New Faces in the Library: Welcome, Lorell and Rachel!

With the retirement of Mary Kennery, Library Technician, and Toshi Shonek, Northern Durham Center Librarian, on January 1, we're excited to welcome some new faces to our library team.

Rachel McCaskill is our new Northern Durham Center Librarian. Rachel has a B.A. in Theatre from North Carolina Central University and an M.L.I.S. degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She was one of two inaugural Diversity Resident Librarians at Pennsylvania State University Libraries before serving the Virginia Commonwealth University Libraries as Learning Technologies Librarian. Her research interests include diversity and equity issues in libraries and accessibility. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking, kayaking, and reading young adult coming-of-age novels.

Lorell Butler is our new Library Technician and is located on the Main Campus. Lorell was born in New Orleans and grew up in southeastern North Carolina. She completed her BFA in Painting at UNC-Chapel Hill and her MFA in Painting and Drawing at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. After graduate school, Lorell lived on the North Side of Chicago for 15 years. Her library experience includes working at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and Northwestern University. Lorell is a huge fan of the Beatles, Lesley Gore, and everything sixties. Her work is mixed media Pop Art-inspired paintings and drawings on paper, and she has exhibited her artwork in Chicago, New York City, San Francisco, North Carolina, and Tennessee. Ms. Butler has done stand-up comedy locally, even when she is sitting down.

Upcoming TLC Presentations

Fun with Films: Streaming Films on Demand in Class and Sakai
Thursday, March 26-- 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Presented by Courtney Bippley, Reference Librarian
Looking for streaming videos to use in your class, including those that meet accessibility and copyright requirements? Look no further! In this hour we will learn to access Films on Demand to find great resources for your course. All videos come with searchable transcripts for accessibility and easy browsing. Create playlists for your students (or yourself!) and skip the boring parts of the movie with the ability to customize video segments. Find everything from documentaries and classic films to educational videos and news clips. There is so much to explore!

Open Educational Resources for Upper-Level Spanish: Challenges and Possibilities
Tuesday, April 21-- 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Presented by Shannon Hahn, Chair of Foreign Languages & Spanish Instructor; Mauricio Garcia-Vargas, Spanish Instructor; and Stephen Brooks, Librarian
The Spanish OER FIG has worked to incorporate the use of Open Educational Resources into two upper-level Spanish courses in an effort to reduce (or eliminate) textbook costs to students while providing materials tailored specifically to course content. We will discuss the process of finding and using OER resources, the experience for faculty and students, and our lessons learned.

Come Craft with Us

Along with the Student Government Association, the library is co-sponsoring Crafternoons at the Main Campus and Orange County Campus throughout the Spring 2020 semester.
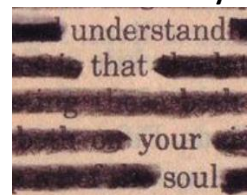
We have already needle felted and made magnets and cards so far this year, and we still have some fun crafts coming up.

Flower Pot Painting

- In the Main Campus Library—Thurs., Mar.19 from 2-4 p.m.
- In the Orange County Campus lobby—Tues., Mar.27 from 11-2 p.m.

Blackout Poetry

- In the Main Campus Library—Thurs., Apr.16 from 2-4 p.m.
- In the Orange County Campus lobby—Wed., Apr.15 from 11-2 p.m.

All materials are provided. Students, faculty, and staff are all welcome.

Contact Us

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919-536-7211 ext. 1631

Orange County Campus Library
919-536-7238 ext. 4211
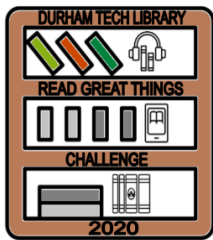
Northern Durham Center Library
919-536-7240 ext. 4409

Via **email** library@durhamtech.edu

After Hours Reference Question Chat
Available 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

2x the Reading Challenges for 2020

Joining the Read Great Things Challenge for 2020 is the Above Average Reading Challenge. You can start and finish at any point in the semester, though celebrations will be held in December.

Read Great Things 2020

Are you interested in reading more or expanding your reading beyond your favorite genres? If so, consider participating in the Read Great Things Challenge for 2020!

In order to win, read books in 10 of the following 12 categories:

- A book of short stories or essays
- Someone else's favorite book
- A book recommended by a celebrity book club
- A book that has won an award
- A book about nature or the great outdoors
- A book that is part of a series
- A bildungsroman
- A book that has been translated into English from another language OR A book in a language other than English
- A controversial book, either currently or at some point in history
- A book with a one-word title
- A book about or that features voting or civic engagement
- A book suggested by a Durham Tech librarian either in-person or on the Durham Tech Library Blog

Don't like to be controlled by categories, but want to up your reading goal for 2020? This is the challenge for you.

Just read 20 books. Any 20 books. That's it! If you're also participating in the Read Great Things Challenge, those books can definitely count towards your goal.

Open Educational Resources (OER) News: Grants & Conference

Brittney VornDick (Physics) and Chellie Lapointe (ART 111) have been awarded grants to adopt open textbooks for their classes through NC LIVE in partnership with the NC Community Colleges, UNC System, and NC Independent Colleges & Universities. For more information, check out the resources available through Open Education North Carolina. Grants will not be available after June 30, 2020, so apply now if you are interested.

NC State will host the Open Education Southern Symposium on July 16 & 17. The theme is Open Connections: Regional and Local Community Building for Equity and Sustainability. Registration costs $99 and is open until June 16.

Want more information or want to chat about OER? Contact librarian Stephen Brooks (brookss@durhamtech.edu).

Let's Collaborate!
Library Instruction & Course/Assignment Resource Guides

National and state-wide studies show a high correlation between student success and library usage, so help promote student success by partnering with your librarians **through library instruction** and **assignment consultations**.
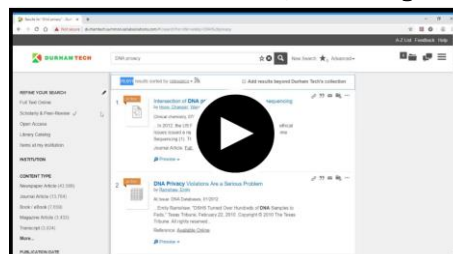
Library instruction is available for all classes and for a variety of topics, including information literacy, effective search strategies in databases and on the internet, selecting college- and subject-appropriate resources, evaluating and understanding scholarly journal articles, citation assistance, and much more!

Instructors can request a library instruction session either in the downstairs Main Campus Library Computer Lab or in their classroom through the Library Instruction Request form under Library Forms. Note: We are no longer using the eform.

Students can request one-on-one research assistance sessions through Book-a-Librarian (though they are always welcome to just come into the library and ask questions as needed).

Feel free to reach out to your librarians when planning assignments as well—we're willing to help recommend local digital and physical resources that will be the best fit! We can even create a research guide for your class.

Want to learn more about Summon, our integrated search box?

Check out the Search Library Instructional Video for tips and tricks on how to get the best search results from Summon.

Check out the Library's blog

Visit the Durham Tech Library Blog for news and updates, book and film reviews, new items in the collection, book recommendation lists, library events, and more!