



## Cook Memorial Library

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

Fri 10-5, Sat 10-2 (closed on July 4th)

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

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

**Reading Adventurously this summer:** What kind of book recommendations do people ask us for the most? "I'm looking for something funny." Our reading challenge for this month is humor and we invite you to find something to read that makes you laugh. Humor is subjective and tastes differ. So, we'll display a variety of humorous books throughout the month and hope one of them tickles your fancy or funny bone. Pick up a bookmark with our summer challenges to record your reading challenge titles.

### Kids' programs:

- **Outdoor Nature-based Storytime for young children**, Tuesdays at 10:30 AM outside behind the library
  - Special storytime guest Foxx Run Farm petting zoo on Tuesday, July 8
- **Chess Club**, Wednesdays at 3:00-5:00 PM: For kids ages 7 and up, learn to play, play with others
- **Campfire, Stories, S'mores, and Stuffed Animal Campout**, Monday, July 14, 7:00
- **Bookworms Reading Club** for 5-9 year-olds, Monday, July 28, 5:00: Sign up at the library
- **Bibliomaniacs Reading Club** for ages 9 and up, Monday, August 4, 5:00: Sign up at the library

**Art Show:** Tamworth artist Ann Willett's watercolor paintings will be on display through the end of July. Willett's current work focuses on native flora, fauna and landscapes. Meet Ann at an artist's reception at the library on Friday, July 18 from 3:00-5:00 PM.

**Music on the Lawn**, outside in front of the library, Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Our 2025 lineup:

July 2: Taylor Whiteside

July 9: The John Irish Duo

July 16: Sandwich Rangers

July 23: Della Valla Trio

July 30: Peter Heimlich

August 6: Dexter Harding

August 13: Welles Stafford and Lighthouse Louie

*Thanks to the Friends of Cook Memorial Library for sponsoring Music on the Lawn!*

**Art on the Lawn**, Saturday, July 5, 10:30 AM-12:30 PM: A colorful art-making activity for all ages and abilities led by Lucy Gatchell, outside in front of the Cook Memorial Library.

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

**Bingo Club**, Wednesdays, July 9 & 23, 1:00-2:00 PM: Come play Bingo in our meeting room for fun prizes.



**Saturday, July 12, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM:** Come to our first Tamworth Author Fest at the Cook Memorial Library, sponsored by the Arts Council of Tamworth and the Cook Memorial Library. At the Tamworth Author Fest you will get to know 12 local authors, hear them read from their work, buy a book or two, enter a raffle to win a stack of books by the participating authors, and learn how some of the authors approach research. We are honored to welcome New Hampshire Poet Laureate Jennifer Militello as our keynote speaker. Find more details at <https://tamworthlibrary.org/blog/tamworth-author-fest-is-july-12-june-21-2025/>.

**The Barnstormers Script Circle**, a playwriting workshop for everyone (age 14+) sponsored by Yeoman's Fund for the Arts, Monday July 7, 14 & 21, 1:00-3:30 PM at the Cook Memorial Library followed by rehearsals on July 25 & 26, then a performance at The Barnstormers Theatre on July 27. Led by professional playwright and director Dori A. Robinson, this class will guide participants through the basics of writing for the stage with plenty of encouragement and creativity along the way. To sign up or get more info, call 603-323-8500 or visit <https://www.barnstormerstheatre.org/community>.

**Artist's Reception**, Friday, July 18, 3:00-5:00 PM: Meet Ann Willett, our featured exhibitor for this month.

**Book Release Party**, Friday, July 25, 3:00-5:00 PM: Come greet local author Fiona Howell and her newest book.

**Poetry Hour**, Monday, July 28, 5:00 PM: Come to read or to listen to poems.

**Navigation by App in the Wilds**, Tuesday, July 29 at 6:30 PM at the library: Join Chocorua Lake Conservancy and Cook Memorial Library for the presentation by geologist Rick Allmendinger. Program will be followed by a dessert potluck then hands-on practice. This is a free event. More info and please register in advance at [www.chocorualake.org/events](http://www.chocorualake.org/events).

**Grant News:** We recently received a 2025-2026 Rural Library grant from [Children's Literacy Foundation](#). Awarded annually to 12 public libraries in Vermont and New Hampshire, the Rural Library Grant is designed to help small-town libraries create excitement around literacy, update their collections, increase circulation, and strengthen connections with the communities they serve.

**Welcome, Verity!** Verity Elder joined the Cook Memorial Library as Reference Librarian in June. Verity, a Massachusetts native, recently made the move from Baltimore, Maryland, to Wolfeboro, New Hampshire. She holds a Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) from Simmons University in Boston ('20), where she specialized in Archives Management.

Verity is passionate about building meaningful connections within the community and finds great satisfaction in working directly with individuals. She is especially excited to engage with the Tamworth community, looking forward to fostering relationships with patrons and supporting the library as a welcoming and inclusive place for everyone.

**Save these August dates:**

- Friends of CML Book Sale, Saturday, August 2, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM (also Art on the Lawn 10:30-12:30)
- Yo-Yo Guy, Saturday, August 9, 11:00 AM
- Climate & Community book group discussion of *Fire Weather: A True Story from a Hotter World* by John Vaillant, August 20 at 6:30 PM.
- Tamworth Tomato Taste-Off, Saturday, August 23, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM
- Outdoor Movie, Monty Python & The Holy Grail, Wednesday, August 27, 8:00 PM

**Don't miss our neighbor Remick Country Doctor Museum & Farm's Picnic-scape Exhibit**, on display for the month of July in the museum's Hearth Room. Cook Memorial Library is one of the local organizations that has a picnic-scape display featured. Don't forget to pack a book with your next picnic!