

Abbott Memorial Library
Monthly Report for March 2017

The window restoration firm of Jacobs Glass from Winslow showed up last week to look over the condition and work requirements for the windows in the stack area. The consensus of the three visitors was that the windows are in pretty good condition for their age. There is the possibility of lead paint on the inside sills. The plan would be to remove the lexan covering the upper windows and installing permanent storm windows over them, either internal or external. I would prefer external which would provide some protection from the weather for the original sashes. I believe the good condition of the lower windows is the result of the fact they have been protected for years by aluminum storm windows.

Barbe and Wheelock required a closer view of the terra cotta frieze under the eaves. Ron Apel very kindly sent his drone up to circle the building and snap detailed photos of the frieze. This saved us the cost of paying Nancy Barbe to drive up from Portland to evaluate the frieze.

Ten members of the Book Club met on Wednesday, March 29th to discuss **The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin**. It was pretty much agreed that Franklin's story of his life was pretty circumspect and ending in 1757 it provided no information on some of the more interesting aspects of his life. Dark Money by Jane Mayer was distributed. It will be discussed on Wednesday, April 26th.

The library in conjunction with DDATT hosted a spinning, leather and knot making workshop on Saturday, March 18th that was very well attended. The spinners were very pleased with the interest shown by the public and have made arrangements to use our meeting room monthly for their spinning sessions.

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