

Sutton Free Public Library

Annual Report

The Board of Library Trustees and Director of the Sutton Public Library respectively submit a report for Jul 1 2011 to Jun 30 2012 to the Honorable Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Sutton.

The Board of Library Trustees consists of three elected members: Elizabeth Fritz-Keyes, Chair, Rachel Tufts, Secretary and Cynthia Rielley, Member-at-Large. The Board and the Library Director meet monthly to ensure that library operations run efficiently and to review and update library policies.

Statistics

	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12
Library materials owned	28,828	31,928	35,174	36,973	43,975
Circulation Transactions*	94,854	98,535	100,025	105,068	80,571
Interlibrary Loans	9,394	9,378	9,333	9,578	14,940
Borrowers	3,008	3,303	3,475	3,648	3,826
Programs**	264	376	409	397	178
Program attendance	4,945	5,364	6,541	7,046	2,771

*Circulation transactions include checkouts, check-ins, renewals and holds. FY12 reflects a plunge due to the implementation of a new circulation program.

**Programs and program attendance were down due to staffing shortages

Grants:

The Library was awarded a federal Library Services and Technology Act 'Serving Tween and Teens' grant in October 2010. This grant is intended to fund equipment, books, audiobooks, magazines, video games and programs to enhance our collection and provide programs for fifth to twelfth grade students. The funds from the grant continued to be dispersed this year. The Sutton Cultural Council funded a program by storyteller Mary Jo Maichack for the families of Sutton. A generous grant from Unibank provided a new conference table among other items for the Library.

Children's Programs

One hundred and seventy-one children participated in the summer reading program, "Dream Big-READ". Summer reading raffles included items donated by Cold Stone Creamery of the Shoppes of Blackstone Valley, Breezy Waterslides, Target, Walmart and other regional businesses and museums. Year round programs included seasonal and regular storytimes, Apple Tree Arts music and movement programs, school vacation week activities, and book discussion groups.

Young Adult Programs

Forty two teens participated in the 2012 summer reading program, "Own the Night". Year round programs included trivia programs, cooking classes, art workshops and book discussions.

Adult Programs:

Seventy six adults participated in the 2012 summer reading program, "Between the Covers". Other programs for adults included book/movie discussion nights.

Organizations:

The Friends of the Sutton Library is a non-profit group consisting of individuals, families and organizations committed to supporting the library through an annual membership drive and several fundraising events. Ongoing sale items include the book sale in the library foyer, canvas tote bags and unique greeting cards. The Friends utilize these monies to support the children's programs and other library needs. The Friends also purchase discounted passes to museums and attractions which are available for use by all Sutton residents. These institutional passes are for Higgins Armory Museum, Ecotarium, Mystic Aquarium and Roger Williams Park Zoo. We encourage you to join the Friends Group; membership forms are available at the library's circulation desk.

The Sutton Garden Club once again generously donated the ever-popular Tower Hill Botanic Garden pass. We thank them for their generous donation. In addition, we have the Massachusetts Park Pass which enables one car to park free at all Massachusetts State Parks. The library also holds a pass to the USS Constitution Museum in Boston.

Library Staff:

Looking at the statistics of library visits, transactions and interlibrary loans, it is obvious that the library continues to be a center of learning and social interaction for the community. This year saw many

changes in staff at the library. Carol Anne Geary, former Youth Services Librarian, acted as Interim Director and then Director before leaving in June 2012. A new Youth Services Librarian, Amanda Thornton, was hired in April 2012. Amanda has been an invaluable asset to the library since joining us, taking on many additional duties from her first day on. Library Technicians Andrea Baker and Kathleen Lyons moved on to other positions elsewhere. Neetha Vuppala joined the staff in April as a Library Technician. The library continues to be served by excellent long-time library staff: Carole Anderson, Pamela Johnson, and Judith Peladeau.

We would like to thank long-time Library Trustee Jane Anderson for her years of service to the Library. Cynthia Rielley was elected to the Board of Library Trustees in the spring of 2012.

The library is also grateful to the teen volunteers who help with children's programs and craft preparations.

Check out the library website www.suttonpubliclibrary.org to see what events are coming up, find out what new titles we have, register for a program or suggest a title you think we should purchase. You can link over to the CWMARS catalogue to check your account, renew materials, and request items. If you want to learn how to use the catalogue more effectively, please ask the staff and we will be happy to show you some shortcuts. New to our library website is Wowbrary, where patrons can see what new materials have been added to the collection and sign-up for an email subscription to be informed of new titles.

The CWMARS network, which includes Sutton, transitioned to a new software product called Evergreen in May 2012. Staff and patrons continue to learn the quirks of this new program.

Betsy Rajotte, Library Director

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