Front Lawn Kids’ Books Giveaway  Tues. Sept. 1, 12-7:00 PM
Outside in front of the library

Summer Kids’ Reading Club  Tues. September 1, 3:00 PM
Outside behind the library

The Power of Play  Wed. September 2, 6:30 PM
Outside behind the library (rain location: Other Store barn)
In-person discussion for parents, grandparents, caregivers and teachers (ie: for adults only) led by Cook Librarians Amy Carter and Polly Mahoney and Early Childhood Educator Annaliese Smith.

Mr. Aaron Outdoor Music for Kids  Fri. September 11, 10:30 AM
Outside behind the library (rain date Monday 9/14)
Come welcome multi-talented musician Mr. Aaron for a kind of musical choose-your-own adventure.

Funding for this Kids, Books and the Arts event is provided by the Saul O. Sidore Memorial Foundation in memory of Rebecca Lee Spitz, as well as funds administered by the NH State Library, with additional support from the Friends of Cook Memorial Library.

Storytimes and Play Pods
• Outdoor Play Pod
Weekly, one-hour outdoor educational playgroup, 3-week sessions
Thursdays at 10:30: 9/17-10/1, 10/8-22, 10/29-11/12
Outside, behind the library
Led by Cook Librarian Polly Mahoney
For preschoolers, limited space, call to reserve

• Story Time
Weekly storytime
Tuesdays at 10:30 AM on Zoom
and coming this fall, outside on the last Tuesday of the month
Led by Cook Librarians Amy Carter and Polly Mahoney
Open to all families

Homeschool and early childhood resources
Library staff has recently updated and expanded our website and programming to include more homeschool and early childhood resources for parents and caregivers. Find the information at https://tamworthlibrary.org/for-kids/homeschool-and-early-childhood-resources/.

Yesterday’s Women Recalled Today
We are pleased to announce that our latest local history publication has just been published! Yesterday’s Women Recalled Today is a 24-page booklet that offers brief stories of fourteen women who lived and worked in Tamworth during the 19th and 20th centuries.

Read a description of the booklet here: https://tamworthlibrary.org/2020/08/yesterdays-women-recalled-today/. You are invited to participate in CML’s 3rd annual community art show, which will be on display at the library and online in October and November.

Join us online for a presentation by Alice Posner on Wednesday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. Alice Posner will talk about how stress works in our bodies and how local plants and other herbs can support us in both responding to acute stressors, and also becoming more resilient to long term challenges. Learn about herbs to make your own herbal tea blend, that works with your own body and needs, from safe gentle herbs.

Appointments allow us to make sure social distancing is possible. Call us at 323-8510 to make an appointment. If you forget to call ahead, you are welcome to step inside (with a mask on) to ask if there’s an opening. We will also continue curbside pickup for borrowing library books and other materials. Borrowed items can be returned in the book drop anytime. We are beginning to hold some programs outdoors, with distancing protocols in place.

A few words about masks
We are all wearing masks at the library to protect patrons, staff, and our community. If you forget to bring a mask, we can provide a disposable mask. If you cannot wear a mask, we can offer all of our services outside the library, including a laptop computer, if needed. We are following NH Bureau of Infectious Disease Control guidelines for mask wearing. Masks are required for anyone 5 and over. Masks should cover both nose and mouth at all times. For outdoor programs, please wear a mask unless you are seated at least 6 feet away from others.

Help us plan ahead
We’ll be taking a few short surveys over the next few weeks to find out what kinds of programs, online materials, and new items for our collection our community wants/needs right now. Look for the surveys in your curbside pickup bag, on the Tamworth Exchange, and on our website. We need and value your input!

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Hersbs for Resilience (Zoom)
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All Things Water art exhibit
You are invited to participate in CML’s 3rd annual community art show, which will be on display at the library and online in October and November.

This year’s theme is “water.” If you have a painting, drawing, photograph, poem, song or other artistic work to contribute, RSVP to show curator Lucy Gatchell between September 1 and September 22: 323-9994 or lucygatchell@gmail.com.

Examining Race and Racism discussion group for adults
Throughout the months of September-December, we will go through the workbook Me and White Supremacy by Layla F. Saad. We will also share other books, articles, podcasts, films, and more as we go to provide context as well as contemporary and historical perspectives.

Preregistration is required. See a full description of this program at https://tamworthlibrary.org/2020/09/examining-race-and-racism-discussion-group-for-adults/

The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 30 at 4:00 p.m. outside behind the library. If it’s raining, we will reschedule.