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**Hours: Mon 10-5, Tues & Wed 10-8,
Fri 10-5, Sat 10-2 (closed Juneteenth 6/19)**

[Events Calendar](#)

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Website: tamworthlibrary.org

This month: Our summer reading adventure begins, plus Flag Day, Juneteenth, and looking forward to Independence Day.



Jean Hurley is featured artist for our June/July art exhibit: Jean Hurley is a long time resident of North Conway, Wonalancet and now Wolfeboro. She is both a painter and printmaker of great skill. Jean has influenced and inspired many local artists with her steady work and the classes she has taught. This exhibit showcases her flower prints on rice paper.

Library Trustees meeting, Monday, June 10, 5:30 PM

Friends of CML board meeting, Tuesday, June 18, 6:30 PM at the Tamworth History Center

Children's Parade, Saturday, June 1, starting at 10:00 at UUFES (Farmers' Market) and heading down Main Street to Remick Park, where there will be fun and games. Kids of every age are welcome! Parking at the Town House is easiest. Rain date is June 8.

Outdoor Nature-based Storytime for young children, Tuesdays at 10:30 AM

Baby and Toddler Time, Tuesdays at 3:00 PM in the children's room

Family Reading Club, Wednesday, June 19, 4:00 PM. For kids ages 5 and 6 with a parent or caregiver. Sign up at the library ahead of time and pick up a book in the *Anna Hibiscus* series by Atinuke. Read the book together ahead of time. The library will be closed for Juneteenth, but will open for this program.



This summer, adventure begins at the Cook Memorial Library! Our Summer Reading Program offers many ways for you to map your own adventures while experiencing the joy of reading.

To sign up, stop in the library beginning on Friday, June 14. Pick up

a reading log, find out all the ways to participate, how to enter drawings for prizes, and take home a list of events. This year, we are looking forward to kids' reading clubs, community art projects, Lindsay and her Puppet Pals, an outdoor movie, a family campout, a hula hoop party, and a visit from the Caterpillar Lab. **New this year:** we are introducing a whole bunch of Adventure Backpacks to check out, each with a different theme and curated by a local organization.

Community Art: Kick off your summer adventure on Saturday, June 22, from 10-11:30 AM. Come to the library lawn to make parade props for the 4th of July parade along with Tamworth Rec.

Board Games for Summer Evenings, 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.

Mountains to the Sea writing group's wrap-up meeting for their kithship season will be held in person at the library on Wednesday, June 12, 10:30-11:45 AM.

Flag Day is June 14, 2024. If your American flag is ready to be retired, we have a collection bin at the library. Bring flags by June 7th and Scouts in Troop 151 will include it in their flag retirement ceremony.

Juneteenth Celebration, Wednesday, June 19: Juneteenth National Independence Day is a federal holiday commemorating the ending of slavery. Join us for an afternoon holiday celebration for all ages – outside, weather permitting – with stories and some traditional Juneteenth food sampling. A few volunteer cooks might be needed! The program is tentatively set for 3:00-5:00 PM; definite time and more details soon. Coordinated with DEI in the Lakes & Mountains (lakesmountainsdei.org).



Summer potluck book discussions: Last Tuesdays of June, July, and August at 6:30 PM. For June 25, we're inviting teens and adults to read food memoirs. Stop in the library now and check out [our display of cooking/food-related memoirs](#). Bring a dish inspired by the book you chose to the discussion.

Poetry Hour will meet at the library on Monday, June 24 at 5:00 PM. If it's nice out, we'll meet behind the library, inside if not. Come read or listen.

NH Communities Read Frederick Douglass "What to the Slave is your Fourth of July?" on Saturday, June 29 at 12:00 Noon. Come gather in front of the Cook Memorial Library to listen as our community reads aloud from Frederick Douglass's speech "What to the Slave is your Fourth of July?" This is a [statewide event coordinated by Black Heritage Trail NH](#), and it's our first year as one of the locations.

CONNECTing CommUNITY FUNdraiser: The Friends of Cook Memorial Library are planning a service auction fundraiser to be held on Sunday, July 14 at 2:00 PM. Do you have a practical skill or service and time to share it? The Friends will be happy to hear from you!

Grant News: University of New Hampshire's Center for Digital Health Innovation recently received a USDA distance telemedicine grant to serve rural partners, including the Cook Memorial Library. As part of this grant, our library and the Tamworth Community Nurse Association received equipment to help connect local residents to telehealth appointments, virtual meetings, as well as devices to improve communication for in-person and virtual appointments and meetings. This equipment will be available for residents to borrow. The library also received virtual reality headsets preloaded with cognition and mental well-being content which provide immersive experiences designed to relax, distract, and boost mood. The VR headsets will be used for library programming and for people to try out at the library. The grant also provided a full-body virtual reality rehabilitation kit for local healthcare and therapy practitioners to learn about with training provided by UNH faculty and clinical students.