

REPORT OF THE SUTTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Board of Library Trustees and Director of the Sutton Public Library respectfully submit a report for July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 to the Honorable Town Manager, Select Board, and Citizens of Sutton.

The Board of Library Trustees consists of three elected members: Joanne Geneva, Chair, Heather Dennis, Secretary and Peggy Blume, 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

| | FY19 | FY20 | FY21 | FY22 | FY23 |
|--------------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Library materials owned | | | | | |
| (physical) | 36,032 | 33,560 | 31,438 | 32,656 | 32,629 |
| (electronic) | 83,202 | 134,905 | 171,635 | 187,660 | 209,406 |
| Circulation Transactions | | | | | |
| (physical) | 57,874 | 52,039 | 41,031 | 50,041 | 68,218 |
| (electronic) | 7,979 | 10,590 | 12,480 | 11,910 | 14,791 |
| Interlibrary Loans | 16,676 | 12,474 | 15,397 | 13,980 | 13,835 |
| Borrowers | 3,481 | 3,572 | 3,583 | 3,472 | 3,341 |
| Programs | 408 | 315 | 200 | 197 | 439 |
| Program attendance | 4,811 | 3,997 | 1,778 | 3,758 | 4,028 |

The value of physical items circulated at the Sutton Library in FY22 was \$704,635.60 while the value of digital content circulated through Overdrive was \$295,820 for a total value of \$1,000,455!

Monies Collected

The Library collected \$115.45 in fines, \$313.35 for copies/faxes/print-outs, and received \$5798.39 in donations.

News

136 material pick-ups were made in FY 2023 and library staff and volunteers made 149 deliveries of materials to homes in town.

The Library received a \$21,980 Cultural Sector Recovery Grant from the Mass Cultural Council.

The Library also received a \$1,200 grant from the Sutton Cultural Council to host a Summer Concert Series on Sutton Common during our summer reading program.

Summer Reading Program

377 people of all ages participated in this year's Summer Reading Program! We are grateful to all the local businesses, civic organizations, and individuals who donated prizes for the raffles.

Friends of the Library

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, stoneware mugs, blankets, gift cards, and bookmarks. 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 the American Heritage Museum, Ecotarium, Hall at Patriot Place, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Roger Williams Park Zoo, Tower Hill Botanic Garden, and Worcester Art Museum. We encourage you to join the Friends Group; membership forms are available at the library's circulation desk.

Library Staff

The Library continues to be served by enthusiastic and dedicated staff members, Shannon Duffy, Tobi Bentley, Kristen Fuller, Matt Haas, Laurie Hayes, Pamela Johnson, Jamie Pohlman, Jacob Rajotte and Christine Rice. This year the library welcomed Deb griffin and Erica Leff to the staff.

Board of Library Trustees:

The Board of Library Trustees met 12 times during FY23.

Meetings of the Board of Library Trustees were held on the following dates:

July 27, 2022
August 17, 2022
September 21, 2022
October 19, 2022
November 16, 2022
December 14, 2022
January 11, 2023
February 22, 2023
March 22, 2023
April 19, 2023
May 17, 2023
June 14, 2023

Joanne Geneva attended 12 meetings.

Heather Dennis attended 11 meetings.

Peggy Blume attended 12 meetings.