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Durham County Library Presents **Human Library – Durham**

Program: Human Library – Durham

Date: Saturday, June 2, 2018

Time: 2 – 5 p.m.

Location: South Regional Library, 4505 S. Alston Ave., Durham, NC 27713

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 on Saturday, June 2 at South Regional Library, 4505 S. Alston Ave., from 2 to 5 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

What if a book could look you in the eye and answer your questions? The return of an event called the Human Library will soon make that possible for Durham residents. Real people will serve as “books” who are on loan for 1-on-1 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, and health & disability.

Local organizer Tom Nevels heard about the concept on a WUNC radio broadcast and began to work toward building a Human Library in Durham in the days and weeks following the Pulse nightclub shooting in Orlando. The event was held twice last fall and resonated deeply with many volunteers and participants. “I love it! I think person to person conversations, where you can be curious and honest are priceless” remarked one reader. “We could use more of these conversations in our world.”

The first Human Library was developed in 2000 in Denmark by young people seeking to encourage dialogue about violence. More than a thousand readers took advantage 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.

For more information and to volunteer/support the event, contact Tom Nevels at humanlibrarydurham@gmail.com.

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.