

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, 2015 to June 30, 2016 to the Honorable Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Sutton.

The Board of Library Trustees consists of three elected members: Elizabeth Kane, Chair, Joanne Geneva, Secretary and Aidan Heffernan, 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

	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16
Library materials owned	43,975	37,537	32,820	33,760	34,497
Circulation Transactions	80,571	72,771	70,215	73,914	74,548
Interlibrary Loans	14,940	15,812	19,291	17,542	17,635
Borrowers	3,826	4,030	3,965	3,800	3,781
Programs	178	201	373	276	284
Program attendance	2,771	2,667	3,339	2,750	2,618

News

During July 2015 and February 2016 the Library offered “Food for Fines” when patrons could bring in non-perishable food items for the Sutton 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 January and February we had a ‘Blind Date with a Book’ event where patrons could take out a book whose identity was a mystery. Patrons had an opportunity to rate their book and win prizes.

We continue to publish quarterly newsletters. The newsletters are available on our website as well as in paper copies available at the Library, Senior Center, and schools.

Grants

- A generous grant from UniBank provided summer reading programs for children, teens and adults.

- The Sutton Cultural Council sponsored a magic show with Scott Jameson and a pastel workshop with Greg Maichack for adults.
- The Library received a \$10,000 grant from the Osterman Family Foundation for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) programming for children and teens.

Monies Collected

The Library collected \$2,493.92 in fines, \$461.30 for copies/faxes/print-outs, and received \$5,755.78 in donations.

Children's Programs

337 children participated in the 2016 summer reading program. Summer reading raffles included items donated by West End Creamery, 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, chess club, and STEAM programming.

Young Adult Programs

71 teens participated in the 2016 summer reading program. Year round programs included a yule ball, geek club meetings, teen crafts, STEAM programs, and book discussions.

Adult Programs:

141 adults participated in the 2016 summer reading program. Other programs for adults included book discussions at the Library and at the Sutton Senior Center, workshops, a monthly writing group, coloring, an entrepreneur group, guest speakers, educational classes, and a weekly knitting group,

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, Sutton mugs, 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 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:

In September 2015 we said farewell to our beloved Miss Amanda Thornton as she set off for a grand adventure. The Youth Services position was filled by Library Technician Shannon Duffy. The staff was joined by Library Technician Matt Haas. The Library continues to be served by enthusiastic and dedicated staff members Ali Beaudette, Shannon Duffy, Pamela Johnson, Katarina Keown, Betsy Rajotte, and Neetha Vuppala.

Trustees:

This year the Board said farewell to Trustee Elizabeth Fritz-Keyes after many years of dedicated service. Aidan Heffernan was elected to the Board of Trustees in May 2016.

The Board of Library Trustees met 11 times during FY16.

Meetings were held on the following dates:

July 20, 2015	February 22, 2016
August 24, 2015	March 21, 2016
September 21, 2015	April 25, 2016
October 19, 2015	May 23, 2016
November 23, 2015	June 20, 2016
January 11, 2016	

Elizabeth Fritz-Keyes attended 9 meetings.

Joanne Geneva attended 10 meetings.

Aidan Heffernan attended 0 meetings.

Elizabeth Kane attended 11 meetings.

New Library Project:

The Library Building Needs Committee met throughout the year to work on planning a new Library. This year the committee hired consultant Mary Braney, Neil Joyce, an Owner's Project Manager with Construction Monitoring Services Inc. and architect Phil O'Brien with Johnson Roberts Associates Inc. to work on the project.

The Library Building Needs Committee met 9 times during FY16.

Meetings were held on the following dates:

July 9, 2015	January 7, 2016
August 3, 2015	April 7, 2016
September 10, 2015	April 28, 2016
October 18, 2015	June 22, 2016
November 12, 2015	

John Couture attended 3 meetings.
Dacia Fields attended 2 meetings.
Korinne Fontaine-Hadad attended 4 meetings.
Kelly Holbrook attended 5 meetings.
Elizabeth Kane attended 4 meetings.
Chris Manna attended 8 meetings.
Betsy Rajotte attended 9 meetings.
Kimberley Vaillancourt attended 6 meetings.

Check out the library website at 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 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 to keep up with the latest happenings at your Library.

Betsy Rajotte, Library Director
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