

MEDIA ADVISORY

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## **A SEGREGATED LIBRARY IN DURHAM, NC**

**WHO:** C. Eileen Watts Welch is the President of the Durham Colored Library and granddaughter of Dr. Aaron McDuffie Moore, who founded the Durham Colored Library in 1913 as the only library available to Durham's African American residents.

**WHAT:** Mrs. Welch will be presenting research on the origins and history of the Durham Colored Library, and its relationship to the Durham Public Library system before Durham's library systems were integrated in 1967. Welch herself attended Hillside High School as a segregated student and is well versed in Durham's history. Welch's father, Dr. Charles DeWitt Watts, was the first African American surgeon in North Carolina and her maternal great-grandfather, Dr. Aaron McDuffie Moore, was Durham's first black doctor and co-founder of NC Mutual Life Insurance.

**WHEN:** Monday, June 12  
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** The Forest at Duke- Community Center Auditorium  
2701 Pickett Road  
Durham, NC 27705

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