

TRACINGS

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The Friends of Tracy Memorial Library

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Tracy Memorial Library's Beth Condict Builds Community

Beth Condict is the Circulation Manager at Tracy Library and a familiar face to patrons. She became Circulation Manager upon the retirement of Missy Carroll. As Circulation Manager, she oversees a staff



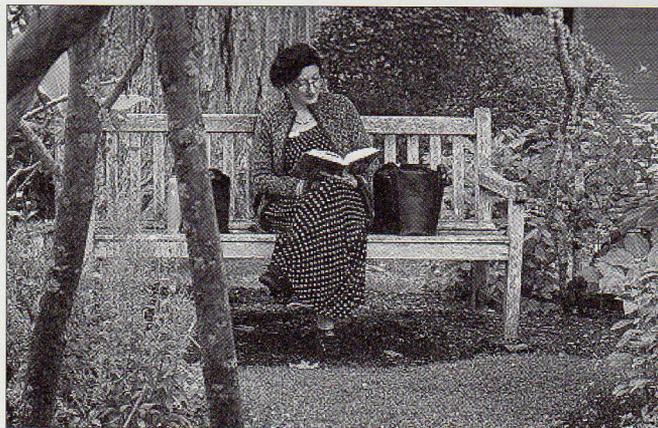
of six Circulation Assistants and ensures that the circulation desk, circulation materials and main floor run smoothly and efficiently while delivering the highest quality service to patrons.

Beth was born in New London at New London Hospital, grew up in Springfield, NH and attended Kearsarge Regional High School. She spent 20 years working in the private sector before starting part-time at the Tracy Library circulation desk. It was a big jump to move from part time Circulation Assistant to full-time Circulation Manager. "Serving my community with our amazing team is like nothing I've ever done before. It's my dream come true."

Working at the library for the past six years, she has come to know and love the people in our community and is thankful for what they bring to Tracy Library. According to Beth: "For anyone missing a sense of community, I invite you to come to Tracy Library where small town community still exists. There is so much joy here and ways to enrich your life. It's incredible how many groups and people volunteer their time here to make Tracy the special place that it is. Why not stop in and see what you're missing? I promise you'll receive a warm welcome."

One of Beth's favorite things is connecting patrons with books that they will love and Beth reads widely. Her favorites are inspirational memoirs, but she also loves historical fiction and non-fiction. One of her favorite series is Richard Osman's *The Thursday Murder Club*. Her most recent reads that she highly recommends are *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans, *Detained* by D. Esperanza and *The Sideways Life of Denny Voss* by Holly Kennedy. Beth's favorite place to read is the Garden at Tracy because it's a place where beauty and peace abound.

So, what does Beth do when she's not at work? She spends time with her beautiful family which includes her grandson, Wilder and granddaughter, Charlotte. She also enjoys swimming at Pleasant Lake, walks around Kezar Lake and of course, reading on her back porch.



Library Hours	Thursday 9-8
Tuesday 9-8	Friday 9-5
Wednesday 9-5	Saturday 9-1

Greetings from the Friends of Tracy Memorial Library

With the colder weather finally upon us, we are eager to spend more time indoors in our beautiful town library! Under the steady hands of Director Richard Tutwiler and his capable staff, the Library continues to attract a range of patrons in terms of ages and interests. The Friends are thrilled that the contributions of community members to our nonprofit organization make possible so many programs and services that make our public library excellent.

