On the Web
Several interesting TED Talk videos on learning languages:

How to learn any language in six months: Chris Lonsdale at TED
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d0yGdNEWdn0

Using TED Talks to Learn Languages - GREAT advice!
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FOYNyNbwccE

5 techniques to speak any language: Sid Efromovich at TEDxUpperEastSide
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-WLHr1_EvtQ

Breaking the language barrier: Tim Doner at TEDxTeen 2014
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xNmf-G81Ir

Special Events
Red, White, and Blue Party
A family-friendly celebration, Live Music, and tons of delicious tastings! Kids will enjoy outdoor games, like a watermelon spitting contest and beanbag toss, as well as complementary balloons, cupcake decorating and face painting.
Fri, 7/4, 11 am-3pm
Southern Season, 201 South Estes Dr. , Chapel Hill

JULY 4TH PICNIC IN THE PARK IN HISTORIC HILLSBOROUGH
The festivities begin at 9 am with a parade along West Tryon Street. At 10 am, a public reading of the Declaration of Independence at the Old Orange County Courthouse will celebrate 238 years of American Independence. At the Farmers Market Pavilion and River Park until 3 pm, there will be bands performance, pony rides and lawn games. Pack a picnic lunch or enjoy food from one of the food trucks at the park.
Fri, 7/4, 9 am-3pm
North and South Churton Street , Hillsborough, NC 27278

2014 Carrboro July 4th Celebration
Enjoy a small town tradition with big time FUN. The day begins on the Weaver Street Market Lawn at 9:30 am. A parade from the Market Lawn to the Town Hall is at 10:50 am. At the Town Hall enjoy the Kids Fun Zone and Fun Zone Stage with plenty of activities, face painters, games, good food, and live music. There will be guided walking tours of Carrboro and Hillsborough. NOTE - In case of inclement weather the event may be cancelled. Please check the Recreation and Parks Department weather line (919-918-7373) for any changes to the schedule.
Fri, 7/4, 9:30am-4pm
Carrboro Town Hall, 301 W Main St, Carrboro, NC 27510

July 4th Celebration at Kenan Memorial Stadium
The Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring our annual Independence Day Celebration, an outdoor fireworks display with live entertainment and fun for the whole family! Live music from Bull City Syndicate, a watermelon eating contest with DSI Comedy and more will take place before the firework show at 9:30pm. Doors open at 7pm. Get there early for the best seats.
Fri, 7/4, 7-10pm
Kenan Memorial Stadium, 104 Stadium Dr, Chapel Hill, NC 27514

English and American Culture
Independence Day
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Independence_Day_(United_States)

History of July 4th
Find out about the history of July 4th, including videos, articles, pictures, historical features...
http://www.history.com/topics/holidays/july-4th

Volunteer and Community Contribution
Volunteering for Events

Knitting for Charity
Tue, 6/17, 1-2:30pm
Chapel Hill Public Library, Meeting Room A
Talks and Special Events

**Comics Workshop**
Mon, 6/30, 7-8pm
Southwest Regional Branch Library, 3605 Shannon Rd.

**Annual Watts-Hillandale Neighborhood Independence Day Parade**
Fri, 7/4, 10am
Oval Park, Club Blvd.

**Children's Independence Day Parade**
Come early to help your kids decorate their bikes, big wheels, tricycles, wagons, even strollers
Fri, 7/4, 9:30am decorate bikes, 10:30am parade
Durham Central Park Area, Downtown

**Durham Independence Day Celebration**
Program: remarks by City of Durham officials; National Anthem; FIREWORKS!
Fri, 7/4, Gates open after 7th inning. Fireworks approximately 9:30pm.
Durham Bulls Athletic Park, 409 Blackwell St.

**Saturday Story time**
Author, Katrina and Tristan - host a weekly children's book read-aloud for their youngest customers. Each storytime session will include a hands-on activity and snacks for kids & parents alike.
Sat, 7/5, 11am.
Regulator Bookshop, 720 Ninth St.

The Festival for Eno River (**not free $**)
Fri, 7/4, & Sat, 7/5, 10am-6pm
West Point on the Eno, Durham City Park
Details at: http://www.enoriver.org/festival/

Local Tour

**Tasty Tuesdays Wine Tasting**
Tue, 7/1, 5-7pm
Wine Authorities, 2501 University Dr.

**Weekly Wine Tasting**
Fri, 7/4, 6-8pm
Veritas in Vino at Brandywine Cellars, 6905 Fayetteville Rd, Durham

Arts and Music

**Make and Take**
Explore exhibitions through hands-on activities.
Open to all ages.
Tue, 7/1, 10am-12pm & Thu, 7/3, 5-7pm
Nasher Museum of Art, 2001 Campus Drive

**Durham Cinematheque: "Around the World in 80 Minutes with Musical Interludes"**
Bring lawn chairs or blankets. FREE, but donations accepted.
Sat, 7/5, 9pm
Durham Central Park, 500 Foster St.

**International Festival of Film and Video Dance Screening**
The 19th festival is directed and curated by Emmy-nominated filmmaker Douglas Rosenberg and explores the ever evolving relationship between cinema and dance. The 2014 ISF draws from over 90 submissions from 16 countries.
Sat, 7/5, 2pm.
Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University, 2001 Campus Dr

**Outdoor Concerts** (dates and locations vary):
Sat, 7/5, 7-9pm, Brightleaf Square, Gregson St. at Main St., Durham, 27701.
Sat, 7/5, 6-9pm, Cinema Circle at The Streets at Southpoint, 6910 Fayetteville Road, Durham

Volunteer and Community Contribution

**Duke Farm Workday**
Thu, 7/3 & Sun, 7/6, 6-8pm
Email dukecampusfarm@gmail.com if you need a ride at least 24 hours in advance.
4934 Friends School Rd., Durham 27705

**Church World Service Immigration and Refugee Program** provides housing for more than 250 refugees in the Triangle each year. Refugee’s apartment needs beds, dishes, tables, chairs, couches, lamps, towels, blankets, sheets, trash cans, shower curtains, etc. Donate items (IN GOOD CONDITION) to 112 S. Duke Street, Suite 4B, Durham NC 27701.