adults
630 teen
3,582 children
= 5,656 Total

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE
16,240 adults
6,945 teen
137,773 children
= 160,958 Total

MATERIALS OWNED
690,444 + 4,961 ebooks & e-audiobooks

PUBLIC USE OF MATERIALS
596,999 Main Library
2,550,648 Other Locations
18,021 Bookmobile
= 3,197,336 Total

INFORMATION QUESTIONS ANSWERED
224,484

FACILITIES
Main Library, four full-service regional libraries (East, North, South and Southwest), one branch (Stanford L. Warren), one community library (Bragtown Library Family Literacy Center) and two mobile units (Bookmobile and OASIS).

Capital Improvement Plan includes: expansion/renovation of Main Library (to begin in FY 2015).

COMPUTERS FOR PUBLIC USE
215

LIBRARY COMPUTER WORK SESSIONS CONDUCTED BY PUBLIC
413,072

EMPLOYEES
137 Full Time Equivalent

VOLUNTEER HOURS
7,819

GOVERNANCE
Durham County Library is a department of Durham County. The Library Board of Trustees is appointed by the County Commissioners and reviews Library policies. Library Director Tammy Baggett reports to the County Manager and is an ex officio member of the Board of Trustees.

PRIVATE SUPPORT
Durham County Library is supported by two nonprofit organizations: Durham Library Foundation Inc. and Friends of the Durham Library Inc.

HIGHLIGHTS
• A new, automated sorter was installed at Southwest Regional Library. The sorter checks in materials as patrons return them, and it begins the sorting process to help staff get books and DVDs on the shelves faster.
• The library upgraded and streamlined the catalog, and updated the website to reflect the new county branding. The new site makes it easier for patrons to find materials, including ebooks.
• In a joint project between the Environmental Protection Agency and Durham County, the EPA installed a prototype bench at the South Regional Library that reads and records air quality and weather conditions. The Village Green Project allows members of the public to use their smart phones to get real-time data on air quality.
• The library launched Zinio, a digital magazine service featuring over 75 popular magazines. Library card holders are able to access the Library's digital magazines anywhere using a computer, tablet, or smart phone from the Library website.
• The library launched Universal Class, which offers Library card holders access to over 500 courses for self-paced online learning, on a variety of topics.

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