

# COOK MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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**Please come share your opinion:** Library Trustees and Staff are beginning the work of updating the library's strategic plan for 2023-25. This month, we will be hosting community forums to gather feedback from you. Please plan to come to one of the meetings, your input is an essential part of this process:

In-person at the library **Wed., May 11, 6:30-7:30 PM**  
In-person at the library **Fri., May 13, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM**  
Online on Zoom **Wed., May 18, 6:30-7:30 PM**

See our website to review the information we've gathered so far, and find out what questions we plan to discuss: <https://tamworthlibrary.org/2022/04/community-forum-invite/>.

**Find our new catalog at:** [catalog.tamworthlibrary.org](http://catalog.tamworthlibrary.org)

**Passes:** Now that it's May, local museums and outdoor learning centers are reopening. Our Friends of Cook Memorial Library sponsor a pass to Squam Lakes Natural Science Center in Holderness. New this year, the Friends have added a pass to the Wright Museum of World War II in Wolfeboro. To borrow a pass, let us know the day you'd like to go, and stop in the library to pick up your pass ahead of time. We can lend one pass per location per day. We also have a pass to the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord.

**Spring Into Fitness, Wednesdays, May 4 through June 8, 6:30-8:00 PM:** A six-week series led by Joy Gagnon, Nutrition Connections program specialist for UNH Cooperative Extension-Carroll County. Weekly meetings feature learning about fitting good nutrition and physical activity into your daily routine, and then preparing a healthy snack to bring along to outdoor activities. The group will motivate each other to meet their nutrition and fitness goals, and form partnerships among themselves to explore some local no-cost trails and physical activity opportunities. Registration is required, sign up online at <https://forms.gle/7WkebtPLTgeptCdY9>. (live links on our website)

**Couch to Family Day 5K:** In anticipation of the Cook Memorial Library's Family Day 5K, the Tamworth Outing Club is excited to announce a fun, relaxed, supportive weekly gathering to prepare for walking/running the 5K on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. We'll meet at the Tamworth Town House parking lot at 7:00 AM on Tuesdays starting May 3 and running (get it?) until June 28. Walkers and runners of all abilities are welcome; tips, tricks and sample workout schedules will be shared. Bring a water bottle, a watch (any old kind), running shoes and a smile.



**Crafty Cats Quilt Project:** It's a quilting bee! We invite experienced quilters (or anyone with good needle skills and willingness to learn) to help work on the cat quilt on Monday or Wednesday mornings 10-1, or Friday afternoons 1-4, until it is finished. There is a sign-up sheet in the downstairs meeting room next to the quilt. Once the quilt is finished, we'll raffle it off. Thanks to Norma Grasse for this fun project.



## Spring & Summer

### HOURS

**Mon & Fri 10-5**  
**Tues & Wed 10-8**  
**Sat 10-4**

**Monday May 23**  
**OPENING at 11:00**

**CLOSED**  
**MEMORIAL DAY**  
**Monday, May 30**

**This month's art exhibit:** Please come enjoy art from the students at Kenneth A. Brett School!

**Tech Help:** Do you have questions about how to use your computer, tablet, phone? Karen Vitek will offer technology assistance by appointment. Contact the library at least a day ahead of time to make a half hour or one hour appointment, 603-323-8510, or [cooklib@tamworthlibrary.org](mailto:cooklib@tamworthlibrary.org).

**Need to go online outside library hours?** Thanks to The Tamworth Foundation, our library has a Chromebook and wifi hotspot that can be checked out for two days at a time. Note that there are places in town where the hotspot will not work. Call us for more information or to place a hold.

## YOUNG KIDS

**Outdoor Nature-Based Storytime** Meet outside behind the library **Tuesdays at 10:30 AM** for a time of stories, songs, and outdoor nature-based play for little ones and their caregivers. Bring a blanket to sit on and dress for active outdoor play. To sign up to get storytime updates by email (including weather cancellation announcements), contact [amy@tamworthlibrary.org](mailto:amy@tamworthlibrary.org).



## KIDS AND TEENS

**AdventureQuest for 10-12 year-olds** will be back for another run later in May and into June. Sign-up info will be posted on our website soon.

