

Abbott Memorial Library  
Monthly Report for April 2018

Ruth Fogg and I met with the owner and project manager from Jacob's Glass in Winslow. Jacob's Glass was awarded the contract for the windows and the masonry. We were able to closely examine the condition of the sash windows in the stack area as well as the condition of the window sills on the lower windows, which have pulled away from their original location. Jacob's Glass explained that the work on the wood of the sills will require more time than expected hence a cost increase. We decided not to replace the triple track storm windows on the lower windows. New low profile storms would require us to store the screens in winter and the storms in the summer. Our old triple tracks are self-storing. This netted us a savings of \$6,000.

Jacob's Glass advised us that they would return (once the contract was signed) to remove the sashes and take them to their workshop where they will be stripped and stained to return them to original condition. Cracked panes of glass will also be replaced

On Friday, April 27, they did show up and removed all the sashes from both the lower and upper windows. Currently we have the combination storm windows on the lower windows and the old Lexan still covering the upper windows.

On April 14, the library hosted an Oral History Workshop with Molly Graham and Keith Ludden from the Oral History and Folklife Institute. Russ Titus was invited and interviewed regarding his arrival in Dexter in 1939 and his work under the National Youth Administration.

On the same day, DDATT hosted a chainsaw sharpening workshop which had a good attendance.

14 members of the Book Club met on Wednesday, April 25 to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the book club's existence. Because we were discussing David Halberstam's **The fifties**, we served a meal consisting of food from that decade. Spam sandwiches, tuna noodle casserole and Hormel's corned beef hash was eaten with relish. The only real favorite food from the 1950s that didn't make it to our table was the ever so delicious molded salad!

Liz and Ruth attended a 3D printer expo held at Thomas College in Waterville on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. We have great hopes of being awarded a technology grant that will pay for a 3D printer for the library.

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