

Interact At Work
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Shown busy hauling the large plastic tubs full of historical issues of The FORUM from their former storage locations are left to right: Kaia Harry, Sydney Etzler, Hailie Frenz, Carmen Lucena, Ali Argo, and foreground: Jorja Murphy. The six young women are all members of the Durham High School Interact Club, and helped with the “schlepping” of the large tubs to the small chapel of the Durham Community United Methodist (Adobe) Church where the sorting of some thirty years of newspapers will commence. The Interact Club’s community service project will help put into date order the publications for the scanning and digitization of those and many other newspapers, newsletters, and community ephemera for the online use of those interested.

The time intensive work of helping the Preservation and Digitization Committee, a subgroup of the Durham Friends of the Library sort and scan the newspapers is but one part of the ongoing project. Again thanks to the Adobe church board and congregation for the use of the location, so close to school that students can help after school hours, and before family time, as well as the American Legion who loaned six large tables – already set up inside the chapel for the sorting project.