New Library Staff: Meet Kyle and Sasha, 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, Sasha taught art history at several local community colleges and worked at UNC's Sloane Art Library. Teaching, visual resources, and accessibility are among her research interests. Sasha speaks Russian and some Italian and is interested in learning other languages. Ask her 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.

We're Back!: Crafternoon with Us

Along with the Student Government Association & Student Activities, the Library is co-sponsoring Crafternoons in person (and virtually if we need to!) 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

If we move online, follow the Library blog (and Instagram & Facebook) to find out how to get your Crafternoon To-Go kit! You can also share your email address with us at a Crafternoon event on our sign-in sheet.

Visit & Contact Us

Check out the **Library website** for current hours for all three campuses and our **Library Procedures** page for information about using the Durham Tech Libraries.

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

Reserve Textbooks in the Library

Need to use a textbook for a current class? Have an etextbook, but want to use a hard copy to study? Curious about what textbooks your campus library has for you to use?

Check out the On-Shelf Reserve Textbook spreadsheet on the Library homepage. Users can sort according to class or campus.

Papercut: Printing for Students

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

Copying and printing in color is $0.25 and black & white is $0.10 per page. Need more money in your account? Bring cash to the Main Campus Library Circulation desk to add it to your account.

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

Are you struggling to complete your assignments due to unreliable or insufficient technology? Reach out to Maggie West through the Computer and Internet Assistance for Students page.
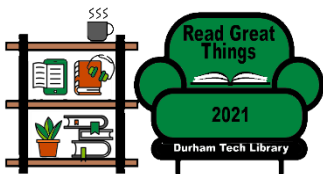
Need some help getting started with a new Chromebook? Reach out to the Center for Academic Excellence for Computer Basics help or check out the Library's Chromebook Borrowing page on the Tech Tools Guide for operating tips and tricks.

Read (Great Things) with Us & Your Durham Tech Community

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.

Making the Most of your Library

National and state-wide studies show a high correlation between student success and library usage, so remember to reach out to your Durham Tech librarians with your research and "how do I use this?" questions.

Librarians can help you learn more about 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! Most classes have a research guide already available with helpful subject-specific library databases and other resources.

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

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 fiction and nonfiction (often with a shorter wait list than the public library).

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 get post notifications.

You can also subscribe to the Library's Facebook and Instagram pages for more updates and info.

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.

Need a place to study?

The Main Campus Library has some options for you! All private study rooms have individual air purifiers and all library spaces have access to antibacterial wipes. White boards are available for use; ask for dry erase markers at the Circulation desk.

Quiet Study: The Quiet Room is for silent individual study. There are three smaller, private quiet rooms that can be checked out for use at the front desk.

Group Study: There are four group study rooms available for checkout, including two larger rooms and two smaller rooms. Smaller rooms can be used for audio recording or video conferencing. All of the rooms can be checked out at the front desk.

Upstairs Computer Lab: The Main Campus has a PC lab available. Students can complete school work and print. The lab has scanners available.

Downstairs Open Group Study Area: The downstairs group study area does not require a reservation and is available for groups and individuals who may not require silence to study.

Upstairs and Downstairs Study Carrels: Study carrels do not need a reservation and are for quiet individual study.

The **Northern Durham Center** and **Orange County Campus Libraries** do not have study rooms available, but do have computers, printing, and study spaces available for quiet study.

Chat with Us!

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.

We can help you figure out how to craft a strong search strategy, help you find sources, tell you about campus resources, and more. Chat with a librarian today!