

# COOK MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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**Big Grant News:** The Cook Memorial Library in Tamworth has been awarded a \$15,000 grant through the Sustaining the Humanities through the American Rescue Plan (SHARP) grant program offered by New Hampshire Humanities with funds allocated by the National Endowment for the Humanities from the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act. The SHARP grant will provide a paid internship for a UNH graduate student in the History program. Learn more on our website, [tamworthlibrary.org](http://tamworthlibrary.org).

thank you!!!



**Grateful for our volunteers:** During this season of thanksgiving and reflection, we take time to recognize our wonderful volunteers, who help in many ways: delivering books to folks who aren't able to get to the library, delivering books to and from our cooperative libraries, helping to gather and organize historical records for our archives, sorting thousands of donated books, helping at the desk and shelving books, assisting people with their computers and devices, bringing programs for kids, writers, readers, gamers, music lovers, and more, and cheerfully lending us a hand when and where we need one. Thank you, all!



**Star-makers:** The town *really* came out to make Valentine's Day cards for every Meals-on-Wheels participant last February, and so richly that we had enough to give them to our many wonderful town workers and volunteers. This holiday season, we want you to make paper stars, no bigger than your hand (or even smaller) to be shared in the same way. Stars that can be hung on a tree, a window, a wall, a fridge. We can provide materials (firm pages from magazines, outdated atlases, or kid books work well, if you have them), and instructions for our new favorite origami star.

But there are many ways to make a paper star. Learn how at Coffee time on Fridays, 10:30 AM-12:30 PM.

## Art exhibit: REWILDING OUR VOCABULARY

Inspired by Robert Macfarlane's work, Marion Posner and Lucy Gatchell have mounted an exhibition in the Library displaying locally created art and words, in the spirit of enriching our vocabulary of the natural world around us, in hopes that more people will be inspired to closely observe, protect, and conserve. Come walk through it and explore another way of relating to our natural world.

**Outdoor Nature-Based Storytime for Young Children:** Meet outside behind the library on Tuesdays at 10:30 AM for a time of stories, songs, and outdoor nature-based play for little ones and their caregivers. Bring a blanket to sit on and dress for active outdoor play. Cancelled only if the weather is truly awful.

**Yoga for Preschoolers:** Zoom in on Fridays at 10:30 AM through December 17. Tara Schroeder leads a yoga time with stories and poses for little kids and their caregivers. Join the fun at <https://bit.ly/yogaforpreschoolers>. Due to scheduling conflicts, Tara won't be able to lead kids' yoga in the new year after all.



**Kids' Book Club:** Kids ages 9 and up are invited to join Amy on Wednesday, December 8 at 5:30 PM to have pizza and talk about the book *Starfish* by Lisa Fipps. Pick up a copy ahead of time, and sign up so we know how much pizza to get.

**AdventureQuest** tabletop role-playing game for kids ages 10-13 is coming in January! If you want more info, send us an email to [cooklib@tamworthlibrary.org](mailto:cooklib@tamworthlibrary.org).

**Seasonal Event:** Due to the lingering pandemic, we will not host our traditional community potluck this December. Instead, we are making plans for an outdoor gathering sometime later this month. Stay tuned!

**Coffee and Conversation:** Fridays from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM. Join the Friends of Cook Memorial Library in our big downstairs meeting room for coffee, tea, and snacks, and a time to visit with neighbors. Plan to wear a mask until seated, please. Also, find a mini book sale, too. No coffee on Dec. 24 or Dec 31.

**The Mountains Meet the Sea: through poetry, prose, and images:** This monthly online writing group facilitated by Louise Wroblewski and Margo Mallar continues on Wednesday, December 8 at 10:30 AM. Register at <https://bit.ly/mtns-sea>. The group will meet monthly on Zoom through spring.

## Holiday Hours:

The library will be closed on Friday, December 24, Saturday, December 25, and Saturday, January 1. We will close at 4:00 PM on Friday, December 31.

**Poetry Hour** will not take place in December, but will resume by Zoom on Monday, January 31, at 5:00 p.m.

**Tech Help:** Do you have questions about how to use your computer, tablet, phone? Karen Vitek will offer technology assistance by appointment. Contact the library at least a day ahead of time to make a half hour or one hour appointment, 603-323-8510, or [cooklib@tamworthlibrary.org](mailto:cooklib@tamworthlibrary.org).

**Check out the internet!** Thanks to The Tamworth Foundation, our library has a Chromebook and wifi hotspot that can be checked out for two days at a time. So, if you have an online application to complete or some online business to take care of outside of library hours, you may borrow an internet connection and a device to connect to it. Note that there are places in town where the hotspot will not work. Call us for more information or to place a hold.

