



Cook Memorial Library
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**Hours: Mon 10-5, Tues & Wed 10-8,
Fri 10-5, Sat 10-2 **CLOSED on 1/1 & 1/20,**
closing at 3 on 1/13 for staff meeting**

[Events Calendar](#)

Catalog: catalog.tamworthlibrary.org

Website: tamworthlibrary.org

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Happy New Year! We hope in 2025 you will join us to Read Adventurously. Throughout the year we'll be sharing ideas and inspiration at the library and in our monthly newsletters. For January, our reading challenge is to read a book about an adventure. (See our January 29 program for one title idea.)

Art Show: Our January art show will feature historical maps of Tamworth and the surrounding regions.

Bookmobile Committee meeting, Monday, Jan. 6, 4:00 PM

Library Trustees meeting, Monday, Jan. 13, 5:30 PM

Friends of CML board meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 14, 6:30 PM

We will be closed on Wednesday, January 1 for New Year's Day, on Monday, January 20 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday, and **will close at 3:00 PM on Monday, January 13 for a staff meeting.**

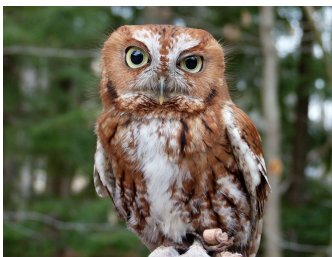
Outdoor Nature-based Storytime for young children, every Tuesday at 10:30 AM outside behind the library. Be sure to dress for the weather!

Winter Kids' Reading Clubs: Stop in soon to sign up and borrow a copy of the book to read ahead of time. Come to reading club to play word games, talk about books, eat pizza, and have fun!

- Bookworms for kids up to age 9, Monday, January 27 at 4:00 PM: *Mr. Popper's Penguins* by Richard and Florence Atwater
- Bibliomaniacs for kids 10 and up, Monday, February 3 at 5:00 PM: *As Brave As You* by Jason Reynolds

Board Games, Tuesdays, 5:00-8:00 PM. For teens and adults. Come play a variety of board games in our historic front room. Feel free to bring a game you'd like to teach others.

Daytime programs, thanks to an Accessible Small and Rural Libraries grant from Libraries Transforming Communities:



- **Bingo Club:** No cost, for fun only! Come play Bingo in our meeting room from 1:00 to 2:00 PM, alternating Wednesdays. This month, Bingo Club will meet on January 8 and 22.
- **Animals in Winter,** Wednesday, January 15, 1:00 PM: Join a Squam Lakes Natural Science Center Naturalist to meet live animals up close and find out about various successful adaptations they use to survive in winter.

Mountains to the Sea writing group, Wednesday, January 8, 10:30 AM online via Zoom: Meets monthly to write and read together. Register to join at <https://bit.ly/mtns-sea-24-25>.

Radon: what you need to know, Wednesday, January 8 at 6:30 PM online via Zoom: We team up with Green Mountain Conservation Group (GMCG) for an online radon awareness program with the founder of RadonLibrary.com, Tom Jarvela. Radon is a health hazard that increases the risk of lung cancer with long-term exposure. In New Hampshire approximately 3 in 10 homes are affected. Come learn about radon, its risks, how you can take action to protect your family and test your home for free. Sign up for the Zoom link at bit.ly/cml-radon. Thanks to GMCG, our library has a radon testing kit to lend.

Tamworth Town Records Transcription volunteers will meet on January 15 at 6:00 PM.

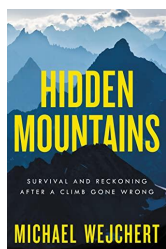
A WINTER OF WATER

Join Cook Memorial Library and Chocorua Lake Conservancy for "A Winter of Water," the theme for this season's Climate & Community series of programs. **Online book discussion** of *Water Always Wins: Thriving in an Age of Drought and Deluge* by Erica Gies, Wednesday, January 22 at 6:30 PM on Zoom. Register for the Zoom link at bit.ly/cml-clc-1-22-25. Borrow the book now to read ahead of time and plan to join us.

"In this quietly radical book, science journalist Erica Gies introduces us to innovators in what she calls the Slow Water movement who start by asking a revolutionary question: What does water want? Using close observation, historical research, and cutting-edge science, these experts in hydrology, restoration ecology, engineering, and urban planning are already transforming our relationship with water."

Jigsaw Puzzle Contest, Saturday, January 25, 2:00 PM: How fast can your team finish a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle? We have room for six teams of up to four players per team who will race to complete identical puzzles. No cost to play! Bragging rights and a small prize will go to the winning team. Sign up at <https://forms.gle/d7KWMuTjVvgbRVpn6>. If we have a lot of interest, we'll combine smaller teams.

Poetry Hour, Monday, January 27 at 5:00 PM: Come to read or simply to listen to poems about beginnings and endings. (We liked this theme so much in December, we're continuing in January.)



Hidden Mountains: Survival and Reckoning After a Climb Gone Wrong, Wednesday, January 29 at 6:30 PM in person at the library. Local author Michael Wejchert talks about his latest book, which describes a climbing adventure in a remote Alaskan mountain range, the impossible rescue attempt that followed, and the fraught cost of survival. If you wish, read the book ahead of time, we'll have several copies available to borrow at the beginning of January. The author will have copies of the book available for sale and signing after the program.

Coming up next month: Arts & Crafts Supplies swap on February 7-8. Start gathering materials in usable condition that you're ready to pass along. Drop-off dates for supplies will be February 4-5. Everyone who brings supplies will gain admission to early bird access to the swap on Friday, February 6, 2-3pm. Swap will be open to all on Friday, February 7, 3-5pm and Saturday, February 8, 10am-2pm.

Interested in joining an AI discussion group to read and talk about artificial intelligence? Contact Mary at the library; we'll plan meeting times and format with the humans who are interested.