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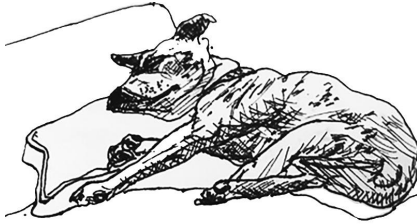
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Hours: Mon 10-5, Tues & Wed 10-8,

Fri 10-5, Sat 10-2

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Reading Adventurously: What cool spot do you seek out for reading and relaxing time on the hottest days? This month's reading challenge is "dog days," which is purposefully open-ended since it's summer and the reading should be easy. We'd love to hear how your August reading fits our theme. Pick up a bookmark with our summer challenges to record your reading challenge titles. [Drawing by Kevin Mahoney]

Kids' programs:

- **Outdoor Nature-based Storytime for young children**, Tuesdays at 10:30 AM outside behind the library
- **Chess Club**, Wednesdays at 3:00-5:00 PM: For kids ages 7 and up, learn to play, play with others
- **Bibliomaniacs Reading Club** for ages 9 and up, Monday, August 4, 5:00: Sign up and borrow a copy of *Peter Nimble and His Fantastic Eyes* by Jonathan Auxier to read ahead of time. On the 4th, we will welcome guest Cheryl Gannon who will show and tell us about books in Braille. We'll also have pizza, play games, and talk about books.

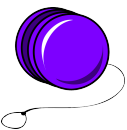
Art Show: Our new exhibit will feature Hollis Heichemer's collection of paintings from a little paintings project.

Music on the Lawn, outside in front of the library, Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 PM on August 6 with Dexter Harding and on August 13 with Welles Stafford and Lighthouse Louie. Thanks to the Friends of Cook Memorial Library for sponsoring Music on the Lawn!

Art on the Lawn, Saturday, August 2, 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.

Friends of CML Used Book Sale, Saturday, August 2, 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: Good books at great prices! At this sale, we will also have a selection of Tamworth and regional titles, priced as marked.

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



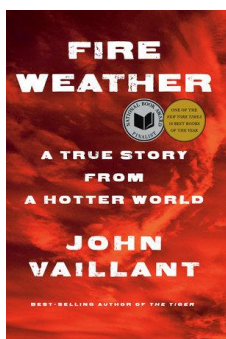
The Yo-Yo Guy! Saturday, August 9 at 11:00 AM on the library's front lawn. Bring family and friends for a fun interactive show for all ages! Yo-Yo Guy John Higby holds the world yo-yo champion title and four Guinness World Records. Sponsored by Friends of Cook Memorial Library.

The Barnstormers Drama Book Club is back with two more opportunities this summer: Wednesday, August 13 and Monday, August 25 at 1:00 PM. Doug Shapiro leads a community read-aloud of a play, sponsored by Yeoman's Fund for the Arts.

Retro Slideshow, Wednesday, August 13 at 5:30 PM: We have a second carousel of slides from 1976! Come enjoy and help identify people in slides taken in Tamworth at the various events that took place 50 years ago during the U.S. Bicentennial celebrations. Come early for slides, then stay for Music on the Lawn.

Book Release Party, Friday, August 15, 3:00-5:00 PM: Local author Fiona Howell introduces her newest book, *The Promised Kind*, a regency gothic spooky house mystery.

Cocolor games with artist Rosy Lamb, Monday, August 18, 2:00-4:00 PM: In this two hour workshop, we will learn to create infinite color relationships for ourselves and with the help of one another's eyes and hands. To find out more about Cocolor and to download and play *Cocolor's digital color matching games* go to [cocolor.studio](https://forms.gle/aPwEeDqAN8D5xzre9). For teens and adults, sign up ahead of time at the library or online at <https://forms.gle/aPwEeDqAN8D5xzre9>.



Climate & Community book discussion, Wednesday, August 20, at 6:30 PM at the library. We'll talk about the book *Fire Weather: A True Story from a Hotter World*, by John Vaillant, an account of a colossal wildfire in Canada and a wide-reaching exploration of the rapidly changing relationship between fire and humans. Copies are available to borrow now at the library. Dylan Alden, Dispersed Recreation Manager for the US Forest Service Saco Ranger District, and Jessie Dubuque, USFS wildlife biologist for Saco Ranger District, will be on hand at the discussion to answer questions and show some of the equipment they use when they support wildland firefighting efforts in the western United States. *Save the date: On September 17, John Neely will give a presentation on Wildfire in Northern New England.*

Fifth Annual Tomato Taste-Off, Saturday, August 23, 10:00 AM-12:30 PM on the lawn in front of the library: Local farmer and seed saver Hope Requardt and helper Jean Williams invite you to come taste and rate tomatoes. Home gardeners and farmers are invited to enter tomatoes they've grown for tasting and rating. Drop off tomatoes between 9:00 and 10:00 AM.

Poetry Hour, Monday, August 25, 5:00 PM: Come to read or to listen to poems.



Outdoor Movie, Monty Python & The Holy Grail, Wednesday, August 27, 8:00 PM: Popcorn provided; costumes encouraged; bring a blanket or chair. Sponsored by the Bearcamp Valley Library Association, a cooperative of 9 area libraries that pools resources to select, purchase, and share video and audio materials for lending to library patrons.

Looking ahead:

- Friends of Cook Memorial Library annual meeting, Saturday, September 6, 11:00 AM: Please join the Friends at 11:00 AM for a presentation by Michael J. Tougias titled *13 Days in October: The Untold Story of the Cuban Missile Crisis*, followed by a light lunch and business meeting.
- The One Book One Valley book for 2025 is *The History of Sound* by Ben Shattuck. Books will be available to borrow beginning in August. The author, Ben Shattuck, will speak in Conway on October 16.
- The Library Trustees will begin updating the library's Strategic Plan this fall. Look for invitations to take surveys, attend community conversations, and offer feedback. Your participation is essential for developing a plan for the library that reflects the needs of our community. Please plan to share your ideas. Thank you!