



## **Cook Memorial Library**

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**Are you Reading Adventurously?** June is full of occasions that mark beginnings and endings, so that's our theme for this month's reading adventurously challenge. Our book group will discuss *Orbital* by Samantha Harvey, where we read that space station astronauts witness 16 sunrises and sunsets every 24 hours. Pick up a bookmark with our spring challenges to record your reading challenge titles.



**Art Show:** This month, come see watercolor paintings by Ann Willett. Willett's current work focuses on native flora, fauna and landscapes. Willett had the great fortune of mentorship with David M. Carroll and Marshall Joyce. Most importantly, she was inspired by her mother, Ruth Willett, an artist who possessed exceptional creative spirit and talent. She paints with The Wakefield/Wolfeboro Plein Air Painters and The Field and Borough Plein Air Painters. She also paints almost daily in her studio or close to her Tamworth, NH home.

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

**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 June 11 and 25.

### **Kids' programs:**

- **Outdoor Nature-based Storytime for young children,** Tuesdays at 10:30 AM outside behind the library
- **Bookworms Reading Club** for kids up to 9 years old, Monday, June 2 at 4:00 PM.
- **Summer Readers Stories and Book Giveaway,** Tuesday, June 24, 1:00-3:00 PM: Thanks to a grant from the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF), we will welcome author and poet Matt Forrest Esenwine for two storytelling presentations, first for young children, then for older kids. Then, each child can choose a new book to take home from a huge selection. CLiF is awesome, your kids don't want to miss this!

**Poetry Hour,** Mondays, June 2 & June 30 at 5:00 PM: Come to read or to listen to poems.

**Nature Apps for the Naturalist,** Tuesday, June 10 at 7:00 PM via Zoom: Join Chocorua Lake Conservancy and Cook Memorial Library for an online presentation by David Govatski, who will show how smartphone apps can increase our enjoyment of nature without detracting from it. More info and please register in advance at [chocorualake.org/events](http://chocorualake.org/events).

**Mountains to the Sea** writing group, Wednesday, June 11, 10:30 AM, at the library for their final meeting for the season.

**NH Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief,** Wednesday, June 11, time TBA: Renée Wheaton of Mount Washington Valley Age Friendly Community will be at the library to provide one-on-one assistance with the application, which is due June 30. Copies of the application are available at the library.

**Survivor Stories**, Thursday, June 12, 6:30-8:00 PM: An evening of storytelling, hope and healing hosted by the Survivors of Suicide Loss Subcommittee of the New Hampshire Suicide Prevention Council. Sponsored by NH Suicide Prevention Council, Carroll County Coalition for Public Health, Cook Memorial Library, Tamworth Community Nurse Association. [Registration is required](#) and refreshments will be served. Questions? Contact [continuum@c3ph.org](mailto:continuum@c3ph.org) or call (603)301-1252 x 303.

**Up-lifting Grant News and an Invitation:** As reported in our April newsletter, our library received a \$20,000 grant from Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL).



The grant award will go towards replacing the lift that provides access to the library's lower level community meeting space and local history room. A new lift was identified as a top priority for improving accessibility at the library at last year's community conversation. This year we hope to hear more about how we can improve accessibility at the library.

**All are invited** to one of two community conversations, the first on Wednesday, June 18 at 2:00 PM at the library, and the second later that day [online via Zoom at 7:00 PM](#). We'll talk about how to improve accessibility of the library's spaces, services, and programs for people with disabilities. We especially wish to talk to people with disabilities and their caregivers. If you are not able to come to either conversation but have feedback to share, please contact Mary Cronin at 603-323-8510.

**"What to the Slave Is Your Fourth of July?"** On Saturday, June 28, 2025 at 12:00 noon, the Cook Memorial Library will join sixteen communities across New Hampshire to participate in the annual reading of Frederick Douglass' historic speech, "What to the Slave is your Fourth of July?" This statewide Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire (BHTNH) event is offered as a moment for reflection and dialogue on the legacy of slavery and the ongoing struggle for equality. **Volunteer readers are needed** for the Tamworth event; anyone interested in reading a portion of the speech aloud to the gathered audience should contact Mary Cronin before June 28.



**Happy retirement, Chris!** Chris Clyne, our Reference Librarian, retired on May 30 after 25 years at the Cook Memorial Library. Chris was involved in many projects, including updating two editions of the Tamworth history book *If Walls Could Speak*, compiling a map of Tamworth *Cemeteries, Graveyards, Burial and Memorial Sites*, completing the booklet *Yesterday's Women Recalled Today* (from a draft started by former library director Jean Ulitz), locating and borrowing books and articles for researchers, and recommending good reads. We are grateful for Chris's many contributions to our library, and wish her happiness. And, you'll still see Chris at the library as a patron and volunteer.

#### Save these summer dates:

- Farm Animal Petting Zoo, Tuesday, July 1, 10:30 AM behind the library
- Tamworth Author Fest, Saturday, July 12 from 10 AM to 2 PM
- Friends of CML Book Sale, Saturday, August 2, 10 AM to 1 PM
- Yo-Yo Guy, Saturday, August 9, 11 AM
- Climate & Community book group discussion of *Fire Weather: A True Story from a Hotter World* by John Vaillant, August 20. Copies of the book will be available to borrow at the end of June.

**Sharing a Juneteenth community program:** Camp Hale and DEI in the Lakes & Mountains invite all to join them in honoring Juneteenth on Thursday, June 19, from 4:30 to 6:30 PM at Camp Hale in Sandwich, NH.

**Museum and Recreation Passes available:** The five libraries in the Northern NH Library Cooperative (NNHLC) have passes to 12 different places, offering free or discounted admission. These passes are offered to patrons of any of the five NNHLC libraries: Conway, Jackson, Madison, Ossipee, and Cook Library in Tamworth. Find a list of attractions available at <https://bit.ly/nnhlcpasses>. To borrow a pass, contact the library that offers it.

**The Cook Memorial Library website** will be moved to a new host in June. New and improved, it will remain at <https://tamworthlibrary.org>.