

Cook Memorial Library 93 Main Street Tamworth, NH 03886 603-323-8510

December 2024 newsletter: Vol. XXI No.12

Hours: Mon 10-5, Tues & Wed 10-8, Fri 10-5, Sat 10-2 CLOSED on 12/24 & 12/25, closing at 4 on 12/31

Catalog: catalog.tamworthlibrary.org

Website: tamworthlibrary.org

**Events Calendar** 



Children's Art Show: Through the end of this month, we have an exhibit of local young children's art showing their unique interests and phases of development, curated by Lauren Sayers. Visitors to the library have found this exhibit delightful! (Thanks to ACT's Julian Long for sharing the photo.)

## Meetings:

**Bookmobile Committee,** Monday, Dec. 2, 4:00 PM **Library Trustees meeting,** Monday, Dec. 9, 5:30 PM

Our 2025 "Community Art at Cook Memorial Library" Calendars are for sale at the library for \$15 each, or 2 for \$25. These are 7" square (7" x 14" when open) with full-color photos, a fundraiser for our Friends of Cook Memorial Library.

**Outdoor Nature-based Storytime for young children**, every Tuesday at 10:30 AM outside behind the library. Be sure to dress for the weather!

**Board Games**, Tuesdays, 5:00-8:00 PM. For teens and adults. Come play a variety of board games in our historic front room. Feel free to bring a game you'd like to teach others.



**Bingo Club**: No cost to play, for fun only! Come play Bingo in our meeting room from 1 to 2 pm, alternating Mondays and Wednesdays, skipping holiday weeks. This month, Bingo Club will meet on December 2, 11, and 16. We are seeking donations of gently used or like new items that would make small, fun prizes. If you have something to donate that might work as a prize, drop it off at the desk.

**Dungeons & Dragons**, Monday, December 2, 6:00-8:00 PM: New game starting for adults (18+) who will play once a month on the first Monday at the library. Come join for this character building session to get started. There is room for 2-3 more players.

**Dipping into Discomfort**, Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30 PM: A discussion led by Polly Mahoney, a member of a group of local citizens who enjoy cold water dipping in area lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams. Polly Mahoney's experiences with cold water immersion surprised her as she realized that she

was becoming more at ease with myriad types of discomfort. Join Polly for a discussion of mental and emotional practices which can allow us to be with hardships without having to put a toe in the water!

**Murder and Mayhem**, Wednesday, December 4 at 6:30 PM: A presentation by Milli Knudsen, author of the new book *Murder and Mayhem: True Crime in New Hampshire*, 1883-1915. Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing after the talk.

**Mountains to the Sea** writing group, Wednesday, December 11, 10:30 AM online via Zoom: A partnership between our library and the Peaks Island (ME) Branch Library, the group meets monthly on Zoom to write and read together. Register to join at https://bit.ly/mtns-sea-24-25.

**Holiday Music Singalong**, Tuesday, December 17, 1:00 PM: Come to our downstairs meeting room to sing along (or just listen) to favorite seasonal tunes accompanied by Becky Riley in the piano.

**Holiday Open House**, Saturday, December 21, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM: Drop in and enjoy music, crafts, and snacks with neighbors.

Tamworth Town Records Transcription volunteers will meet again in December.





Join Cook Memorial Library and Chocorua Lake Conservancy for "A Winter of Water," the theme for this season's Climate & Community series of programs.

We will kick off the series with an **online book discussion** of *Water Always Wins: Thriving in an Age of Drought and Deluge* by Erica Gies, which will be held on Wednesday, January 22 at 6:30 PM on Zoom. Register for the Zoom link at <a href="https://bit.ly/cml-clc-1-22-25">https://bit.ly/cml-clc-1-22-25</a>

We have 10 copies of the book available to borrow now from the Cook Memorial Library. Read and return so others can have a chance to read it before the discussion.

**Poetry Hour**, Monday, December 30 at 5:00 PM: For our last Poetry Hour for the year, everyone is invited to bring year's end or looking ahead poems to share. Come to read or simply to listen.



Thank you to all of our volunteers! The photo shows some (but certainly not all!) of our volunteers who came to a volunteer appreciation hour on November 18th hosted by library staff members.