Abbott Memorial Library
Monthly Report for January 2016

Extensive electrical work has been done to the library in response the Safety Works report of July 2015. In addition, most power strips and extension cords have been removed. Several additional outlets, lighted exit signs and emergency lights have been installed.

A mason, Dennis. Hurd of Brewer came to look into the bad leak around the library's north chimney. Due to the location of the chimney, he was not able to do a temporary patch to stop the leak from inside the attic. A permanent fix will have to be done in the spring. The slates will have to be removed around the chimney, the flashing ground out of the mortar and new flashing and mortar installed. As well as Mr. Hurd, we will need a bucket truck and a slater on hand to remove and re-install the slates.

The library has a student completing a 120 hour practicum with us this winter and spring. She is learning all aspects of library operations and as a special project she is organizing and cataloging a large collection of home schooling material that was donated to the library. The plan is to make this collection available for loan to home schooling families.

The library's Skeleton Crew met on Friday, January8. Dodie Stowe of Guilford was the guest speaker. She is a trained presenter for a program developed by Boston University called "A Matter of Balance". This program is aimed at improving balance and preventing falls for those over 60 years old. She has agreed to present her 4 week program here at the library beginning on April 11th and ending on May 4th

.An adult coloring program will be offered on Wednesday evenings beginning in February. This is a popular activity that is being offered by many public libraries in Maine. We are still working out the details and the program will be advertised in the papers.

The Book Club met on Wednesday, January 27th with 14 members present. We read and discussed the book "The Invisible Gorilla". The Book club voted to limit the number of participants to 15 year round members and the current three summer members due to the difficulty of obtaining sufficient copies of each month's book through interlibrary loan.

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