

Durham Tech Library Newsletter

Employee News & Updates— Fall 2021

New Library Staff: Meet Sasha and Kyle, our New Reference Librarians!



Kyle Minton worked for the Wake County Public Libraries prior to joining the Durham Tech Library team. He has a BA in Media Studies and a Master of Library and Information Science from University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Kyle loves researching history, connecting users with essential resources for employment and education, and troubleshooting technology issues. In his spare time, Kyle enjoys reading non-fiction and graphic novels, multi-tasking with a good podcast, and petting every dog and cat he can get his hands on (with permission, of course). He's also the godfather to a very cute hedgehog. [The Library is excited to include said hedgehog in future [animal-y blog posts](#), so hit that blog subscribe button.]

Alexandra (Sasha) Deyneka has an MA in Art History and an Master of Science in Library Science from UNC-Chapel Hill. Before joining Durham Tech Library team, she taught art history at several local community colleges and worked at UNC's Sloane Art Library. Teaching, visual resources, and accessibility are among Sasha's research interests. Sasha speaks Russian and some Italian and is interested in learning other languages. Ask Sasha about art, dogs, gardening, and nonfiction!



Kyle and Sasha will be working at the Main Campus and Northern Durham Center libraries. You may also see Sasha occasionally at the Orange County Campus Library.

Let's Collaborate!: Library Instruction & 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! **We can present in person, synchronously online, or create video/handout content to meet your instructional needs.**

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.

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 digital and physical resources that will be the best fit! We can even create a [research guide](#) for your class.

Reserve Textbooks in the Library

Curious about what textbooks each campus library has for your students to use in-library?

Check out the [On-Shelf Reserve Textbook spreadsheet](#) on the Library homepage. Users can sort according to class or campus. See something we need to remove from the shelves? Let us know!

New for Checkout: Tech Tools!



Need a digital camera, video recorder, microphone, headset mic, webcam, ring light, tripod, or another small tech tool? Check out our new items available for checkout for faculty, staff, and students on our [Tech Tools Guide](#).

More Tech Tools: Chromebook Borrowing & Tech Assistance

Do you have students who are struggling to complete their assignments due to unreliable or insufficient technology? Refer them to Maggie West through the [Computer and Internet Assistance for Students page](#).

For help using a new Chromebook or technology, students can reach out to the Center for Academic Excellence for Computer Basics help or check out the Library's [Chromebook Borrowing page](#) on the [Tech Tools Guide](#) for operating tips and tricks.

Visit & Contact Us

Check out the [Library website](#) for current hours for all three campuses.

Main Campus Circulation Desk

919-536-7211 ext. 1631

Orange County Campus Library

919-536-7238 ext. 4211

Northern Durham Center Library

919-536-7240 ext. 4409

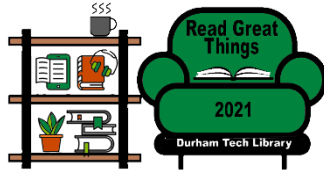
Via email library@durhamtech.edu

Read Great Things with Durham Tech

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 2021!](#)

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

- A short book
- A book about or set in space
- A book that will help you with your self-care
- A book about social justice or equity
- A microhistory
- A book with a color in the title
- An "own voices" book
- A book with pictures
- A book that takes place outside the continental United States
- A book about family
- Choose your own category! (Free space!)
- A book suggested by a Durham Tech library staff member either in-person or on the Durham Tech Library Blog



You can start and finish at any point in the semester, though celebrations will be held in December.

Read More Things... Online!

[Dogwood Digital](#) is our new collection of ebooks and audiobooks available on your phone or device. Access on your computer or use the Libby app to seamlessly download the books to your device. Just add Dogwood Digital Library to



Your Libraries, select Durham Tech as your "branch," then use Durham Tech username and password as your "library card."

Once it's set up, you'll have access to titles to current and popular fiction and nonfiction titles (often with a shorter wait list than the public library).

We're Back!: Come Crafternoon with Us

Along with the Student Government Association & Student Activities, the Library is co-sponsoring Crafternoons in person throughout the Fall 2021 semester. Check [the College's Events Calendar](#) for more details and specific dates for the Main and Orange County Campuses.



August: Agendas, Notebooks, & Quotebooks [already done & fun!]

September: Make your own Felt Pennant (& 'A League of their Own' at Main Campus)

October: PUMPKINS!

November: Pour your own Granular Wax Candle

Faculty and staff are welcome to participate in-person. Come craft with us!

Regularly Scheduled Announcements & News:

Instagram, Facebook, & the 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! Subscribe to

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Have you heard our podcast?

The Durham Tech Library podcast, [Out Loud in the Library](#) features library updates and interviews with Durham Tech community members to keep us all connected. Listen on the library blog, Spotify, Podbean, Apple podcasts, or your favorite podcatcher.

Faculty/Student Spaces in the Main Campus Library

Need a place to meet with students other than a small office?

The Main Campus Library has two options for collaborative meeting spaces--

- **The open group study area.** Several large tables will be designated for faculty members to work with students. No reservation or check out is necessary for these spaces. The open group study area is glassed in and has hand sanitizing stations, an air purifier, and movable white boards.
- **The downstairs large group study room (5-107).** This room can be checked out at the library circulation desk and can be used for more private meetings or tutoring. This room contains tables, a white board, and an air purifier.

Faculty are also welcome to come use the library to work. We have many quiet study areas for grading or planning.

New Library Resource: *Films on Demand* Career and Technical Education Collection

Need career info? Want video content? Master Career and Technical Education from *Films on Demand* has you covered. Recipes from Jamie Oliver? Hybrid car design? Cultural impact of Vera Wang? Dig into Big Data? It's all here, along with resume and interview tips and time management strategies for success. Find it in our [Films on Demand database](#).

Papercut: Printing for Students FYI

Did you know that current students have \$20 credit available to use towards printing and copying in the Main Campus Library each semester?

Chat with Us!

Questions? Need quick answers to your library questions? [Chat with your Durham Tech librarians](#) from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays; after hours and on weekends, other librarians are there to help you.

