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**The Power of Water / The Power of Words**  
*A community project to influence major decisions*

**Hanover, NH –Thursday**, March 23, 7:00-9:00pm, Mayer Room, Howe Library, 13 E. South Street, Hanover, NH.

- Free and open to the public.
- Sponsored by the Hanover Conservancy



**Hanover** – On Thursday, March 23 from 7-9:00 pm the Hanover Conservancy and Howe Library will host a lively and informative free public presentation of ***The Power of Water / The Power of Words***. This joint project of the Connecticut River Watershed Council and Art & Dialogue has been collecting the public’s aspirations for the future of the Connecticut River. Because Wilder Dam and four other hydro facilities that affect the river from Lebanon NH/Wilder VT to Montague, MA are currently being relicensed, the public has a unique opportunity to have a say in how these facilities will be operated for several generations. Hydropower facilities on the Connecticut River generate renewable energy but also significantly impact migratory fish passage and habitat for many species including endangered short nose sturgeon. They also cause significant erosion of riverbanks along the 200 miles affected by these five facilities. Hydropower facilities also affect recreation in many ways – positive and negative.

What do your rivers mean to you? **The Connecticut River Watershed Council**, in partnership with Art and Dialogue, is gathering the public’s river stories and your hopes and dreams for the future of our rivers. Participants young and old have written personal notes on sculpted pieces of colored paper that are transformed into a massive and inspiring community art installation. Assembled in a flowing wall display, it speaks of the Connecticut River being cleaner and hydropower greener. All of these stories will be submitted as official public comment to the government agencies responsible for relicensing hydroelectric facilities.

**It’s not too late to have a say!** You can invite CRWC to your group for this FREE presentation. For more information, contact Colleen Bent, at [cbent@ctriver.org](mailto:cbent@ctriver.org) or 413-772-2020 ext.206. Generously funded by the Putnam Foundation. To learn more about CRWC, or to join the effort and help protect our rivers, visit [www.ctriver.org](http://www.ctriver.org).

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