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# Durham County Library Presents Triangle Literacy Symposium 2018: The Achievement Gap and the Changing Face of Literacy

- Program:** Triangle Literacy Symposium 2018: The Achievement Gap and the Changing Face of Literacy
- Date:** Friday, June 15, 2018
- Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Location:** Durham Technical Community College, Wynn Student Services Building (Building #10), 1637 E. Lawson St., Durham, NC 27703
- Cost:** Free and open to the public – Registration is required

**Durham, NC** – Durham County Library presents Triangle Literacy Symposium 2018 on Friday, June 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Durham Technical Community College, Wynn Student Services Building (Building #10), 1637 E. Lawson St., Durham, NC 27703. This event is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required.

The theme for the symposium is, “The Achievement Gap and the Changing Face of Literacy”. Meet the movers and shakers behind innovative literacy initiatives and join in discussions about relevant and timely topics in education and literacy.

Dr. Jeffrey Greene, an Associate Professor and Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the School of Education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will speak about the psychology of learning in the digital age. Panel discussions for the day will include community solutions for traditional and digital illiteracy and the impact of meaningful literacies on student success.

Kwame Alexander will address the topic of literacy and equity and share learning strategies for teachers and parents. Alexander is a poet, educator, and the *New York Times* Bestselling author of 25 books, including REBOUND, the follow-up to his, Newbery-medal winning middle grade novel, THE CROSSOVER.

Some of his other works include the picture books, ANIMAL ARK and OUT OF WONDER, and the novels, SOLO and BOOKED. He is the host and producer of the literary variety/talk show, Bookish, which airs on [Facebook Watch](#), the director of the LEAP for Ghana initiative, the Founding Editor of VERSIFY, an imprint of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers, a regular contributor to NPR's Morning Edition, and serves as a 2018 NEA Read Across America Ambassador.

The program is being sponsored by Durham County Library, the Triangle Literacy Council, Durham Technical Community College, Durham Literacy Center, the Orange County Literacy Council, the Durham Library Foundation, and Heart for Home School Ministries. For more information, call (919)560-8590 or contact DeLois Cue at [dcue@dconc.gov](mailto:dcue@dconc.gov).

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](http://DurhamCountyLibrary.org).