

**Cook Memorial Library**

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Fri 10-5, Sat 10-2 (closed on May 26)

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Reading Adventurously! For May, we're recommending reading about (and enjoying) flowers, whether it's a how-to gardening guide, a book with a flower on the cover, or something else flower related. It's up to you! Pick up a bookmark with our spring challenges to record your challenge reads for each month.



Art Show: Through the end of May, we will display artwork by students from K.A. Brett School. Artwork is hung throughout the main floor of the library. Don't miss the sweet ceramic creations in the glass case in the library's front room.

Large Print works for (almost) everyone: Yes, it's for people who have trouble reading smaller print, but large print also works for readers who have trouble focusing on a page full of text, gives screen-weary eyes a break, and helps kids who struggle with reading. ([Yes, we have kids' large print books.](#)) If you love an

edge-of-your-seat read, the New Hampshire State Library has lent us a set of 20 large print thrillers and true crime books. They'll be at our library until the end of June. Come check them out and enjoy reading them!

Kids' programs:

- **Outdoor Nature-based Storytime for young children**, Tuesdays at 10:30 AM outside behind the library
- **Baby Time in the Children's Room**, Tuesdays at 11:30 AM (following outdoor storytime)
- **Community Dancing for Young Children**, Saturdays, May 3 & 10, 10:30-11:45 AM. Welcoming children (ages 3+) with their caregivers to join hands, dance to live music and sing! Jennifer McHone Villalobos, caller & fiddler, with musicians from the Trad Dance Band. This program series is funded by the Friends of Cook Memorial Library and The Yeoman's Fund for the Arts.
- **Children's Parade**, Saturday, May 17, starting at 10:00 at UUFES (Farmers' Market) and heading down Main Street to Remick Park, where there will be fun and games. Kids of every age are welcome! Rain date is May 24.
- **Bookworms Reading Club** for kids up to 9 years old, Monday, June 2 at 4:00 PM. Stop in to sign up and borrow a book or books from the Ivy + Bean series by Annie Barrows to read ahead of time.

Board Games, Tuesdays, 5:00-8:00 PM. For teens and adults. Feel free to bring your favorite game.

Bingo Club: No cost, for fun only! Come play Bingo in our meeting room from 1:00 to 2:00 PM, alternating Tuesdays. This month, Bingo Club will meet on May 6 and 20.

Notes from a Puzzle Collector, Wednesday, May 7 at 6:30 PM: Using photos and stories, Becca Boyden will cover jigsaw puzzle history, share stories of family puzzle cutters, and talk about the work of current hand-cut wooden puzzle makers.

Artificial Intelligence Explained: A Lecture for Curious Minds, Tuesday, May 13 at 6:30 PM: Retired IT professional and community volunteer Bill Gassman will discuss AI's history, practical uses, and give demonstrations and tips for using tools including ChatGPT and Google Gemini. The presentation will be followed by an optional opportunity for attendees to do some hands-on experimentation using library computers. Attendees may also bring their own portable devices for exploring AI apps, with the Google Gemini app pre-installed.

Mountains to the Sea writing group, Wednesday, May 14, 10:30 AM. Meets monthly to write and read together. Register to join at <https://bit.ly/mtns-sea-24-25>.

Free for All: The Public Library: This new documentary film was aired on PBS's Independent Lens program on April 29. Area libraries are teaming up to host a screening followed by a Q&A time, tentatively planned to take place on Saturday, May 31 at the Ossipee Public Library. Look for updates on the actual date and time mid-May. The film can be watched online for a limited time, go to <https://www.pbs.org/video/free-for-all-the-public-library-xbyOgf/>.

We're closed on Monday, May 26 to observe Memorial Day. Two programs that usually take place on the last Monday have been moved to the beginning of June:



- **Brown Bag Book Group**, Monday, June 2, 1:00 PM: Bring a bag lunch and come discuss *Orbital* by Samantha Harvey, winner of the 2024 Booker Prize. Copies of the book can be borrowed from the library ahead of time. This title is a peek ahead to our June reading challenge: beginnings & endings.
- **Poetry Hour**, Monday, June 2 at 5:00 PM: Come to read or to listen to poems.

Up-lifting Grant News: Our library has received two additional grants to go towards replacing the lift that provides accessibility to our lower level community meeting room. The Tamworth Foundation has granted \$5,000, with the goal that these funds will be matched by individual donations and fundraising. The Association for Rural & Small Libraries, through the generosity of the Manton Foundation, has granted \$15,000 for this project. The estimated cost of replacing the lift is \$50,000. Additional grants have already been secured for this project, so our fundraising goal is \$5,000. The lift is working and has passed inspection, but parts are no longer made for repairing this 25-year-old model, and it's time to get it replaced.

June raffle calendar fundraiser is back! The Friends of Cook Memorial Library, along with Carroll County Altrusa, will be selling raffle tickets that give 30 chances to win prizes, one chance for each day of the month of June. Tickets will be for sale at the Tamworth Farmers' Market on May 17, 24, and 31, and also will be for sale at the library beginning mid-May. The Friends voted to give their portion of the proceeds to replacing the lift!

Save these summer dates:

- Tamworth Author Fest, Saturday, July 12 from 10 AM to 2 PM
- Friends of CML Book Sale, Saturday, August 2, 10 AM to 1 PM