



## Cook Memorial Library

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Hours: Mon 10-5, Tues & Wed 10-8,

Fri 10-5, Sat 10-2; **CLOSED on 2/17**

Catalog: [catalog.tamworthlibrary.org](http://catalog.tamworthlibrary.org)

Website: [tamworthlibrary.org](http://tamworthlibrary.org)

**Reading Adventurously.** Pick up a "Reading Adventurously" bookmark with our reading challenges for January, February, and March. For February, our reading challenge is to read a book set in the future, like the short and sweet one we're reading for our Feb. 25 book discussion, *Psalm for the Wild-Built*.



**Art Show:** In February and March, our exhibit features oil paintings by Ashley Bullard, who lives and works in New Hampshire. She received her BFA degree from the University of New Hampshire. Ms Bullard works with oil paints solely and her paintings can be found in public and private collections across the United States. At present, she is represented by Patricia Ladd Carega Gallery.

**Town of Tamworth Budget Hearing,** Wednesday, February 5, 5:00 PM in the library's meeting room

**Library Trustees meeting,** Monday, February 10, 5:30 PM

**We will be closed** on Monday, February 17 for Washington's Birthday/Presidents' Day.

### Kids' programs:

- **Outdoor Nature-based Storytime for young children,** every Tuesday at 10:30 AM outside behind the library. Be sure to dress for the weather!
- **Baby Time in the Children's Room,** Tuesdays at 11:30 AM (following outdoor storytime)
- **Bibliomaniacs reading club for kids 10 and up,** Monday, February 3 at 5:00 PM: *As Brave As You* by Jason Reynolds. Sign up and borrow a copy of the book to read ahead of time. Come to reading club to play word games, talk about books, eat pizza, and have fun!

**Board Games,** Tuesdays, 5:00-8:00 PM. For teens and adults. Come play a variety of board games in our historic front room. Feel free to bring a game you'd like to teach others.

### Daytime programs, thanks to an ALA/LTC Accessible Small and Rural Libraries grant:



**Bingo Club:** No cost, for fun only! Come play Bingo in our meeting room from 1:00 to 2:00 PM, alternating Wednesdays. This month, Bingo Club will meet on February 5 and 19.

**Hawks and Owls,** Monday, February 10, 1:00 PM: Join a Squam Lakes Natural Science Center Naturalist to meet live raptors that call New Hampshire home. Compare the fascinating similarities and differences between hawks and owls to discover how they are perfectly suited to the habitat niche they each fill.

**Arts & Crafts Supplies Swap,** Friday, Feb. 7, 3-5 PM & Saturday, Feb. 8, 10 AM-2 PM, drop off supplies ahead of time (read below). Do you have arts & crafts supplies you're not using anymore? Are you looking for fresh

ideas or to start a new hobby? We will accept arts & crafts supplies\* in good and usable condition on Tuesday, February 4 and Wednesday, February 5 during our regular hours. If you drop off supplies, you get to come to the swap an hour early (2-3pm) on Friday! \*We cannot accept recycled items that could be used for crafting like old magazines, egg cartons, cardboard boxes, etc.

**Mountains to the Sea** writing group, Wednesday, February 12, 10:30 AM online via Zoom: Meets monthly to write and read together. Register to join at <https://bit.ly/mtns-sea-24-25>.

**Tamworth Town Records Transcription** volunteers will meet on February 12 at 6:00 PM.

## A WINTER OF WATER

**Lake Water Quality: Cyanobacteria & eDNA**, Wednesday, February 12, 7:00 PM  
online via Zoom: A talk presented by Amanda McQuaid, UNHCE State Specialist/UNH Professor of Water Quality and Ecotoxicology and Director of UNH Lakes Lay Monitoring Program and Jill Emerson, Water Quality Coordinator at Green Mountain Conservation Group (GMCG). A Climate & Community program in partnership with

Chocorua Lake Conservancy and Green Mountain Conservation Group. Register at [www.chocorualake.org/events](http://www.chocorualake.org/events) for the Zoom link.

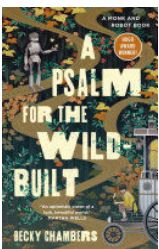
**Book Discussion: *James* by Percival Everett**, February 13, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, in person at the library. This 2024 retelling of Mark Twain's classic American novel *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* has won several major book awards. It recounts the adventures from the perspective of the escaped slave Jim, with wit, insight, and numerous nods to modern day challenges around race and social justice. Organized by DEI in the Lakes & Mountains. There are a few copies of the book available to borrow ahead of time at the library.



**Valentines Day at the (Virtual) Museum**, Friday, February 14, 1:00 PM  
in the library's meeting room. Join Arts Council of Tamworth for a guided tour of romantic art from around the world, quizzes, and chocolate.

**Biking Across Canada, Wednesday, February 19, 6:30 PM in person at the library:** With many grand photos, Paul King will discuss his bicycle trip across Canada in 2023-24. He rode across the Coastal Mountains of British Columbia, the Canadian Rockies, across the Prairie, and continued east to the Atlantic. It involved a million and half pedal revolutions and the consumption of 300 bananas.

**Poetry Hour**, Monday, February 24 at 5:00 PM: Come to read or simply to listen to poems aloud.



**Brown Bag Book Group**, Tuesday, February 25, 12 noon: Bring a bag lunch and come to the library to discuss the book *Psalm for the Wild Built* by Becky Chambers, the first in their Monk & Robot series (so far there are only two very short books in the series.) Copies of the book can be borrowed from the library ahead of time.

*This discussion will be a gentle, story-based introduction to a series of readings and discussions with humans about artificial intelligence.*

**Swellness Workshop**, Friday, February 28, 1:00 PM: Tamworth Community Nurse Association invites everyone to the library for an informational program on swallowing wellness presented by Keri Miloro, UNH Assistant Clinical Professor and Speech-Language Pathologist.

**Coming up next month:** "Big Night" crankie painting (3/1) and "Last of the Granite State Rattlesnakes" (3/26).