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## Downtown Library Expands Hours Starting Monday

If you work in downtown Raleigh, you can now pick up a book along with your morning coffee on the way to the office. Starting April 1, the Express Library on Fayetteville Street will open at 8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday – an hour and a half earlier than in the past – to better serve its visitors.

“We hope that these expanded hours will make visiting the library, picking up books, browsing our collection, and taking part in our services and programs even easier and more convenient,” said Library Manager Robert Cauthen.

The library is located in the lobby of the Fayetteville Street entrance to the Wake County Office Building, 336 Fayetteville St.

In addition to the expanded hours, the library will also offer events every Wednesday from 12:30 – 1 p.m. Each month, visitors can enjoy a book discussion, concert, craft and wild card program—all designed to fit perfectly into their lunch break!

Coming events include:

- **April 3 | Express Program: Mindfulness 101**

Come join contemplative educator Myra Smith to learn about mindfulness and experience some simple practices that can help you navigate your days differently.

- **April 10 Express Concert: Harp Guitar with Andrew Kassab**  
Drop in for a half hour of the unique and delightful sounds of local musician Andrew Kasab and his harp guitar.
- **April 17 Express Craft: Sharpie Mugs**  
Take a break from your busy day with a fun craft at the library. This month we're making over mugs with color and creativity! All supplies will be provided.

The Express Library on Fayetteville Street closes at 6 p.m.

### **About Wake County Public Libraries**

The mission of [Wake County Public Libraries](#) is to promote the love of reading and to foster the pursuit of knowledge for the residents of Wake County. In fiscal year 2018, our 22 libraries were visited more than 3.43 million times, and 235,251 people were active library cardholders.

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