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Reading Adventurously: Short stories offer a different experience for the reader than longer works. This month we challenge you to expand your reading choices to include short stories. We'll display a variety of short story collections this month. Stop in, check one out, and enjoy a story in one sitting!

The **19th One Book One Valley** community read program happens this month, and features a book of (you guessed it) short stories, *The History of Sound* by Ben Shattuck. Join readers across the region for the big event, an evening with the author on Thursday, October 23 at 7:00 PM at The Majestic Theatre in Conway. Our October adult readers' club will meet to talk about *The History of Sound* and other things we've been reading on Monday, October 20 at 1:00 PM.

Kids' programs:

- **Outdoor Nature-based Storytime for young children**, Tuesdays at 10:30 AM outside behind the library.
- **Bibliomaniacs Reading Club for ages 10 and up**, Monday, October 20, 5:00-6:00 PM: During the last meeting the group decided the next book should be about Greek myths. This time around we will read *The Myth of Monsters: Medusa* by Katherine Marsh, and there are two bonus reads for mythology fans, *Amber & Clay* by Laura Amy Schlitz and *Greeking Out* by Kenny Curtis. Stop in, sign up, borrow books.
- **Bookworms Reading Club for ages 5 to 9**, Monday, October 27, 4:00-5:00 PM: This month's book is *Where The Mountain Meets The Moon* by Grace Lin. We're thinking about having rice balls to go with this collection of adventures in Chinese folklore. Stop in ahead of time to sign up and borrow the book.

Art Show: This month and next, photographs by Susan Lirakis will be on display.

Board Games, Tuesdays, 5:30-8:00 PM. For teens and adults. Feel free to bring your favorite game.

Library Board of Trustees meeting, Monday, October 13, 5:30 PM

Cybersecurity Awareness for NH Residents, Wednesday, October 15, 6:30 PM in person or on Zoom: The Cook Memorial Library and the Madison Library will both host a live screening on cybersecurity offered for patrons of all Carroll County libraries. To watch from home, register to receive the Zoom link at

<https://forms.gle/CJu2u6LTHn2fwkdP8>. Come learn about cybercrimes and frauds targeting New Hampshire.

Participants will gain knowledge on recognizing, avoiding, and responding to cyber threats, ensuring a safer and more confident digital experience. The New Hampshire Municipal Cyber Defense Program (MCDP), managed by The ATOM Group, is a key initiative for enhancing New Hampshire's Cybersecurity Defense Services. Funded by the NH Department of Information Technology and the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program, it aims to protect public trust in technology by providing comprehensive Cybersecurity training.

The Way of the Bicycling Storyteller, Tuesday, October 21, 6:30 PM at the library: Tamworth storyteller Andy Davis tells the tale of his Second Annual Bicycle Storytelling Tour. During three weeks of July 2025, he cycled an

850 mile circuit through all six New England states, performing eighteen times. He'll talk about the joy of recapturing the spirit of the itinerant bard, interesting adventures with navigation, route-finding surprises, the satisfaction of riding the same bike for 38 years, the ups and downs of different performance situations, and tell a short piece from his show.

Arts Council of Tamworth film screening, Wednesday, October 22, 6:30 PM at the library: Join the Cook Memorial Library and Arts Council of Tamworth for a spooky fun evening! We will be screening the classic 1925 horror film *The Phantom of the Opera* starring Lon Chaney (unrated). Free snacks and drinks will be available. Find more info at <https://www.artstamworth.org/>.

Readers' Club for adults, Monday, October 20, 1:00 PM: This month we focus on this year's One Book One Valley title, *The History of Sound: Stories* by Ben Shattuck as well as Shattuck's book of essays *Six Walks: In the Footsteps of Henry David Thoreau*. Borrow and read one or both books and join us to talk about them plus any other books you've read recently on Monday, October 20 at 1:00 PM. Bring a bag lunch, we'll provide beverages and dessert.

My Life in 10 Stories: a life examination (second of ten monthly sessions), Monday, October 20, 3:00-5:00 PM: This reflection/writing series is fully enrolled. We're including here as a reminder to participants.

Poetry Hour, Monday, October 27, 5:00 PM: Come to read or to listen to poems.

The Heroine's Journey: Creating Our Next Chapter, Thursdays Oct 30, Nov 6, Nov 13, 5:00-7:00 PM at the library. Polly Mahoney and Karen McCall will facilitate this three-part series. Sign up online at <https://forms.gle/hD8hqVKxeU86Mopc9> or at the desk at the library. Dr. Sharon Blackie describes the heroine's journey as something quite distinct from the hero's journey in that the heroine's journey is more interior, intimately connected to nature and always involves community. She tells us that ancient traditions honored the layered complexity of life, recognizing the invisible world of mystery, the intellectual world of humans and the vivid sensuous world of our animal kin. In this supportive, non-judgmental gathering of sisters, we will endeavor to access this complexity with story-telling, ceremony, imagery, poetry, meditation, sound, silence and open-hearted discussion.

Visit us at **Halloween in the Village**, Friday, October 31, hosted by the Tamworth Outing Club.

Grant news: Our two big grant-funded projects are moving along. The solar panels were installed last month. We're waiting on Eversource to green-light the interconnection so we can start using the sun's power. Replacing the lift that provides access to our public meeting room is moving forward, we have all the funding needed for the equipment and its installation, and the new lift is on order. We're getting quotes on prep work (electrical, carpentry) that needs to be done before the new equipment can be installed. If you would like to contribute to or learn more about the lift project, contact Mary Cronin.

Looking ahead:

- On November 5, Geoff Burke will talk about his grandparents' missionary work in Alaska delivering healthcare to Native communities, which has been documented in the recently-published book *Hospital and Haven: The Life and Work of Grafton and Clara Burke in Northern Alaska* by Mary F. Ehrlander with Hild M. Peters.
- A Citizen's Perambulation ("Banntag") part four will be scheduled sometime soon!