

Abbott Memorial Library
Monthly Report for May 2019

The masons finally returned on Tuesday, May 21 to finish up work on the terracotta and the front brick walkway. The bricks that were installed over the winter so uneven due to the frost, that they needed to be removed and re-installed. A couple of the granite steps were also re-caulked where the caulking had failed.

A conversation with Jeremy Whitehouse of Jacob's Glass regarding the condensation on the stack windows was inconclusive. He made some suggestions that didn't much interest us, such as installing small fans in between the windows. But he did email an article to me that offered some other more practical suggestions that I will try this winter.

With a movie license that was purchased from a grant from Kenden Alford, we began offering a free monthly movie on the second Wednesday of the month. On May 8th we showed the 2018 Academy award winner, **Greenbook**. With an audience of three, myself included, it was a dismal turnout. We'll keep trying and see if business picks up. One problem is finding the type of movies that people want to come out and see. Recent movies, old classics, comedies, musicals?

Our library volunteer, Chris Garneau has met with Chris Maas from the Balsam consortium and after reviewing the project has begun work on assigning 3,000 volumes of juvenile books that have not been assigned a reading level in our shared catalog. Once this project is completed, we'll be able to offer our younger patrons an online catalog that will sort material to their reading level.

The Makerspace is going great. It is always busy. On one day we had 36 people downstairs after school. A little too many, but that has not happened again.

Respectfully submitted

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