



**Cook Memorial Library**  
93 Main Street  
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**Hours: Mon 10-5, Tues & Wed 10-8,  
Fri 10-5, Sat 10-2 **CLOSED on 9/2 Labor Day****  
[Events Calendar](#)  
**Catalog: [catalog.tamworthlibrary.org](http://catalog.tamworthlibrary.org)**  
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**Art Show:** The September/October art exhibit at the Cook Memorial Library will feature the work of Eliza Burke, a lifelong Tamworth resident who took her own life in September of 2023 at the age of 27 after a battle with mental illness. This multimedia show is titled “Hard Conversations are Okay,” words included in one of the pieces in the show, and features works of art exploring subjects that brought Eliza joy during her life, and her view of the world as she saw it. An opening reception will be held at the library on Tuesday, September 3, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Refreshments will be served.

**Grant for Increasing Accessibility:** This year, our library received a grant from Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small & Rural Communities, an initiative of the American Library Association to help our library better serve people with disabilities. We are grateful to those who have attended our outreach events and provided feedback so far. At the end of this month we will submit an interim report telling of the feedback we’ve received from community members with disabilities and our plan of how to use the grant funds to address the needs we learned about.

If you or someone in your household has a disability that affects their ability to use the library or its services, Mary Cronin would love to hear your story so we may add your suggestions to our report and to our proposed use of grant funds. Contact Mary by September 24 at the library or at [mary@tamworthlibrary.org](mailto:mary@tamworthlibrary.org).

**Library Trustees meeting, Monday, September 9, 5:30 PM**

**Friends of Cook Memorial Library, Tuesday, September 10, 6:30 PM**

**Summer Adventures and statistics:** Our Summer Reading Program with the theme “Adventure begins at your library” is now a wrap. We loved hearing about your reading and other adventures.

Here are some numbers from the summer:

- # of kids’ books and other items checked out: 2,510
- Kids’ program attendance (storytimes, book clubs, community art, movie, campfire, hula hoops, caterpillars): 984
- Adventure Backpack checkouts: 14
- # of books given away to campers at Bearcamp Center’s summer camp: about 900

Grateful thanks:

- To the Friends of Cook Memorial Library for providing funding for library programs
- To the Tamworth Conservation Commission, Tamworth History Center, Tamworth Recycling Project, New Hampshire Mushroom Company, and Tin Mountain Conservation Center for



putting together materials and activities for our new adventure backpacks (all the packs except the ones going back to Tin Mountain will stay available to borrow from our library)

- To Fun Spot for providing raffle drawing prizes for our summer readers

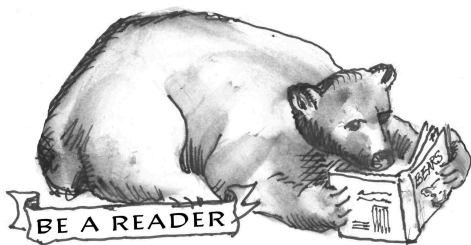
**Outdoor Nature-based Storytime for young children**, every Tuesday at 10:30 AM outside behind the library. Be sure to dress for the weather!

**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.

**Tomato Taste-Off**, Saturday, September 14, 9:30-12:30, outside in front of the library: Local farmer Hope Requardt hosts the fourth annual Tomato Taste-Off. Come taste and rate tomatoes in three categories: cherry, slicing, and paste. Home gardeners and farmers are invited to enter tomatoes they've grown for tasting and rating. Drop tomatoes off between 8:00 and 9:00 AM on Saturday morning. For each variety bring one whole tomato for display plus a couple more to be cut-up for sampling, enough for 10 people or so. For cherry/grape tomatoes, bring 1 pint.

**Extreme Survival**, Friends of Cook Memorial Library program, lunch, and annual meeting, Saturday, September 21, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM at the Tamworth Town House: The Friends will welcome speaker Michael Tougias, author of *Extreme Survival: Lessons from Those Who Have Triumphed Against All Odds*. To determine why disasters happen and how some people survive them, Tougias interviewed over 100 people who survived against all odds, first chronicling their harrowing survival stories, and then discussing in detail the lessons learned. A light lunch and the Friends' annual meeting will follow the presentation. All are welcome!

**Tamworth Town Records Transcription** volunteers will meet on Wednesday, September 25 at 6:30 PM.



**CML Book Group** will have an organizing meeting on Friday, September 27 at noon to choose books for our 2025 discussions. Bring a bag lunch and ideas for books you want to read as a group, and we'll put the kettle on for tea. Looking ahead to our October book group meeting, we have copies of this year's [One Book One Valley](#) title, *The Road to Dalton* by Shannon Bowring, available to borrow.

**Poetry Hour**, Monday, September 30 at 5:00 PM. Come read and/or listen.

**Did you know?** Our library is a member of a statewide consortium that allows Tamworth resident library card holders to access ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines through the Libby app. What users may not know is that publishers of books and audiobooks provide this access via purchased licenses, each limited to 24 checkouts of one title lent to one reader at a time. In order to stay within budget, the consortium recently voted to increase the number of holds that trigger a purchase of an additional license for a particular title. So, if you are finding that your projected wait time is longer, that is why. If reading a print book is an option for you, please contact us or check our catalog. Often a book that has a long wait time in Libby is sitting on our shelf.