

**Cook Memorial Library**

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**December 2025 newsletter: Vol. XXII No.12****Hours: Mon 10-5, Tues & Wed 10-8,****Fri 10-5, Sat 10-2****Closed on 12/24; closing at 4pm on 12/31****Catalog: [catalog.tamworthlibrary.org](http://catalog.tamworthlibrary.org)****Website: [tamworthlibrary.org](http://tamworthlibrary.org)**

**Reading Adventurously:** We've had fun with our monthly themes for reading in 2025. We hope you have, too. The theme for this last and darkest month of the year is "light." As always, we'll display books on the theme around the library. Also for this month, we're inviting readers to add their favorite book of 2025 to the book display right inside the front entrance.

**Kids' programs:**

- **Outdoor Nature-based Storytime for young children**, Tuesdays at 10:30 AM outside behind the library.
- **Indoor Pajama Storytime for little kids**, Wednesday, December 3, 6:30-7:00 PM
- **I Survived: Winter Edition**, Wednesday, December 31, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM (lots more info and registration link below)

**Art Show:** December and January's exhibit will be paintings by Margaret Dries, with lots of bold color.

**A mini Book Cart Book Sale** will be set up and available for shopping during library hours beginning on December 6 through December 27. All proceeds from the sale benefit the Friends of Cook Memorial Library.

**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, December 8, 5:30 PM

**Please take our Community Survey:** Library staff and Trustees are working on updating the library's strategic plan, and feedback from our community is an essential part of this process. We gathered valuable information at a Community Conversation held on November 19. (Thanks to everyone who came!) Next we will conduct a community survey which will be open mid-December through mid-January. Please look for our announcement, take the survey, and encourage your Tamworth friends and neighbors to take it, too. As an extra and fun incentive, anyone who answers the survey may enter a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate/card to the Tamworth business of the winner's choice. Read more at <https://tamworthlibrary.org/board-of-trustees/strategic-plan/>.

**Series program reminders:** Both of these program series are fully enrolled, we're including here as a reminder to participants. The last session in the series "Walking with Grief" will meet on December 8, 6:30-7:45 PM. The next session of "My Life in 10 Stories: a life examination" will meet on Monday, December 15, 3:00-5:00 PM.

**Holiday Open House**, Saturday, December 13, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM: Drop in, greet neighbors, enjoy music, crafts, and snacks. At noon, readers will share favorite seasonal poems in the historical upstairs front room. We are one of several locations in Tamworth Village holding special events that day.

**Readers' Club**, Monday, December 15, 1:00 PM: Come for tea, coffee, refreshments and a time to share your favorite read of 2025. Also, bring suggestions for book discussion titles for our 2026 Readers' Club meetings.

**Holiday Music Singalong**, Tuesday, December 16, 1:00 PM: Come to our downstairs meeting room to sing along (or just listen) to favorite seasonal tunes accompanied by Becky Riley on the piano. Festive snacks, too!

**Poetry Hour**, Monday, December 29, 5:00 PM: Come to read or to listen to poems.

**I Survived: Winter Edition**, Wednesday, December 31, 2025, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM (rain/snow date January 2): **For kids ages 7 to 12. Limited space, sign up at <https://forms.gle/YA9uEZqgTSsJu7qJ9>.** Two local teacher-naturalists will tell stories and lead activities about winter survival focused first on wild animals and then on using fire for warmth and cooking. This event is one of several programs funded by our CLiF Rural Library 2025-2026 grant. Details:

- 10:00-11:30 AM: Animals don't go to school, but they sure do learn a lot from their parents. Participants will choose a local, wild animal and make their own book about what those parents teach their babies. Veteran teacher and naturalist Dexter Harding will lead this literary adventure, sprinkled with a dose of story and song.
- 11:30 AM-1:00 PM: Fire has helped humans survive in cold climates for thousands of years. In this program, kids will learn about outdoor fire safety, how to build a campfire, and how to cook food over the fire. We'll play some fun outdoor games, listen to a story around the fire, and eat our lunch together, complete with roasted hot dogs and other treats. Hillary has worked as a teacher in many different settings, both outdoors and in the classroom, most recently teaching high school Environmental Science. She currently stays at home with her two young naturalists-in-training.

**Happy Holidays!** The library will be closed on Wednesday, December 24, and close at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, December 31.



**Grant news:** On November 5 at the K.A. Brett School, our Children's/Programming Librarian Amy Carter and K.A. Brett School Library Media Specialist Lisa Palmer welcomed children's author Kari Allen to a kickoff presentation for our Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) 2025-2026 Rural Library grant. The students had a lot of fun meeting a real live author, talking about their favorite books, and seeing many of the new books that will be added to our libraries thanks to the grant. We learned that Frog and Toad books are as popular as ever!

***Friends of CML Corner:*** *Sharing one way the Friends of Cook Memorial Library support our library*

The Friends of Cook Memorial Library (FoCML) have provided funding to allow our library to add two new digital newspaper subscriptions in 2026, increasing the number of online news resources we offer from one to three. We'll have more information as well as training on how to access these news resources in January 2026.

- America's News: New Hampshire newspapers, plus local and regional newspapers from all 50 states, and current articles from over 300 national news sources
- New York Times All Access: News, Cooking, The Athletic, Games, Wirecutter
- Wall Street Journal

For more info about FoCML, or to become a member, go to <https://tamworthlibrary.org/friends-of-cml/>.