Abbott Memorial Library
Monthly Report for August 2016

The trustees were not awarded a grant for repairs to the slate roof and gutters from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. Instead we were awarded $4,500 to be used to obtain an itemized job spec list from yet another building "engineer".

I am applying for an extension from the Maine Arts Commission to use our $900 Creative Aging Grant next summer seeing as we received the funding too late to be used this summer. We still plan to start a singing group for area seniors. Now that will begin summer 2017

The greeting card program concluded in August. Plans are to offer a onetime class in November to make holiday greeting cards.

The trustees hired a local mason to replace the loose bricks on the basement entryway and repoint all missing mortar. The plan is to replace the downstairs door with a door similar to the one on the back handicapped entry way.

Thirteen members of the Book Club met on Wednesday, August 31 to discuss .the first section of "The Man Who Saved the Union : the life of Ulysses Grant in war and peace" by H. W Brands. This book received very positive responses from club members and created a very lively and informative discussion. In September we'll conclude our discussion of this book-.

Mr. Walter Musson has begun work on the north chimney. So far he has ground out all the old mortar and is re mortaring the original bricks. Still to be is the installation of the stainless steel chimney liner and cap..

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