



This month we look forward to noticing
as winter changes to spring.

ART SHOW

In March and April, our art show will feature oil paintings by Linda Gray, who describes her work this way: "I paint the landscapes I love – from the White Mountains of New Hampshire to the coastal islands of Maine. More recently, I've been inspired by travels in the West. My inspiration comes from the dramatic and constantly changing elements of sky, land, water, and especially the edges where they meet and merge." Visit the exhibit after March 6th during library hours, and explore more of Linda Gray's paintings at www.lindagrayartwork.com.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO MADE VALENTINES for the Community Valentines Project. We collected and distributed 225 Valentine cards made by more than fifty people. Valentines went to Meals on Wheels via the Tamworth Community Nurse Association, Remick Acres, Mountain View Community, and Tamworth Community Living. We also shared some with the Tamworth Nurses, town office staff and officials, and Tamworth Police and Fire and Rescue. One recipient called the library to say thank you, observing that "this is the first Valentine I've received in 59 years."

SEED SHARE

Last spring we gave away all the seeds we had in our seed share. This year, we invite any of you who have extra seeds after planting to bring them to replenish our seed share. Please bring them in the original package if they are commercial seeds. If they are seeds you have saved, we have envelopes for you to put them in before adding them to the seed share drawer. If you need seeds, you will find the seed share in the front room during library hours.

UPDATES ON SERVICES

We will begin March with the same hours as February:
Monday 10-5 Tuesday 10-5,
Wednesday 10-8 Friday 10-5 Saturday 10-2

Beginning on March 17, we will add back our Tuesday evening hours since daylight savings time means it will be light out later. **Starting the week of March 15, our hours will be Monday 10-5, Tuesday and Wednesday 10-8, Friday 10-5, Saturday 10-2.** We invite your input on whether we should add back Saturday open hours from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. This has typically been a very slow time at our library.

Our COVID-19 requirements for coming inside the library still 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. If you wish to use our downstairs meeting room for a short meeting of a group of fewer than five, please contact Mary Cronin to discuss.

We continue to offer foye 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.

COMING IN APRIL

Walk and Talk Book Club: We're going to try a new way to talk about books together. We've chosen a theme, *Naming and Noticing* (shared with Chocorua Lake Conservancy), and have started a list of books about noticing the natural world, all of which are available to borrow. Please join us on Wednesday, April 7 at 10:00 a.m. in front of the library for the "walk and talk" part, when we will talk about the books we read during a one hour or so socially distanced walk along one of the trails near the village. Rain date will be April 14.

In April, we will also focus on **National Poetry Month**, and introduce a **journaling project offered by Louise Wroblewski**.

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 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. 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.

FOR ADULTS

Face to Face conversations Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

March 10 - Join us as we welcome Crystal Sawyer of Carroll County Adult Education. Crystal will talk about their programs, including diploma, HiSET test prep, ESL and citizenship classes, and the opportunity for Tamworth residents to enroll at no cost for both HiSET and high school diploma programs thanks to the Tamworth Foundation. CCAE has a location right here in Tamworth, come learn about the good work they do and how they support students beyond graduation.

March 31 - Betsy Loughran will read from her new memoir, *Letters from the Attic*, based on letters her mother had written to her mother 1929-1954. Betsy's mother was a slightly wild teenager during the '20s, lived around the corner from Hitler in Munich in the '30s, and was a young mother in Washington DC during World War II. Come with your experiences and questions about writing your family stories.



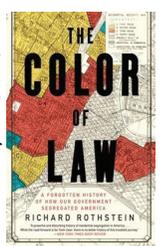
Library Trustees will meet Monday, **March 8** at 5:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Friends of Cook Memorial Library Executive Board will meet on Tuesday, **March 9** at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Morning Pages Writing Inspiration: Read and write together, led by Louise Wroblewski on Zoom on **March 17** from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Wonders of Vernal Pools: Join the Chocorua Lake Conservancy on Wednesday, **March 17** at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom for *Wonders of Vernal Pools*, a live online presentation about the magical temporary wetlands that allow many species to breed, with CLC Stewardship Director and naturalist Lynne Flaccus. Access via Zoom at bit.ly/CLC-vernal.

CML book group: March's books are *The Big Sort* by Bill Bishop (2009) and *The Color of Law* by Richard Rothstein (2018). Read one, or both, or parts of each. March's discussion will be held on Friday, **March 19** at 3:00 p.m. We will meet either on Zoom or behind the library at one of The Other Store's fire pits. Copies of both of these books are available now, contact us.



History of Canoes in North America: Join us on Wednesday, **March 24** at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. The canoe was a remarkably sophisticated product of Native ingenuity produced from local materials and perfectly adapted for the exploration and settlement. Geoff Burke will discuss the development and construction of the canoe in this role and its morphing into widespread use as a pleasure craft.