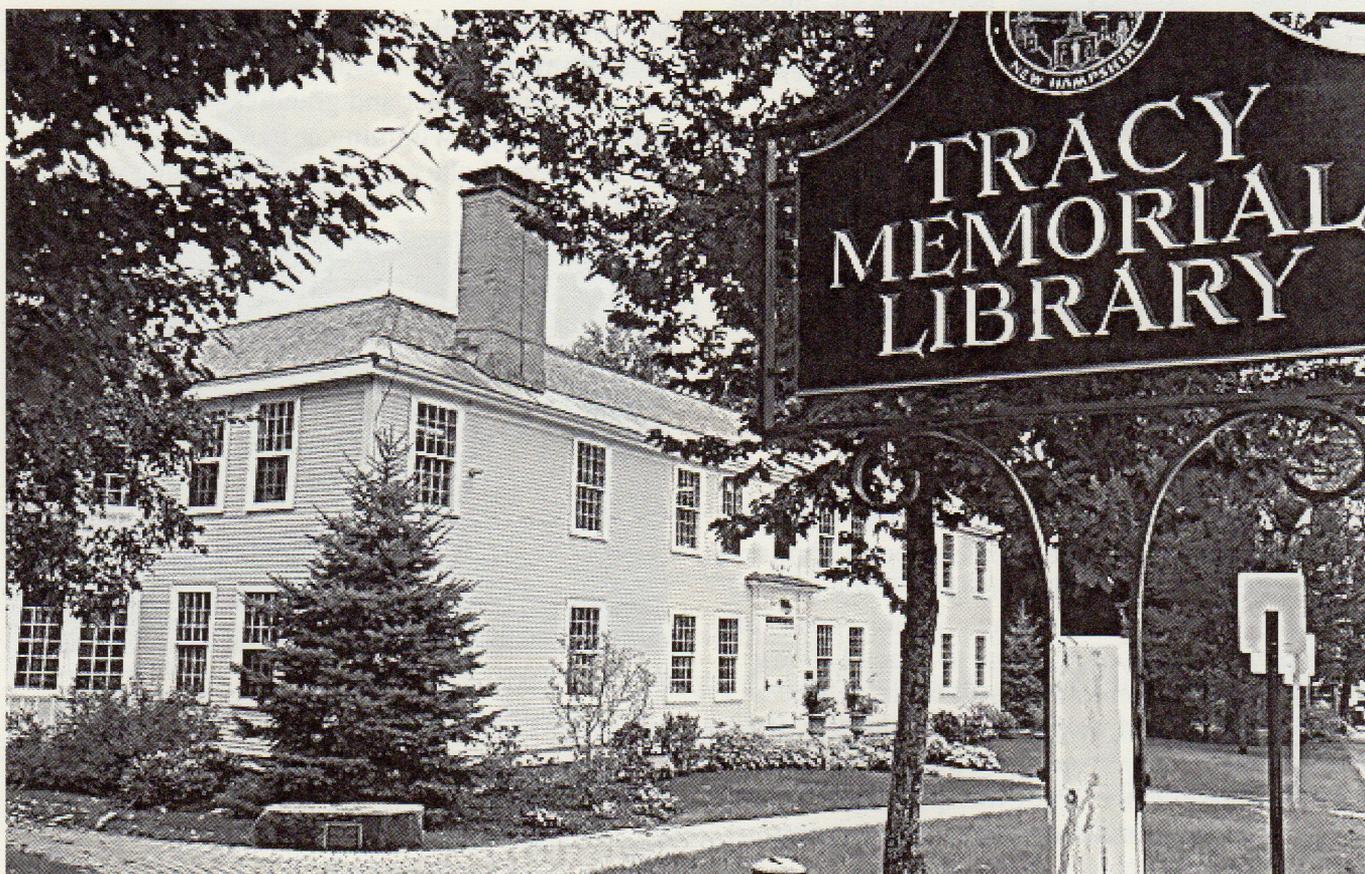
Thanks to the inquiries of a number of supporters, we have responded by recently expanding the types of gifts that we can accept to support the Library's work. In any given year, we receive the vast majority of our unrestricted annual gifts by check or cash; we are grateful for this annual giving! Recognizing that people's financial needs differ, however, we want to draw your attention to the possibility of giving through an Individual Retirement Account; deferred gifts such as bequests and/or gifts of appreciated securities. Please do consult your tax advisor and/or attorney in making decisions about

these kinds of gifts, which we are also typically grateful to receive!

Our Friends Board of ten volunteers, elected to revolving terms at each Annual Meeting (this year, 4:00 on November 10), works enthusiastically to support Tracy Memorial Library's needs and wishes. While fundraising is one of our primary tasks, we also seek other ways to enrich the experience of library visitors. We are grateful to our volunteers who decorate bulletin boards, provide flower arrangements in the summer months, deliver books to homebound folks, and help us design new merchandise to support our library. Be on the lookout for a new "Life is Good" t-shirt proclaiming your support of our Library – proceeds to Friends of Tracy Memorial Library – which we hope will be available in time for your holiday shopping.