**Youth Open Mike: Friday, May 13 at 6:00 PM**, for kids ages 8 to 15, plus pizza! Sign up by May 11 by emailing Amy Carter, [amy@tamworthlibrary.org](mailto:amy@tamworthlibrary.org).

## ALL AGES

**Maypole Dance: Tuesday, May 3 at 10:30 AM** at Remick Park (the town playground)

**Children's Parade: Saturday, May 14 starting at 10:00 AM** at UUFES and heading down Main Street to the Village Green in front of the Tamworth History Center, where there will be fun and games. Kids of every age are welcome! (Rain date is Saturday, May 21.)

## ADULT PROGRAMS

**The Mountains Meet the Sea: *through poetry, prose, and images*:** A monthly online writing group facilitated by Louise Wroblewski and Margo Mallar continues on **Wednesday, May 11 at 10:30 AM**. This month, the group will meet in-person on Peaks Island, ME as well as on Zoom. Register ahead of time at [bit.ly/mtns-sea](http://bit.ly/mtns-sea).

**Poetry Hour, Monday, May 23 at 5:00 PM** in person outside the library (inside if raining). This month's theme is again eclectic! Bring your faves to read, and listen to others'.

**Memoir Discussion Series on Wednesday, May 31 at 6:30 PM** online via Zoom. This month we will wrap up our Memoirs book discussion series. We will discuss *Bonobo Handshake: A Memoir of Love and Adventure in the Congo* by Vanessa Woods. Pick up a copy and sign up to join us on Zoom at [bit.ly/CMLmemoirsdiscussion](http://bit.ly/CMLmemoirsdiscussion). Karen McCall will lead this month's discussion. Many thanks to all of the discussion leaders for this series!

## EVENTS HOSTED BY OUR PARTNER LIBRARIES

**Friends of Conway Public Library Book Sale, May 4-9** in the Conway Public Library's periodical room.

**Friends of Madison Library** are hosting a NH Humanities program: *The Founding Fathers: What Were They Thinking?* presented by Richard Hesse on **Thursday, May 26 at 7 PM** online via Zoom. Registration link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7828122828>

**Friends of Jackson Public Library Book Sale, May 28-29 from 9 AM-3 PM** at the Whitney Center, next to the Jackson Grammar School.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Friends of CML/Altrusa Plant Sale:  
Saturday, June 4 from 9 AM to 12 PM**  
*in front of the library.*

As your garden wakes up, please consider dividing perennials to donate to the sale. The calendar raffle is happening, too!

The Friends will be selling raffle tickets at the Farmers' Market this month.

**Friends' Book Sale: Saturday, August 6, time TBA.** We welcome book donations for the sale. We also accept DVDs in unscratched condition. Please use these guidelines for donations, which will help keep this a manageable project for our volunteers:

- Limit donations to two boxes or bags
- Books published in 2015 or later are preferred
- Do not donate books that are musty, dirty, yellowed, chewed, written in or highlighted
- We cannot accept magazines or catalogs, dictionaries or encyclopedias, textbooks, medical, or self-help titles more than two years old

## Quilting

Hand quilting has begun, and will continue until the stitching is done.

Open times for drop-in quilting are

**Mondays 10:00 AM-1:00 PM**

**Wednesdays 10:00 AM-1:00 PM**

**Fridays 1:00-4:00 PM**

## May PROGRAMS

every Tues	Outdoor Storytime	10:30
every Wed	Spring Into Fitness	6:30
3	Maypole Dance	10:30
11	Writing Zoom	10:30
11	Planning in-person	6:30
13	Planning in-person	11:00
13	Open Mic	6:00
14	Children's Parade	10:00
18	Planning Zoom	6:30
23	LATE OPENING	11:00
23	Poetry Hour	5:00
31	Memoir Zoom	6:30

**Coffee and Conversations** on Fridays are suspended for the season.

## LATE OPENING ON MONDAY, MAY 23

There will be a staff meeting on Monday, May 23 from 9-11:00 AM, so the library will open an hour late on that day, **at 11:00 AM.**

## IF THE LINKS LOOK LONG...

check our website for live links for your Zooms

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