

## **Sutton Free Public Library Annual Report**

The Board of Library Trustees and Director of the Sutton Public Library respectfully submit a report for July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 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**

	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13
Library materials owned	31,928	35,174	36,973	43,975	37,537
Circulation Transactions*	98,535	100,025	105,068	80,571	72,771
Interlibrary Loans	9,378	9,333	9,578	14,940	15,812
Borrowers	3,303	3,475	3,648	3,826	4,030
Programs**	376	409	397	178	201
Program attendance	5,364	6,541	7,046	2,771	2,667

\*Circulation transactions include checkouts, check-ins, and renewals. FY12 and FY13 reflect that a new circulation system was installed in mid-FY12 and a different manner of tracking statistics began.

\*\*In FY12 and FY13 we stopped counting the weekly Drop-In Crafts as programs, thus the number of programs and program attendance dropped significantly.

### **News**

During February 2013 the Library offered “Food for Fines” when patrons could bring in non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry in lieu of fines. Patrons were very generous in their donations and a significant amount of food was given to the pantry.

In March the Board of Trustees approved a new logo designed by free-lance graphic designer Erin Moore of Sutton.

On May 1, 2013 the Library restructured open hours to provide more hours to the public. Seven additional hours of service were added to the Library schedule and opening and closing times were made more consistent.

## **Grants**

- A generous grant from UniBank provided summer reading programs for children, teens and adults.
- The Library received a grant from Target for storytime supplies, a storyteller performance, and a family concert.
- Beginning Years Family Network donated grant money which was used for Apple Tree Arts programming.
- The Sutton Cultural Council sponsored a concert by Roger Tincknell that served as our Summer Reading Kick-off.
- In the fall of 2012 we wrapped up a 2 year, \$20,000 grant for serving teens and tweens with a magic show and workshops by Scott Jameson.

## **Children's Programs**

260 children participated in the summer reading program,. Summer reading raffles included items donated by Cold Stone Creamery of the Shoppes of Blackstone Valley, Breezy Waterslides, Target, Wal-Mart 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, Lego club and book discussion groups.

## **Young Adult Programs**

58 teens participated in the 2013 summer reading program, "Beneath the Surface". Year round programs included a yule ball, geek club meetings, teen crafts, and book discussions. The teens produced 2 issues of their newsletter "Constellations". Three of our teens from the Geek Club/Teen Advisory Group entered and won the Massachusetts Summer Reading Teen Video Challenge.

## **Adult Programs:**

126 adults participated in the 2013 summer reading program, "Groundbreaking Reads". Other programs for adults included book discussions at the Library and at the Sutton Senior Center, Zentangle workshops, a knitting group, author visits, and craft classes.

## **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 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 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. In February 2013 the Friends purchased 4 arm chairs and 2 side tables to create a new seating area for adults. These additions to the Library have been very warmly received and see constant use.

On May 18, 2013 the Friends hosted a hugely successful book sale and mini-golf event.

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:**

The Library welcomed new director Betsy Rajotte on January 2, 2013. She is a life-long resident of town who holds a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Rhode Island. Ms. Rajotte brings over 15 years of experience in public libraries throughout central Massachusetts. The Friends of the Library held a welcome reception for Ms. Rajotte on February 2, 2013.

We welcomed two new Library Technicians this year: Allison Beaudette and Marilyn Sarnie. During the summer of 2013 the Library hosted intern Abigail Woodward, a local college student. She was a great help during the incredibly busy summer, performing storytimes and facilitating programs.

The Library continues to be served by enthusiastic and dedicated staff members Carole Anderson, Pamela Johnson, Judy Peladeau, Amanda Thornton and Neetha Vuppala.

Check out the library website at [www.suttonpubliclibrary.org](http://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 click over to the CWMARS catalog to check your account, renew materials, and request items. 'Like' the Sutton Library on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/sutpublib](http://www.facebook.com/sutpublib) to keep up with the latest happenings at your Library.

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