Again, more than anything, thank you for your support of our organization, the Friends of Tracy Memorial Library, which does its utmost to make a great library outstanding!

--John Bouton, President



Please Come on November 10!

Updates to By-Laws Proposed for Annual Meeting

At 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 10, 2025, in the Meeting Room at Tracy Memorial Library, the Friends of Tracy Memorial Library will hold its annual meeting.

Robust attendance at this year's Annual Meeting is paramount, for we need a quorum to conduct business. As usual, those attending the Annual Meeting (financial supporters of Friends of Tracy Memorial Library and volunteers) will vote to elect Board members and officers, review finances, and especially, listen to recommendations of a Board subcommittee, adopted by the full Board at its September meeting, to revise the Bylaws of the organization. Copies of the Friends' Bylaws are at the circulation desk.

Longtime Board member Erin Garzia chaired the subcommittee charged with reviewing the Bylaws of Friends of Tracy Memorial Library. Following subcommittee meetings over nearly a year's period, she summarized the following proposed changes:

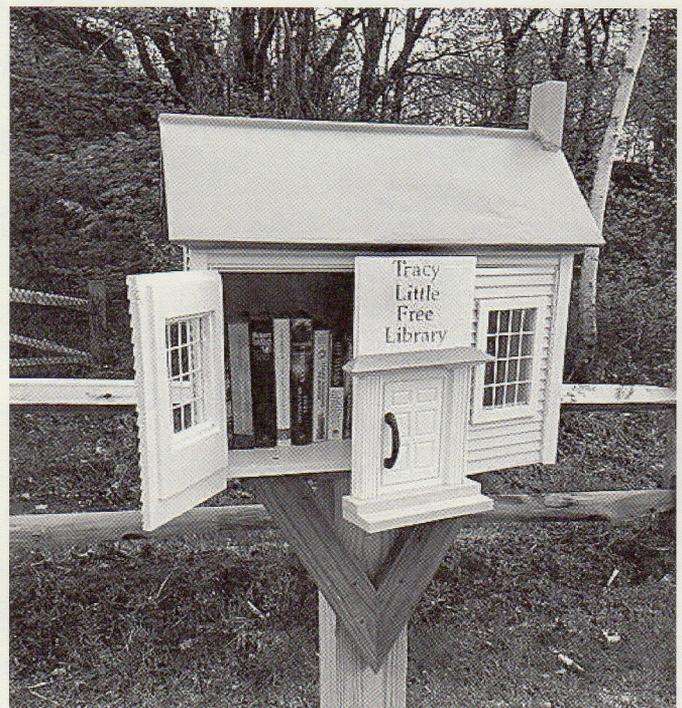
- Make donations annual and at a suggested amount (Article IV)
- Clarify that "officers" must first be elected to the Board (Article VI)
- Clarify that officers' terms are for one year, but these secondary elections do not affect a Board member's tenure (Article VI)
- Remove historical information related to first years of the Board (Article VIII)
- Require Friends membership before election to the Board (Article VIII)
- Institute term limit of nine years for Directors (Article VIII)
- Establish majority of Board composition as quorum for meetings (Article VIII)
- Allow online/virtual meeting attendance (Article VIII)
- Remove "Standing Committees" & change Executive Committee composition and change ExComm meeting frequency to quarterly (Article IX)

- Incorporate new, updated Appendix with Conflict of Interest policy for Board members to review and sign before serving (Appendix)

These changes are important and represent significant work on behalf of the Bylaws Subcommittee convened at the January 13, 2025 Board meeting. We are grateful to Erin for her leadership of this Subcommittee and to Board members Don Dogan and Kathleen Belko for their work in exploring and proposing these changes. The full Board approved the proposed amendments to the Bylaws at the September 8, 2025 meeting and voted to bring them to the membership for approval at the November 10, 2025 Annual Meeting.

Please come with your questions and be ready to vote to revise the Bylaws for the Friends of Tracy Memorial Library!

**Please attend the ANNUAL MEETING
of Friends of Tracy Memorial Library
Monday, November 10, 2025
4:00 p.m.
Meeting Room, Tracy Memorial Library**





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