

**Cook Memorial Library**

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**November 2025 newsletter: Vol. XXII No.11****Hours: Mon 10-5, Tues & Wed 10-8,****Fri 10-5, Sat 10-2****CLOSED Tues 11/11 & Fri 11/28****Catalog: [catalog.tamworthlibrary.org](http://catalog.tamworthlibrary.org)****Website: [tamworthlibrary.org](http://tamworthlibrary.org)**

**Reading Adventurously:** This month we're challenging readers to pick up a biography or memoir, maybe about a person, place, or profession you know little about. Throughout the month, we'll have an ever-changing book display featuring memoirs - staff picks, prize winners, best sellers, and ones you may have missed.

**Kids' programs:**

- **Outdoor Nature-based Storytime for young children**, Tuesdays at 10:30 AM outside behind the library.

**Art Show:** Photographs by Susan Lirakis will be on display through the end of the month.

**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, November 10, 5:30 PM

**A Citizen's Perambulation part four**, Sunday, November 2, starting at 10:00 AM

The Cook Memorial Library is hosting a series of "Banntag" hikes, a Swiss tradition that invites community members to walk their town's boundaries. Towns in New Hampshire are required to perambulate their town boundaries every 7 years. Surveyor Paul King will coordinate the current perambulation. Everyone is welcome to join in. Bring appropriate footwear, clothing, water, blaze orange, etc. Meet at Savary Road. We will carpool to High Street to begin our hike. Email [amy@tamworthlibrary.org](mailto:amy@tamworthlibrary.org) to register so we know you're coming and so we can send any updates.

**Hospital and Haven: 30 years of practicing medicine in a remote Native village in the early 1900's**,

Wednesday, November 5 at 6:30 PM. Tamworth resident Geoffrey Burke will talk about his grandparents' missionary work in northern 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.

**The Heroine's Journey: Creating Our Next Chapter** (two remaining sessions) Thursdays Nov. 6 & Nov. 13, 5:00-7:00 PM at the library. Polly Mahoney and Karen McCall are facilitating this discussion series inspired by the writings of Dr. Sharon Blackie. Sign up online at <https://forms.gle/hD8hqVKxeU86Mopc9> or at the desk at the library.

**Community Conversation and Snacks**, Wednesday, November 19, 6:30 PM: Our current Strategic Plan lists our library's values: "We value the community of Tamworth—past, present, and future; deepening community connections; accountability for the public's resources; individual creativity and learning; privacy and access to information." Library Trustees and Staff are updating the Strategic Plan. We invite community members to a community conversation about what people value about Tamworth and how our library facility, programs and resources can be used in the next five years to support an informed, resilient, and connected community. Please come share your thoughts, and enjoy some refreshments and conversation.

**Questions and Concerns about AI technology**, Wednesday, November 19, 1:00 PM presentation at the library. If you are curious about AI and how it's changing the technology landscape, want to know more about common concerns when using AI, or if you just have general questions, come to our presentation at the library!

**Walking with Grief** discussion, Mondays October 27, November 10 & 24, December 8, 6:30-7:45 PM at the library. Grief is a central human experience. It is common, has traditionally been shared, and can be transformative. But in our culture, we don't talk about it much. In fact, most of us feel very much alone in it. Maybe that can change. Join with neighbors as we read *The Wild Edge of Sorrow: Rituals of Renewal and the Sacred Work of Grief*, by Francis Weller. Brought to you by Tamworth Community Nurse Association and Cook Memorial Library. Sign up and find copies of the book to borrow at the library.

**Readers' Club for adults**, Monday, November 17, 1:00 PM: This month's book is *In the Country of Women* by Susan Straight, a memoir Kirkus Reviews described as "a moving family saga [that] celebrates generations of bold, brave, and determined women." Borrow a copy and come share your thoughts on November 17. If you wish, bring a bag lunch, we'll provide beverages and dessert.

**My Life in 10 Stories: a life examination** (third of ten monthly sessions), Monday, November 17, 3:00-5:00 PM: This reflection/writing series is fully enrolled. We're including here as a reminder to participants.

**Climate Futures Film Festival**, Sunday, Nov. 23 from 3–5 PM (part 1) & Sunday, Nov. 30 from 3-5 PM (part 2) at UUFES in Tamworth Village. The Climate Futures Film Festival is a series of 10 short films from eight countries. They include drama, documentary, comedy, and award-winning animations that address many possible climate futures and expose a range of responses. Co-sponsored by Cook Memorial Library, Chocorua Lake Conservancy, and UUFES. You will want to come to both events to see the entire program of films, but each event will also work as a standalone; you don't need to have been at the first to attend the second. Register at <https://www.chocorualake.org/events> so we know you're coming, or just show up!

**Poetry Hour**, Monday, November 24, 5:00 PM: Come to read or to listen to poems.

**Happy Thanksgiving!** The library will close at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, November 26, and be closed all day on Friday, November 28.

**Grant news:** As part of our year-long Rural Library Grant from the Children's Literacy Foundation, on Wednesday, November 5, children's book author Kari will visit the K.A. Brett School to talk about the joy of reading, and to reveal the many, many (over 100!) brand new books that will be coming to our library and the school library that the students will be able to check out.

**One Book One Valley evaluation and fundraiser for 2026:** 2025's One Book One Valley program series has wrapped up. If you participated by reading the book and/or attending a book discussion and/or the big event with author Ben Shattuck on October 23, [please take our survey](#). We're looking for readers' ideas for next year's 20th One Book One Valley. Please come out and support next year's 20th One Book One Valley at a "Community Bake: Pizza with Purpose" fundraiser on Tuesday, November 4 from 4:00 to 9:00 PM at Flatbread Company in North Conway at their new location on Route 16 just north of the light at River Road. Flatbread will donate \$3.50 for each large and \$1.75 for each small flatbread sold to One Book One Valley.

**Fall/Winter season passes available:** While the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center and the Wright Museum close for the season on October 31, we still have passes for other locations. Use our pass for the New Hampshire Historical Society Museum in Concord to visit the new exhibit *If You Had to Choose: Patriots and Loyalists in Revolutionary New Hampshire*. Our pass admits free admission for up to four adults, kids are always admitted free. Also, as members of the Northern NH Library Cooperative, Cook Library patrons can request passes from our partner libraries, some are available year-round. See <https://tamworthlibrary.org/museum-passes/> for a list and links on how to reserve a pass.

**Coming up in December:**

- Indoor Pajama Storytime for little kids, Wednesday, December 3, 6:30-7:00 PM
- Holiday Open House, Saturday, December 13, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM