

Abbott Memorial Library  
Monthly Report for February 2018

A moon and wolf program was presented by volunteer Meredith Josslyn. A dozen people attended and learned what a Super blue blood moon is as well as the difference between wolves and coyotes and why these animals howl at the moon. The audience seemed very interested in the subject and one youngster went outside and tried howling at the moon.

Board Chair Ruth Fogg, Marilyn Curtis and myself met with the town manager to discuss the steps to be taken to post the RFPs for the restoration work. As of early this week all the RFPs, with the exception of the front railings have been posted on the library website as well as on Maine Municipal's site.

A check for \$250,000 was received from the NextGen foundation. Unfortunately, it had to be returned because it was unsigned!

DDATT and the library will be hosting our annual seed and scion exchange on Saturday, March 10 to be followed by a meeting of the Seed Savers @ 11 A.M. On Wednesday, March 21 the library will host A Trivia Night from 6 to 8 P.M. Teams of 2-5 players will play against each other in their quest to answer correctly as many a possible of the 100 questions. The questions will be divided into 10 categories. The library will provide snacks.

The help of the town manager and the police department was enlisted last Thursday to collect \$159 in unreturned library books. We had been trying since July to get these books returned and we'd threatened to send the police with no response. All but one of the books was returned by Thursday evening. Seeing as most of the books were Stephen King novels, this saved the library a considerable expense in replacement costs for the lost books. A big thanks to Kevin Wintle and his officers!

Eleven members of the Book Club met on Wednesday, February 28 to discuss **A Short History of nearly everything** by Bill Bryson. It was a long read at nearly 500 pages, but most of the members enjoyed the book once they got beyond the early chapters dealing with the size and age of the galaxy. For the next two months we'll be reading David Halberstam's **The fifties**. At 700 plus pages, we plan to spend two months reading and discussing this monolithic monster.

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