



Winter greetings to our Sedgwick community

This past summer with the help of some members of the Sedgwick community and one bookseller, we learned to appreciate the value of our holdings. Confronted with a list of 26 potentially valuable books in our collection we decided to hold onto all of them instead of selling them. A few of these titles are the following: **Personal Memoirs of U. S. Grant**, 2 volumes, 1885, inscribed; **The Heart of Africa**, Schweinfurth, 2 volumes, 1874; **Army Life in a Black Regiment**, Higginson, 1870; **Memories of the Men who saved the Union**, Piatt, 1887. Do stop by to see these valuable books which reflect the library founders' serious sense of purpose in 1874.



Figure 1: Gabriella and Gretchen help with publicity.

within our digital archive www.sedgwickmaine.org/sargentville-library-historical-archive/. Attending this presentation were 25 members of our immediate community along with eight visitors from locations further away.

With hard working board members we sponsored two major events. The first in late July consisted of our contribution to the peninsula's Touring Through Time program. Our presentation focused on the Sedgwick Temperance Movement, 1847-54, and was composed of documents selected by Pam Simmons and held



Figure 1: This Temperance motto board was made in 1848 by Nathaniel K. Sawyer. He was paid \$1 and the board has been stored ever since by the Simmons family.



Figure 3: Linda Long introducing Cipperly Good at the Sedgwick Townhouse

Our second event was Cipperly Good's August presentation on *Women at Sea: Maine's Wives and Daughters*. Cipperly is the Curator/Collections Manager of the Penobscot Marine Museum. Fifty people attended this informative event.

We continue to support 24/7 WIFI and maintain our historic building (completed 1905) which is the oldest public library on the peninsula. Our faithful library crew continues to cull our collection and make significant additions to our holdings. Cathy

Marshall organizes our book group. Last summer we read and discussed the following: *Plainsong*, *Kent Haruf* and *The Skippers Wife*, *James Balano*. Our Little Free Library, created by Rob Starkey, beckons to all who pass through Sargentville. Pull over and pick out a book.

We hope to welcome you to some Library-sponsored events in 2019.

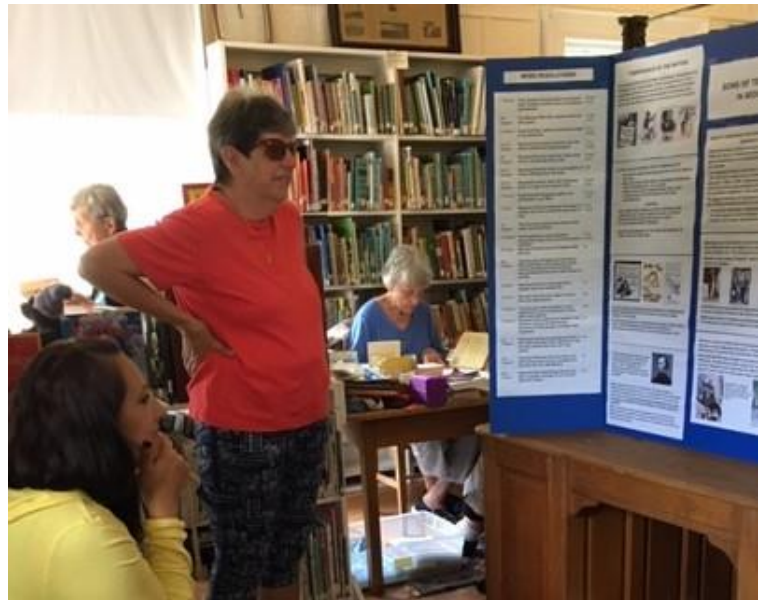


Figure 2: Visitors studying Temperance information during Touring Thru Time

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