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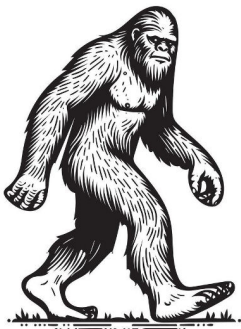
**Reading Adventurously!** Our April reading challenge is poetry! This could be a book of poems, or one about poetry or poets like our book group selection for this month, *Letters to a Young Poet* by Rainer Maria Rilke. Bring your favorite poem(s) to read at our Poetry Hour on April 28.

**Art Show:** In April and May, we will display artwork by students from K.A. Brett School.

**Northern NH Library Cooperative annual meeting, [Wed., April 2 at 5:00 PM on Zoom](#)**  
**Library Trustees meeting,** Monday, April 14, 5:30 PM, when we welcome new Trustees Eleanor Aparicio, Jennifer Davis, and Courtney Mayer O'Connor. We are grateful to Evan Henderson, Paul Priestman and Lew Prillaman for their service as Library Trustees.



**[Read how funding cuts to the Institute of Museum and Library Services affect the Cook Memorial Library.](#)**



**Take a reading road trip!** Northern NH Library Cooperative celebrates **National Library Week** April 6-12 by welcoming visitors at open houses at each member library. If you have a Cook Memorial Library card, you are welcome to check out most items at our partner libraries. Visit each library and pick up a special bookmark on their day.

- Monday, April 7: open house at [Madison Library](#) 9-5
- Tuesday, April 8: open house at [Jackson Public Library](#) 10-7
- Wednesday, April 9: open house at [Cook Memorial Library, Tamworth](#) 10-8
- Thursday, April 10: open house at [Ossipee Public Library](#) 10-6
- Friday, April 11: open house at [Conway Public Library](#) 9-5

**Kids' programs: NOTE: Storytime and Babytime will not meet on April 29.**

- **Outdoor Nature-based Storytime for young children**, Tuesdays at 10:30 AM outside behind the library
- **Baby Time in the Children's Room**, Tuesdays at 11:30 AM (following outdoor storytime)
- **Community Dancing for Young Children**, Saturdays, April 5 & 19, May 3 & 17, 10:30-11:45 AM. Welcoming children (ages 3+) with their caregivers to join hands, dance to live music and sing! Jennifer McHone Villalobos, caller & fiddler, with musicians from the Trad Dance Band. This program series is funded by the Friends of Cook Memorial Library and The Yeoman's Fund for the Arts.
- **Bibliomaniacs Reading Club** for kids age 10 and up, Monday, April 14 at 5:00 PM. Stop in to sign up and borrow a copy of *The Night War* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley to read ahead of time.
- **Tamworth Recreation's Lego Legends**, Wednesdays, March 19 through April 23, 3:30-5:00 PM for kids in grades K-6 (ages 5-12) will be held in the library's meeting room, a time for Lego challenges and play. Transportation from K.A. Brett School to the library is available, request at sign up. [Sign up using this online form.](#)

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

## Daytime programs, thanks to an ALA/LTC Accessible Small and Rural Communities grant:

- **Connections reading series for adults with developmental disabilities**, Tuesdays, April 1, 8, & 15 at 1:00 PM. Led by facilitator Cindy Pulkkinen, participants will read and listen to picture books together. This program is funded by a grant from New Hampshire Humanities. To sign up, see Mary Cronin.
- **Bingo Club**: No cost, for fun only! Come play Bingo in our meeting room from 1:00 to 2:00 PM, alternating Wednesdays. This month, Bingo Club will meet on April 9 and 23.

**“Trips, Slips, Oops!”** Learn About Fall Prevention, Wednesday, April 2 at 11:00 AM at the library. Joann Vasconcellos PT will discuss major fall risks, how physical therapists assess patients, and steps you can take to prevent future falls. Co-hosted by Cook Memorial Library and Tamworth Community Nurse Association.

**When We Just Can’t Do the Thing**, Wednesday, April 2 at 6:30 PM: Join Polly Mahoney for a discussion about why we tend to stand in our own way when it comes to doing things that we know would be helpful, and how we can try something different to move ourselves forward.

**Mountains to the Sea** writing group, Wednesday, April 9, 10:30 AM IN PERSON this month at the library: Meets monthly to write and read together. Register to join at <https://bit.ly/mtns-sea-24-25>.

**Stories from an Expert Wildlife Tracker**, Friday, April 18, 6:00 PM at the library: Come hear stories by Nate Harvey, an expert wildlife tracker. Cosponsored by Chocorua Lake Conservancy, Cook Memorial Library, and New England Wildlife Tracking. Find more info at [chocorualake.org/events](http://chocorualake.org/events).

**Earth Day activity - Knit a washable/reusable dishcloth/washcloth**, Tuesday, April 22, 3:00-5:00 PM: Join Tamworth Recycling Project’s Maud Anderson, along with other crafty volunteers, and learn how to knit or crochet a washcloth. We will teach kids (10 and up), teens, and adults. If you are an experienced knitter or crocheter, please come help teach! We’re using cotton yarn, knitting needles, and crochet hooks that were part of our Craft Supplies Swap. If you have cotton yarn you’re not using, please donate it for this project.

**Brown Bag Book Group**, Monday, April 28, 1:00 PM: Bring a bag lunch and come discuss *Letters to a Young Poet* by Rainer Maria Rilke. Copies of the book can be borrowed from the library ahead of time.

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

**Coming up next month:** Maypole Dance, Notes from a Puzzle Collector, Artificial Intelligence Explained, Children’s Parade, Friends of CML and Altrusa begin selling June calendar raffles, and we begin a fundraising campaign for a new lift/elevator.

**Grant News:** Our library has received a second grant from American Library Association/Libraries Transforming Communities Accessible Small and Rural Communities grant in the amount of \$20,000 to improve access to our lower level meeting room for people with disabilities that affect mobility. As part of the grant, over the summer we will be gathering feedback about using the library from people with disabilities in our community.

**BIG SUMMER NEWS!** Cook Memorial Library, along with the Arts Council of Tamworth and a committee of local authors, are planning a Tamworth Author Fest for Saturday, July 12 from 10 AM to 2 PM. This event will bring together authors and readers to share readings, panel discussions, and lots more. Save the date, and if you are a local published author and want to take part, [sign up using this online form](#).