

UPDATE ON LIBRARY SERVICES

We are keeping our COVID-19 protocols in place since they are working well. When you visit the library, wear a facemask that covers both nose and mouth (required for anyone age 2 and up), and please use the provided hand sanitizer upon entry. A staff member will greet you when you come in and let you know what library spaces are open. Because of distancing requirements, we have limited study/work spaces available. Contact us ahead of time to reserve a study space. We will set up our outdoor tents some time this month.

On May 1, we will change our quarantine period for returned library materials from 72 hours to 24 hours. This means that when you return something, we will not check it in and put it on the shelf for someone else to borrow until at least one full day has gone by.

Programs for gardeners online on Zoom

Wednesday, May 5 7:00 p.m.

Landscaping with Native Plants
presented by landscape designer Carol Jowdy

Wednesday, May 19 7:00 p.m.

Providing Backyard Habitat for Your Wild Neighbors –
with Chocorua Lake Conservancy
presented by Lynne Flaccus

Friday, May 21 2:00 p.m.

Composting Workshop Part 2
presented by Paige Wilson of Lakes Region Planning
Commission, sponsored by Tamworth and Sandwich
Recycling Projects.

Programs for gardeners in person outdoors

Saturday, June 5 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Friends of Cook Memorial Library/Carroll County
Altrusa Plant Sale in front of the K.A. Brett School.

Saturday, June 12 2:00 p.m.

Rain Barrel Workshop in front of the Cook Memorial
Library with Green Mountain Conservation Group.
GMCG will install rain barrels at the library ahead of time
to use as examples during the workshop. A grant from
Thrivent is funding part of the cost of the rain barrels.

Also for gardeners

Seed Share: Please bring your extra seeds to the library to share with other local gardeners. If you need seeds, you will find the seed share in the front room during library hours.

FOR KIDS

Storytime for young children, every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. outside the library. Meet Amy and Polly behind the library. If the weather is truly awful, storytime will be cancelled. Otherwise, come dressed for the weather, bring a blanket to sit on, and wear a mask.

On May 4, storytime will be our annual May Pole Dance! Meet behind the library. Rain date is May 11.

Summer Reading Program is coming! This year's theme is Tails and Tales. Sign-up will begin mid-June.



More coming up this summer: "Behind the Library" music, Saturday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. in July, August, and September. Thanks to The Tamworth Foundation for sponsoring, Amy Berrier for lining up the musicians, and Katy Thompson for sharing this lovely outdoor space. And, Music on the Lawn makes a joyful return on Wednesday evenings in July and the first half of August, with thanks to The Tamworth Foundation.

FOR ADULTS

Community Needs Conversation, Zoom, May 3 5:30 p.m.

To gather community information in order to prepare for upcoming grant opportunities, and to help develop the next update of the library's Strategic Plan, Library Director Mary Cronin and Library Trustees Anne Chant and Betsy Loughran invite you to join this conversation at: <http://bit.ly/CMLconvo>.

May Pole Dance for all ages

May 4 (rain date 5/11) 5:00

Join us behind the library for a May Pole Dance to welcome spring. Wear your best mask.

Morning Pages Writing

Inspiration, Zoom, May 12 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Join Louise Wroblewski for a time to read and write together. Find the meeting at <http://bit.ly/CMLmorningpages>.



"Perspectives" Book group, Zoom, May 24 7:00 p.m.

There is still time to pick up a copy of *Bloodchild and Other Stories* by Octavia E. Butler, so you can read three short stories before our online discussion, which will be facilitated by Joshua Tepley, Associate Professor of Philosophy at Saint Anselm College. A grant from New Hampshire Humanities brings this program to our library.

Perennial Plant Sale and Calendar Raffle

The Friends of Cook Memorial Library and Carroll County Altrusa are pleased to be able to offer their cooperative fundraisers again this spring!

• **Plant Sale, Saturday, June 5**

9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

in front of the K.A. Brett School

• **Calendar Raffle tickets** with 30 chances to win prizes can be purchased at the Friends of CML/Altrusa table at the Tamworth Farmers' Markets on May 15, 22, and 29. You may also purchase tickets at the library during regular hours. Tickets 1/\$5, 5/\$20.



If you are dividing perennials and have some extra plants to donate to the sale, see the library's website for how and when to donate them.

LOOKING AHEAD

Summer STEM Program: Thanks to The Tamworth Foundation and Carroll County 4-H, we will offer a four-session weekly program for kids ages 8 to 12 that will explore wind and water power, hydraulics, and other mechanical concepts in a fun, hands-on way. Right now, we are hiring an adult leader and two teen assistants. See the job descriptions on the library's website and contact Mary Cronin with questions or to apply. If you would like to sign up your child, please contact the library, there is space for 12 kids in this program.



A discounted admission pass to the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center is available to borrow, thanks to the Friends of CML. Get details at <https://tamworthlibrary.org/find-info/museum-passes/>