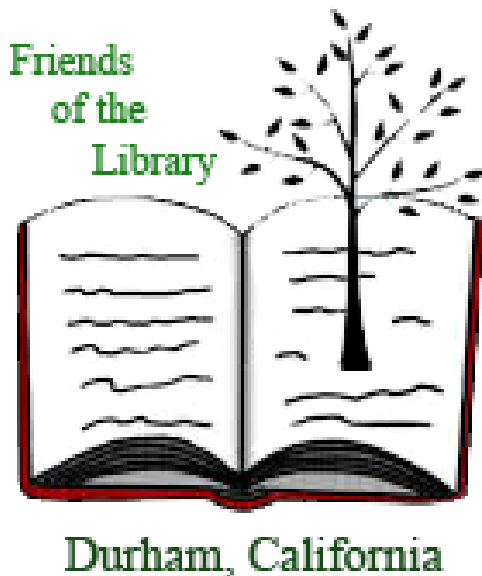


Durham Friends of Library Announces New Program
by Rian Farley



Fred Antonowich, president of the Durham Friends of the Library announces, on behalf of the FOL board, the formation of the committee to see to the Preservation and Digitization of local newspapers, and other ephemera to be PDF Searchable via the Internet. Involved in this process are the committee of Dale Wangberg, Sharon Fisher, Michelle Briggs and Rian Farley. The items to be digitized first include:

- Durham High School *Blue & White* (1922 – 1985)
- Durham Grammar School *Chatter* (1925 – 1980)
- Durham *News* (Feb – April 1935)
- Durham Rotary ROWEL (1943 – 2000)
- Durham *Shopping News* (January – August 1969)
- Durham *Communicator* (1976 – 1987)
- Durham's FORUM (1984 – present)

The governing board of the Durham Community (Adobe) Church has agreed to the use of their small chapel for the long-term set up of tables for sorting and scanning of the various newspapers. Durham High School's Interact club will be helping with the "schlepping" of materials – in storage in several locations – as well as the long-term work of sorting, collating, and scanning, stretching out in to the year to come.

Enthusiastic support by various organizations and individuals, as well as those whose permission was sought to have the previous newspapers scanned has been tremendous. Butte County Librarian Melanie Lightbody and District 4 Supervisor Steve Lambert, as well as the administration of Durham Unified are unanimous in their appreciation of "... the ability of future generations to investigate and research the rich history of the Durham area."