

### SPREADING LOVE THIS MONTH

As we approach a full year of pandemic living, we are thinking about our library's strategic plan, and how—even though we never anticipated a global pandemic—it has helped us remain focused on what we

need to do and how we do it, for you, our community. Review our strategic plan on our website.

**Cook Library is collecting homemade Valentines** to distribute to seniors, housebound, and nursing home residents, and anyone else who would like to get a Valentine. If you and/or your family want to help make Valentines, pick up a kit in the library foyer beginning on Saturday, January 30. Drop off completed Valentines by Tuesday, Feb. 9. If you would like to receive a Valentine (don't be shy, we all need some love right now!), let us know.

**We are still collecting photos of life in Tamworth** during the pandemic. Please send them to cooklib@tamworthlibrary.org. By sending your photos, you give us permission to post them online on Flickr or the library website, add them to our library's archives, and share them with statewide and national library pandemic archives. See the photos collected so far, at flickr.com/tamworthlibrary

### UPDATES ON SERVICES

February hours remain the same as January:

Monday	10-5
Tuesday	10-5
Wednesday	10-8
Friday	10-5
Saturday	10-2

**Our COVID-19 requirements** for coming inside the library include mask wearing, hand sanitizing, and limits on the number of people in the building at a time. If you need to use a computer, it helps to call ahead to let us know, 323-8510. For borrowing books and other items, please consider making requests (online, by email, or phone) and picking up in the foyer.

**We continue to offer** foyer pickup, home delivery, and document services. If you prefer not to enter the building, ring the doorbell near the book drop and a staff member will help you outside.

**The library will be closed** between 12 and 1:00 p.m. on Monday, February 1 for a staff meeting. The foyer will be open for people who have items to pick up.

### FOR KIDS

**Storytimes:** Weekly on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom. When conditions allow, storytime will return to outside the library. Contact amy@tamworthlibrary.org to be added to the storytime email list, and to request the Zoom link.

**Yoga for preschoolers:** Weekly on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom (no meeting on February 19). Tara Schroeder leads a half-hour yoga time for 2- to 5-year-olds and their parents, grandparents, or caregivers. Friends of Cook Memorial Library provided funding for this program.

### EVENTS

**Find info on how to connect** to online and Zoom events on our website, or email us to request the login or registration links. If you are interested in a Zoom tutorial, please contact Mary at the library.

### FOR ADULTS

**Face to Face: Zoom conversations with neighbors:** *There are two more evenings in our winter series.*

Join us on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:00 p.m.

**Feb. 3** *Rescheduled to Feb. 17*

**Feb. 10** Lianne Prentice: Feeding Body & Soul: Cooking for the Community

**Feb. 17** Amy Berrier: Sublime Solos: the North Country Cohos Trail



**Library Trustees** will meet Monday, **February 8** at 5:30 p.m. on Zoom.

**Morning Pages Writing Inspiration:**

Join Louise Wroblewski on Zoom on **February 10** from 10:30-11:30 a.m. for a time to read and write together.

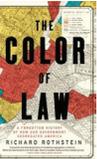
**The library will be closed on Monday, February 15 for Presidents Day**

**Owls by Zoom:** Join the Chocorua Lake Conservancy on Tuesday, **February 16** at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom for a presentation about New Hampshire owls with CLC Stewardship Director and naturalist Lynne Flaccus. For the Zoom link, visit [www.chocorualake.org](http://www.chocorualake.org) or the CLC's Facebook events page.

**CML book group:** February's book is *The Witch Elm* by Tana French. A discussion will be held the third week in **February, day, time, and place TBA** after a survey for people interested in participating. In March we'll return to nonfiction to discuss two books about the systems and factors that affect who lives where: *The Big Sort: Why the Clustering of Like-Minded America Is Tearing Us Apart* by Bill Bishop (2009) and *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America* by Richard Rothstein (2018). Read one, or both, or parts of each. March's discussion will be scheduled based on feedback from participants. **Copies of all of these books are available now**, let us know if you want to borrow any or all of the titles.



**Museum of Bad Art: Living in Tough Times:** Sunday, **February 21** at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom. Our library, with Jackson, Madison, and Conway libraries, will host a virtual exhibit talk on *Living in Tough Times: From Having a Bad Day to Dystopian Apocalypse* by the curators at the Museum of Bad Art. MOBA collects, exhibits, and celebrates art that will be seen in no other venue. They collect art from thrift stores, yard sales, and even sidewalk trash. They analyze it, compare it to classic art, and share it with thousands of fans around the world.



**Reviving the American Cooperage Industry in New England:**

Wednesday, **February 24** at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. Andy Fast, UNH Cooperative Extension State Specialist for the forest industry, gives a talk about his efforts to revive cask making in New England using native white oak trees in order to create a local market for barrels for local breweries and distilleries.

