

Abbott Memorial Library  
Monthly Report for January 2018

During the heavy rainstorm in January, our roof did not leak. I think the repairs that were made to the gutters by Hahnel Brothers did the trick. Definitely worth the cost to get us through until such time as the gutters are replaced with new ones.

The trustees are turning their attention to the bidding process for the exterior restorations. Ruth Fogg says the architects Barbe and Wheelock of Portland who did the building survey, have offered to handle the bidding process for \$3,500. The Alford Foundation will not release their funds until all the bids are in place and a guarantee of no cost overruns is reached. I expect at our February meeting we will be dealing with the next steps to be taken.

The new downstairs door has been installed and we've been receiving compliments from meeting room users on how good looking it is. The crashbar has been attached and it is now fully functional. Took a long time, but it was worth the wait.

Twelve members of the Book Club met on Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss **American Colonies** by Alan Taylor. Most of the members who actually took the challenge of reading this 477 page epic really enjoyed it, but many were discouraged by the length and never made the attempt. Next month we'll be reading **A Short History of Nearly Everything** by Bill Bryson. The book is 478 pages long another challenge for many of our participants.

A couple of library patrons have been pitching in to clear our sidewalks of the built up ice that keeps accumulating. It's nice to see members of the community taking an interest in our town properties.

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