

Abbott Memorial Library  
Monthly Report for March 2016

Other than the one estimate received from Dennis. Hurd of Brewer, I've not had much luck getting any additional estimates to replace the flashing around the north chimney..

On March 24<sup>th</sup> we hosted a presentation on the Senior Companion Program. Gail Watson, area coordinator for the program explained how she matches up volunteer visitors with homebound seniors. This program offers a stipend for volunteers and includes paid sick and vacation hours. The program is funded through the University of Maine Center on aging.

She brought along as her guest, Ed Morrissey, age 85 who has been a volunteer companion for eleven years. Ed shared some great stories from his many years of working with people in this very worthwhile program. Although we only had seven attendees, Gail was very pleased with the turnout and she also received a number of phone calls from interested people as a result of our publicity.

The library's Skeleton Crew hosted Dr. Bob Lodato. Bob was speaking on the pros and cons of taking medications for osteoporosis. He did an outstanding job and shared a lot of new information with us. We had a standing room crowd of 30+ people attend. A light lunch of salad was served.

The Adult Coloring Group has shifted into gear. After a rocky start we now have 5 or 6 people meeting every Wednesday evening to color. Two men and one teenager have been attending.

Eleven members of the Book Club met on Wednesday, March 30 to discuss s. C. Gwynne's "Empire of the Summer Moon" Next month we'll be reading Naomi Klein's "This changes everything". Book club members will be going to the Center Theater on April 24<sup>th</sup> to view the movie based on this book.

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