Durham County’s Bragtown Branch Library
Reopens March 11, 2020

New Expanded Hours

Durham, NC – Durham County’s Bragtown Branch Library reopens Wednesday, March 11, 2020 with a day full of activities and celebration, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Located at 3200 Dearborn Drive in Durham, 27704, Bragtown Branch Library is served by DATA bus route 9, 9A and 9B. The library will have new expanded hours—fifteen additional hours per week—open 2 to 9 p.m. on Mondays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays.

Stop in during open hours on March 11 to celebrate the reopening of Bragtown Branch Library:

10:30 a.m.–12 noon   Enjoy cookies and cocoa and explore the Bookmobile
10:30–11 a.m.        Children’s Storytime
11–11:30 a.m.        Bilingual Storytime in English and Spanish
12 noon–2 p.m.        Opening Ceremony
2–2:50 p.m.          Children’s activities with the MakerLab and LEGO Robotics with the Museum of Life and Science
3–5 p.m.             Teen activities including button making, bag decorating, spa day, and Nintendo Switch

“We are excited about the reopening of this valuable resource to the community!” says Bragtown Branch Library Manager Kathleen Hayes. The entire Durham County Library family shares that excitement and is thrilled that the renovated space is reopening.

In addition to expanded hours, Bragtown Branch Library’s main entrance from the parking lot on Ruth Street is now wheelchair accessible. The library also has new flooring, LED lights, drop ceiling and heating/cooling units to enhance the space and improve energy efficiency, a renovated ADA compliant restroom, a new floorplan with a designated children’s area, and new modern furniture and shelving.

Bragtown Branch Library, formerly the Bragtown Library Family Literacy Center, closed in January 2018 for maintenance after pipes burst during a significant snow. We are grateful to the public for their patience during this unexpected closure. The original Bragtown Branch Library was founded in the early 1960s as a branch of the African American Stanford L. Warren Library to serve Northeast Durham thanks to the hard work of Bragtown community leaders and the Stanford L. Warren Library Board. On July 21, 1961, the land at Ruth Street and Dearborn Drive was deeded to the Durham Colored Library. It opened and was dedicated on March 11, 1962. In April of 1966, the Durham Colored Library merged with the Durham City-County Public Library, and Bragtown became part of the new Durham County Library system. Preservation Durham has recently identified Bragtown Library as a site of historic significance in Durham’s African American history.
For more information about the reopening of Bragtown Branch Library, contact the Bragtown Branch Library Manager Kathleen Hayes at 919-560-0210.

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.

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