



Our third annual Community Art Show, curated by Lucy Gatchell, is on exhibit through the end of November, on the theme “all things water.” This month’s Poetry Hour will share the themes of water and gratitude, on Monday, Nov. 30 at 2 pm in the library’s meeting room. We have limited space, please call to let us know you plan to come.

Coming soon! Our 2021 Calendar featuring artwork that has been exhibited in our three community art shows, will be available for sale by the end of Nov. A compact 7” square (7”x14” when opened), this fine art style calendar will brighten a corner of your world in the coming year, and will also make a great gift. Price is \$15 for one, \$12.50 for two or more. They will be for sale at the library; mail order or pickup options for ordering will be on our website. Proceeds support Friends of Cook Memorial Library.

UPDATES ON SERVICES

The library is open its regular hours with COVID-19 requirements that include mask wearing, hand sanitizing, and a limit on the number of people in the building at a time. If you need to use a computer, it helps to call ahead to make an appointment, 323-8510.

Foyer pickup: We will continue to put books and other library items in our foyer for contact-free pickup indefinitely. Request books and other materials in the easiest way for you: online, by email, phone, etc. We are happy to connect you to the materials you need in the way that makes the most sense for you.

Home delivery: Volunteers will pick items up at the library and drop them off at your Tamworth home in an agreed-upon outdoor location, and pick up any items to be returned to the library. This service is offered to anyone of any age who cannot get to the library during its open hours for any reason. Call us to learn more.

Document services: For copying, faxing, scanning, printing, please come in to the library, where a staff member will assist you. If you prefer not to enter, please call ahead to make arrangements for outside drop-off/pickup.

Meeting room: Our large meeting room is available by appointment for small groups of up to 10 people. No other library space is available for meetings. Meetings must be scheduled during the library open hours. There are further COVID-related requirements; call for details.

BOOKS, BOOKS, AND MORE BOOKS

Nonfiction book group: November’s book is *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson. A discussion will be held on Zoom on Monday, Nov. 16 at 6:30 pm. Find the meeting link on our website. Contact us to borrow a copy of the book.

Holiday season reading: Does your family have a favorite holiday story you return to each year? Please share what it is with us, and a sentence or two about why. Send the story of your family’s favorite holiday story in text, audio, photo, or video format before November 25. We will compile the stories and share them in December. Questions? Contact Mary at the library.

Book donations: We know many of you have books packed up ready to donate. In November, we will accept the following: books published in 2020, and children’s books in good condition. We will begin to accept other types of books once we work out how to manage donations within new protocols. We will let you know as soon as that time comes. Thank you for understanding.

The book sale is coming, hopefully soon. We still have some things to figure out. Please join us as we look forward to a reimagined book sale.

Want a Zoom tutorial? Please contact Mary at the library.
One-on-one Tech Help with Karen Vitek available by appointment.

KIDS’ PROGRAMS

Storytimes: Weekly on Tuesdays at 10:30 am in person outside the library. If the weather is truly awful, come to storytime on Zoom. Contact amy@tamworthlibrary.org for the Zoom link.

Yoga for preschoolers: Every Friday at 10:30 am on Zoom except on school vacation days. Tara Schroder leads a half-hour yoga time for 2-5-year-olds, their parents/caregivers. Friends of Cook Memorial Library fund this program. Contact cooklib@tamworthlibrary.org for Zoom link.

EVENTS

Library will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 11 for Veterans Day; will close early at 4 pm Wednesday, Nov. 25; and be closed on Friday, Nov. 27 for Thanksgiving.

Winterwear Share: A winter of social distancing means we’ll all be outside quite a bit, so we are organizing a winterwear share for Saturday, Nov. 14 from 10 am-12 noon outside the library.



To donate: If you have some gently used coats, hats, mittens, or boots that need a new home, gather them up, give them a wash, and bring them to the Cook Memorial Library on Saturday, Nov. 7, Monday, Nov. 9, or Tuesday, Nov. 10. All sizes, from infant to adult, are welcome. All donated items will be quarantined for at least 72 hours before we offer them to our community on Saturday, Nov. 14 outside the library.

To receive: On Saturday, Nov. 14 from 10 am - 12 noon outside the library, come find coats, hats, mittens, and other warm winter outerwear donated by neighbors. Wear a mask and use the provided hand sanitizer before making any selections.

Library Trustees will meet on Monday, Nov. 9 at 5:30 pm on Zoom*. Find the meeting link on the library website.

Drinking Water Workshop, Tuesday, November 10 at 6:30 pm on Zoom*. Tara Schroeder, Education Coordinator at the Green Mountain Conservation Group, will talk about drinking water and the Groundwater Education Through Water Evaluation and Testing program. Learn about our local water resources, groundwater research, common contaminants, how to get your well tested, and actually get your well water tested for six different parameters for free! Find the Zoom meeting link on our website.

Morning Pages, Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 10:30 am on Zoom*. Join Louise Wroblewski for writing inspiration. Email us for link.

Winter Trees in Your Forest, Wednesday, November 18 at 7:00 pm on Zoom*. Join the Chocorua Lake Conservancy’s Stewardship Director and naturalist Lynne Flaccus for a live online tree identification workshop. For a live Zoom link, visit www.chocorualake.org.

Traces of the Trade, film and discussion, Monday, November 23 at 6:00 pm on Zoom. In partnership with the Madison Church and the Madison Library, we welcome Dain and Constance Perry, who will facilitate a discussion on race, reconciliation, and healing following an online showing of the film *Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North*. In the film, descendants of the DeWolf family (Dain Perry is one), one of the largest slave traders in American history, retrace the Triangle Trade, from Bristol, Rhode Island, to Ghana, to Cuba, a journey that left them shaken, debunked many myths and raised new questions. Find the Zoom meeting link on our website.

Race and Racism discussion group will meet at 2 pm on Zoom on the following Wednesdays this month: Nov. 4 and 18.

*If you cannot access Zoom at home, come to the library to attend on one of our computers.