

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, 2016 to June 30, 2017 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

	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17
Library materials owned	37,537	32,820	33,760	34,497	34,766
Circulation Transactions	72,771	70,215	73,914	74,548	61,977
Interlibrary Loans	15,812	19,291	17,542	17,635	16,494
Borrowers	4,030	3,965	3,800	3,781	3,848
Programs	201	373	276	284	343
Program attendance	2,667	3,339	2,750	2,618	3,416

The value of items circulated at the Sutton Library in FY17 was \$974,403.52!

News

During July 2016 and February 2017 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.

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.

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 \$3194.73 in fines, \$681.95 for copies/faxes/print-outs, and received \$7075.91 in donations.

Children's Programs

294 children participated in the 2017 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

111 teens participated in the 2017 summer reading program. Year round programs included a yule ball, geek club meetings, teen crafts, STEAM programs, and book discussions.

Adult Programs:

164 adults participated in the 2017 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, and educational 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, 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, Springfield Museums, 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 Ali Beaudette, Shannon Duffy, Matt Haas, Pamela Johnson, Katarina Keown, Betsy Perry, Corrina Rossetti, Marilyn Sarnie, and Neetha Vuppala.

Trustees:

The Board of Library Trustees met 11 times during FY17.

Meetings were held on the following dates:

July 18, 2016	February 27, 2017
September 19, 2016	March 27, 2017
October 17, 2016	April 24, 2017
November 21, 2016	May 22, 2017
December 19, 2016	June 26, 2017
January 23, 2017	

Joanne Geneva attended 11 meetings.

Aidan Heffernan attended 8 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. At the Fall Town Meeting on October 17, 2016 voters unanimously passed two articles related to the proposed Library building project. The first article was to see if the Town would accept the schematic design for the Sutton Free Public Library Building located at Shaw Farm. The second article was to authorize the Library Trustees to apply for, accept, and expend any state funds which might be available to defray all or part of the cost of the design, construction and equipping of the library project. At the Spring Town Meeting on May 8, 2017 voters passed Article 17 approving a lease of a 2.39 acre portion of the Shaw Farm Property to the Board of Library Trustees pending approval the library project moving forward. The application for a Massachusetts Public Library Construction Grant was submitted to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners on January 26, 2017.

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July 6, 2016	October 5, 2016
July 20, 2016	November 2, 2016
August 3, 2016	November 21, 2016
August 17, 2016	December 5, 2016
September 7, 2016	January 9, 2017
September 21, 2016	

John Couture attended 5 meetings.

Korinne Fontaine-Hadad attended 3 meetings.

Joanne Geneva attended 10 meetings.
Aidan Heffernan attended 3 meetings.
Kelly Holbrook attended 7 meetings.
Elizabeth Kane attended 8 meetings.
Chris Manna attended 5 meetings.
Betsy Perry attended 11 meetings.
Kimberley Vaillancourt attended 2 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. The library app is available for Apple and Android smartphones and provides easy access to our catalog, calendar, and virtual resources. Follow the Sutton Library on Twitter, Facebook, Pinterest, and Instagram to keep up with the latest happenings at your Library.

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