**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

We welcome this new year. It feels like the turning of a page - one of our favorite activities, as it happens. We celebrate new light, new books, audios, and DVDs, new snow, and our many activities and offerings to our community.

**Only a few 2021 calendars left!** Our *Moon Trees Water* art show calendar, featuring artwork that was exhibited in our 2018, 2019, and 2020 community art shows, is a compact 7” square (7” x 14” when opened) fine art style calendar that will brighten your world in 2021. Price is $15 for one, $12.50 for two or more. They are for sale at the library, and pickup in foyer can be arranged. Call us to ask. Proceeds support the Friends of Cook Memorial Library.

**UPDATES ON SERVICES**

The library will have slightly reduced hours in January due to pandemic-related changes in library visits and to shift staff work time to when it’s needed more.

**Beginning January 1, we will be open:**

- **Monday** 10-5
- **Tuesday** 10-5
- **Wednesday** 10-8
- **Friday** 10-5
- **Saturday** 10-2

We will revisit these changes monthly. Our COVID-19 requirements for coming inside the library include mask wearing, hand sanitizing, and stricter limits on the number of people in the building at a time. If you need to use a computer, it helps to call ahead to let us know, 323-8510. To borrow books or other items, please consider making requests online, by email, or phone, and picking up in the foyer.

**WE CONTINUE TO OFFER**

- Foyer pickup
- Home delivery
- Document services

We’ve installed a door bell. If you prefer not to enter, ring it and a staff member will help you outside. The library’s meeting rooms are not currently available for group meetings.

**NEW OR IMPROVED ONLINE SERVICES AVAILABLE WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD AND CONNECTED DEVICE**

- **Digital magazines** now on Overdrive, or with the Libby app. A merger with Zinio brought in thousands of new titles, which Overdrive is providing at no cost through the summer. After that, our statewide cooperative will select which magazines to subscribe to. See https://nh.overdrive.com or ask us for more information.
- **Ancestry Library** access from home, login to our online catalog, then find the link near the top of the page.
- **Kanopy streaming video service** which offers over 30,000 films, documentaries, educational videos for children, Great Courses - all available to you with an internet connection and a resident or part-time resident library card. Kanopy will be available at the beginning of January; see our website for updates and more details.

**Book donations:** The Friends of Cook Memorial Library formed a committee to reorganize their book sales. Because working together in an unventilated room is not possible, organizing takes a while, but it’s underway. Once space is cleared, we will accept donations of books. We will let you know as soon as that time comes. Thank you for your patience.

**THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED**

- **Friday, January 1** New Year’s Day
- **Monday, January 18** Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr./Civil Rights Day

**KIDS’ PROGRAMS**

**Storytimes:** Weekly on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom. Contact amy@tamworthlibrary.org to be added to the storytime email list, and to request the Zoom link.

**Yoga for preschoolers:** Weekly on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom except on school vacation days. Tara Schroder leads a half-hour yoga time for 2- to 5-year-olds and their parents or caregivers. Friends of Cook Memorial Library provided funding for this program.

**EVENTS**

Find info on how to connect to online and Zoom events on our website, or email us to request the login or registration links.

If you are interested in a Zoom tutorial, please contact Mary at the library.

**Face to Face: Zoom conversations with neighbors**

On the first 6 Wednesdays in 2021 from 6:30-7:00 p.m., join your neighbors for a short presentation followed by time for questions and discussion.

- **January 6** Willie Farnum: The Role of a Selectman
- **January 13** Jim Diamond: Setting up for Nighttime Photo Shoots
- **January 20** Kate Thompson with Willa Canfield: Stories of The Other Store
- **January 27** Katie O’Connell: Yoga: Stress Buster & Immunity Booster
- **February 3** Amy Berrier: Sublime Solos: the North Country Cohos Trail
- **February 10** Lianne Prentice: Feeding Body & Soul: Cooking for the Community

**Library Trustees** will meet Monday, January 11 at 5:30 p.m. on Zoom.

**Morning Pages Writing Inspiration:** Join Louise Wrobleski on Zoom on January 13 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. for a time to read and write together.

**CML book group:** January’s book is a novel, book is *Ask Again, Yes* by Mary Beth Keane. A discussion will be held on Zoom on Wednesday, January 20 at 1:00 p.m. Contact us to borrow a copy of the book.

**The Last Traverse book talk with Ty Gagne,** on Zoom on Thursday, January 21 at 6:30 p.m. Ty Gagne, author of *Where You’ll Find Me* talks about his newest book, in which he describes the events that led up to an epic and legendary rescue attempt in severe and dangerous winter conditions in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Hosted by the Conway Public Library.

**Communities and Consequences II:** film screening and discussion online on Tuesday, January 26 at 6:30 p.m. Cook Memorial Library along with other area libraries, in partnership with NHPBS, have organized a virtual screening of the new documentary produced by NHPBS, “Communities & Consequences II: Rebalancing New Hampshire’s Human Ecology,” followed by a panel discussion. Partner organizations include the Tamworth Economic Development Commission, Tamworth Planning Board, MWV Age-Friendly Community, MWV Housing Coalition, and more. A copy of the book that the documentary is based on can be borrowed from our library.

**Composting Workshop,** Friday, January 29 at 2:00 p.m. on Zoom. Join Paige Wilson of the Lakes Region Planning Commission to learn about composting and how it helps save municipal dollars and is good for your garden and landscape. Sponsored by the Tamworth Recycling Project.