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Durham County Library Presents **Human Library: Durham**

Program: Human Library: Durham

Date, Time, Location: Thursday, Sep. 14, 5 - 8 p.m. at Stanford L. Warren Branch Library
Saturday, Sep. 30, 2 - 5 p.m. at Southwest Regional Library

Cost: Free and open to the public

Durham, NC – The Human Library: Durham will be presented as part of the Durham County Library’s Adult and Humanities Programming twice in September: Thursday, September 14 at Stanford L. Warren Branch Library, 1201 Fayetteville St., from 5 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, September 30 at Southwest Regional Library, 3605 Shannon Rd., from 2 to 5 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public.

At the Human Library: Durham real people will serve as “books” available for one-on-one conversations about their life experiences. Diverse volunteers from all across Durham will talk with “readers” and answer questions on topics including: religious beliefs, sexuality, ethnicity, occupation, lifestyle, social status, political conviction, health, and disability. Local organizer Tom Nevels heard about the concept on a WUNC radio broadcast and began to work towards building a Human Library in Durham in the days and weeks following the Pulse nightclub shooting in Orlando. The subsequent headlines kept him working toward the goal. “Perhaps with conversations such as those the Human Library facilitates, we can go about the work of mending our broken things together,” he says. The first Human Library was developed in 2000 in Denmark by young people seeking to encourage dialogue about violence. More than a thousand readers participated, leaving books, librarians, organizers, and readers stunned at the impact of the Human Library. Since then it has been presented in more than 70 countries around the world.

This program is sponsored by the Durham Library Foundation. For more information, call 919-560-0268 or visit DurhamCountyLibrary.org.

Durham County Library encourages Discovery, connects the Community and leads in Literacy. As a department of Durham County Government, the library furthers Goal 1 of the county’s Strategic Plan by enhancing cultural, educational and creative opportunities. For more information about the library, visit DurhamCountyLibrary.org.