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A Year in Seasons: Our Tale of Transition

Seasons mark the points of transition within our year. Flowers sprout to tell us that spring is around the corner; fall approaches with falling leaves and brings a chill to the air. This year was a big year of transition for Durham County Library as well. We adjusted to the pandemic, supported our community through continual changes, and expanded our services to grow with your needs.

We confronted the challenges set before us and we came out stronger on the other side. Take a look with us over this past year and see what we have accomplished together as we continue to move forward.
The Library’s website is our virtual branch location. Much like our physical branches allow people to come regardless of the language they speak, we want to ensure that our virtual branch is accessible in the same way. This summer, we introduced the translation of the Durham County Library website into Spanish to benefit current and potential library users whose primary language is Spanish.

This grant was made possible by funding from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) as administered by the State Library of North Carolina, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (IMLS grant number LS-246155-OLS-20).

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919-560-0100

East Regional Library
211 Lick Creek Ln., Durham, NC 27703
919-560-0203

North Regional Library
221 Milton Rd., Durham, NC 27712
919-560-0231

South Regional Library
4505 S. Alston Ave., Durham, NC 27713
919-560-7410

Southwest Regional Library
3605 Shannon Rd., Durham, NC 27707
919-560-8590

Bragtown Branch Library
Temporarily Closed
1201 Fayetteville St., Durham, NC 27707
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