

## 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, 2023 to June 30, 2024 to the Honorable Town Manager, Select Board, and Citizens of Sutton.

The Board of Library Trustees consists of three elected members: Joanne Geneva, Chair; Peggy Blume, Secretary; and Norma Baker, 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

	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24
Library materials owned					
(physical)	33,560	31,438	32,656	32,629	31,035
(electronic)	134,905	171,635	187,660	209,406	241,249
Circulation Transactions					
(physical)	52,039	41,031	50,041	48,218	50,390
(electronic)	10,590	12,480	11,910	14,791	18,197
Interlibrary Loans	12,474	15,397	13,980	13,835	14,784
Borrowers	3,572	3,583	3,472	3,341	3,372
Programs	315	200	197	439	364
Program attendance	3,997	1,778	3,758	4,028	4,365

The value of physical items circulated at the Sutton Library in FY24 was \$690,338.81 while the estimated value of digital content circulated through Overdrive was \$272,955 for a total value of \$963,293.81!

### Monies Collected

The Library collected \$60.78 in fines, \$348.55 for copies/faxes/print-outs, and received \$4,738.80 in donations.

### News

111 contactless material pick-ups were made in FY 24 and library staff and volunteers made 124 deliveries of materials to homes in town.

### Summer Reading Program

354 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, Samuel Slater Museum, New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill, 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, Betsy Perry, Matt Haas, Kristen Fuller, Deb Griffin, Laurie Hayes, Pamela Johnson, Erica Leff, Jamie Pohlman, Jacob Rajotte and Christine Rice. This year the library welcomed Lindsey Centrella, Tal Gould, and Kelly Salmon to the staff.

### **Board of Library Trustees:**

The Board of Library Trustees met 12 times during FY24.

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

July 19, 2023	March 27, 2024
August 16, 2023	April 24, 2024
September 20, 2023	May 29, 2024
October 25, 2023	June 26, 2024
November 15, 2023	
December 13, 2023	Joanne Geneva attended 12 meetings.
January 17, 2024	Peggy Blume attended 12 meetings.
February 7, 2024	Norma Baker attended 12 meetings.

Visit 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 reserve a museum pass. You can click through to the CWMARS catalog to check your account, renew materials, and request items. Follow the Sutton Library on Facebook, Pinterest, and Instagram to keep up with the latest happenings at your Library.

Shannon Duffy, Library Director  
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