



## Cook Memorial Library

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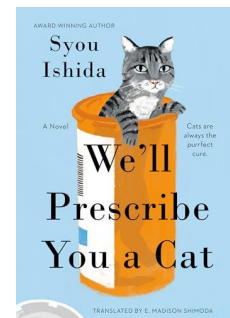
Hours: Mon 10-5, Tues & Wed 10-8,

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**Reading Adventurously:** This month, our challenge for you is to read a book written in another language that has been translated to English. We'll have a variety of books in translation on display, mostly fiction. Our September book group will read and discuss short cozy novels featuring cats, originally published in Japanese. Choose a book and join the group on September 15. What kinds of books do you read for escape or comfort?



### 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 starting September 10: For kids ages 7 and up, learn to play, play with others.
- **For Kids and Parents: Odyssey of the Mind Open House**, Monday, September 15, 5:00-6:00 PM at the Conway Public Library: The Odyssey of the Mind program teaches students how to harness their natural creativity and develop problem-solving skills. Conway Public Library has three teams (grades K-2, 3-5, and 6-8), and can sponsor more teams. **If leaders can be found, a new team could be formed to meet in Tamworth!** Go to the meeting to learn more about OM, becoming a volunteer leader, or joining a team. Learn more at [bit.ly/43QjRYz](http://bit.ly/43QjRYz).
- **For Parents: Homeschool Forum**, Saturday, September 27, 10:30 AM: Interested in homeschooling? Want to learn from and connect with local homeschool parents? Come to a discussion and networking session for prospective and seasoned homeschool parents.

**Art Show:** Our exhibit through the end of September features Hollis Heichemer's collection of paintings from a little paintings project.

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

**Friends of Cook Memorial Library board meeting**, Tuesday, September 2, 6:30 PM.

**Friends of Cook Memorial Library annual meeting**, Saturday, September 6, 11:00 AM at the Tamworth Town House: Please join the Friends for a New Hampshire Humanities presentation by Michael J. Tougias titled *13 Days in October: The Untold Story of the Cuban Missile Crisis*, followed by a light lunch and the Friends' annual business meeting, where you can learn about all the ways the Friends support our library.

**Furry Neighbors**, Wednesday, September 10, 1:00 PM: Come join Interpretive Ranger Elise as we get to feel and see furs from our animal neighbors here in New Hampshire! Learn about some of the ways these animals are unique with pelts from the Student Conservation Association.

**Arts Council of Tamworth film screening**, Wednesday, September 10, 6:00 PM at the library: Arts Council of Tamworth hosts a free film screening of *Invisible Imprints*, a feature-length documentary that follows the

dancers from beheard.world as they travel from Jackson, MS up the Great Migration Trail to Chicago, performing an original piece called *Invisible Imprints of Racism*. ACT will host a performance by the dancers on September 14 in Tamworth. Find more info at <https://www.artstamworth.org/>.

**Brown Bag Book Group**, Monday, September 15, 1:00 PM: Choose one from a selection of recently published short cozy novels featuring cats, originally published in Japanese. Check out a book ahead of time and plan to join us. Bring a lunch or snack if you wish, we'll provide beverages.

**My Life in 10 Stories: a life examination** (first of ten monthly sessions), Monday, September 15, 3:00-5:00 PM: Each month, Nicole Maher, a certified psychiatric nurse, will lead a session on a theme such as birth order, trauma, aging, relationships, etc. Following the discussion Louise Wroblewski will offer writing prompts and tips to encourage personal reflection and deeper understanding of the pivotal moments in our lives. Participants are asked to commit to the entire ten-session series which will meet from 3:00-5:00 on the third Monday of each month through June. **Series is fully enrolled, but we're taking names for a waitlist.**



**Wildfire in Northern New England**, Wednesday, September 17, 6:30 PM: Join Chocorua Lake Conservancy and Cook Memorial Library for a slideshow presentation by John Neely of the N.H. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. Learn about past wildfires in New England and how fire has become an increasing occurrence with the onset of climate change. More info and please register in advance at [www.chocorualake.org/events](http://www.chocorualake.org/events).

**History Field Trip**, Friday, September 19, leave Tamworth at 10:30 AM: We're gathering a group of people to carpool together to South Berwick, Maine to visit the [Sarah Orne Jewett House](#) and the [Hamilton House](#). We'll use the library's passes so admission is free! Call or stop in the library by 9/12 to sign up, and let us know if you want to volunteer to be a driver, or prefer to be a passenger. Bring a bag lunch; we'll picnic at the Hamilton House between tours. For individuals with limited mobility, note that both the Sarah Orne Jewett House and the Hamilton House have first floor accessible spaces, and both offer a virtual tour in their visitor center areas.

**Poetry Hour**, Monday, September 29, 5:00 PM: Come to read or to listen to poems.

**Grant news:** Our grant-funded Solar Energy System is being installed as this newsletter goes to press. There have been a lot of hurdles and details to iron out in order to get to this point. Huge thank yous to all involved, especially Town Maintenance Director Rick Moreau. Look for a celebration of the project later this month.

#### Looking ahead:

- The One Book One Valley book for 2025 is *The History of Sound* by Ben Shattuck. Books are available to borrow at the desk. We're expecting a big demand for the book once the film version of the title story is released in movie theatres on September 12. If you find that all the copies are checked out, we encourage you to place a hold and return the book as soon as you've finished reading it. The author, Ben Shattuck, will speak at The Majestic Theatre in Conway on October 16.
- The Library Trustees will be 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!