

Cook Memorial Library - results of Programs survey, 9/22/2020-10/13/2020

There were 15 responses to the survey, which was online only since we had only one paper response to our Online Materials survey conducted earlier in September. Links were posted on the library website and Facebook pages, and mentioned a couple of times in the weekly "this week at Cook Library" posts to the Tamworth Exchange. The low number of responses doesn't provide a good sample but do give a good idea of what meeting format (in person, online, etc.) people prefer right now. The open questions at the end of the survey provide ideas for future programs.

I am answering this survey

- 9 - for me only
- 4 - for me and my family including children and teens
- 2 - for me and my family of adults
- 0 - other

What types of library programs do you or your family want to see offered by the library in 2021? (Respondents could choose one or more options)

Programs for young children (storytimes, yoga, playpods, etc.)

- 1 - Would attend online
- 3 - Would attend outdoors
- 0 - Would attend indoors
- 0 - Would attend in any location
- 0 - Might attend
- 9 - Would not attend
- 3 - No response

Programs for school-age children

- 1 - Would attend online
- 2 - Would attend outdoors
- 0 - Would attend indoors
- 1 - Would attend in any location
- 0 - Might attend
- 9 - Would not attend
- 2 - No response

Programs for teens

- 1 - Would attend online
- 2 - Would attend outdoors
- 1 - Would attend indoors
- 1 - Would attend in any location
- 0 - Might attend
- 8 - Would not attend
- 4 - No response

Informational presentations for adults

- 4 - Would attend online
- 6 - Would attend outdoors
- 2 - Would attend indoors
- 0 - Would attend in any location
- 6 - Might attend
- 0 - Would not attend
- 0 - No response

Discussion groups

- 3 - Would attend online
- 4 - Would attend outdoors
- 0 - Would attend indoors
- 1 - Would attend in any location
- 4 - Might attend
- 4 - Would not attend
- 1 - No response

Classes

- 4 - Would attend online
- 5 - Would attend outdoors
- 1 - Would attend indoors
- 1 - Would attend in any location
- 6 - Might attend
- 1 - Would not attend
- 1 - No response

Games and gaming

- 1 - Would attend online
- 2 - Would attend outdoors
- 1 - Would attend indoors
- 1 - Would attend in any location
- 2 - Might attend
- 7 - Would not attend
- 4 - No response

Community social gatherings

- 1 - Would attend online
- 2 - Would attend outdoors
- 0 - Would attend indoors
- 1 - Would attend in any location
- 7 - Might attend
- 2 - Would not attend
- 3 - No response

What topics are of special interest to you?

- Book reviews
- Broad range, never sure exactly might catch my fancy.
- Environment, nature, local history, local recreation, community resources
- Health, local history, world issues
- History, local and NH - wildlife - gardening, botany.
- How to do crafts of various kinds, foraging in the area, music....
- I'm often interested in the topics of presentations and groups but the timing is bad for me, evenings are hard with kids before bedtime, but of course there's not any really good time at this point in my life. In-person things outside, with masks or distancing required, in the morning, that I could bring little kids to, are the most attractive types of events. I'd attend almost anything in this category. Delighted that story time has resumed outside! That's not a topic, but it's the sort of programming that's of special interest to me - something I can bring the kids to in the morning.
- Science and Nature
- science, stem courses, robotics
- world travel, getting better with Microsoft Word formatting, photography

Do you have a suggestion for a program?

- Birds by Robert Ridgely
- MediTrician and teens Michael
- No, sorry.
- robotics, stem
- Talk on end of life planning by geriatrician, legal specialist
- You know what I'd like to understand better? The town budget, and how our town government works. What do the selectmen do, and what do each of the committees do? What sorts of decisions are selectmen making? Both in general, and maybe big decisions that have been made this year, and decisions coming up. That would be a really useful program for people like me who can't attend regular meetings and find the minutes hard to penetrate, but want to know a little bit about what's going on. I'd attend that online or outside in person. If it were online, a recording available later would be really helpful.