

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, 2019 to June 30, 2020 to the Honorable Town Manager, Select Board, and Citizens of Sutton.

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

	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
Library materials owned	34,497	34,766	35,814	36,032	33,560
Circulation Transactions	74,548	61,977	57,095	57,874	52,039
Interlibrary Loans	17,635	16,494	15,331	16,676	12,474
Borrowers	3,781	3,848	3,889	3,481	3,572
Programs	284	343	395	408	315
Program attendance	2,618	3,416	4,438	4,811	3,997

The value of physical items circulated at the Sutton Library in FY20 was \$757,071 while the value of digital content circulated through OverDrive was \$196,980 for a total value of \$954,051!

News

The Library closed from March 13- June 1, 2020 due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. During this time we helped patrons learn how to access e-books and other digital library resources from home, hosted virtual programs, and prepared the library for re-opening. We resumed service via curbside pick-up and home delivery for Sutton residents on June 1.

The Library received a \$10,000 grant from the Osterman Family Foundation for our Multicultural Literacy initiative for calendar year 2020.

The Sutton Library continues to offer free delivery of books and other library materials to residents who are unable to visit the Library in person. Sutton residents of any age who are confined to their homes either temporarily, due to illness or accidents, or permanently, due to disability, age, or other mobility issues are eligible for homebound delivery. Services may also be extended to the in-home caregiver of a homebound patron.

Our seed lending library continues to serve the gardeners in our community. 30 packets of seeds were checked out of our seed lending library!

Monies Collected

The Library collected \$1,089.23 in fines, \$414.36 for copies/faxes/print-outs, and received \$1,597.40 in donations.

Children's Programs

68 children participated in the 2020 summer reading program. Summer reading raffles included items donated by Wachusett Mountain, Wegmans, Walmart, Treetop Adventure of Canton, Jump Nation, Magic Wings Butterfly and Conservatory & Gardens, Southwick's Zoo, Providence Children's Museum, The Friends of the Sutton Free Public Library and other regional businesses and museums.

197 year round programs included seasonal and regular storytimes, music and movement programs, school vacation week activities, Lego club, yoga, and STEAM programming. 2,793 children and their caregivers participated in these programs.

Young Adult Programs

47 teens participated in the 2020 summer reading program. 38 year round programs including crafts, cooking classes, escape rooms, and book discussions. 188 teens and tweens participated in these programs.

Adult Programs

71 adults participated in the 2020 summer reading program. 80 programs for adults included book discussions at the Library and at the Sutton Senior Center, workshops, a monthly writing group, guest speakers, and educational classes. 1,081 people participated in these programs.

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 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 Ali Beaudette, Shannon Duffy, Elliott MacNeil, Matt Haas, Laurie Hayes, Pamela Johnson, Betsy Perry, Jamie Pohlman, and Christine Rice.

Board of Library Trustees:

The Board of Library Trustees met 8 times during FY20.

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

August 12, 2019

September 16, 2019

October 21, 2019

November 18, 2019

December 16, 2019

January 13, 2020

February 24, 2020

June 15, 2020

Joanne Geneva attended 8 meetings.

Aidan Heffernan attended 8 meetings.

Elizabeth Kane attended 7 meetings.

The trustees and staff wish to thank Elizabeth Kane for her unwavering support during her years on the Board of Library Trustees. She has been a stalwart supporter of the Library for several terms and we are deeply appreciative of all that she has done.

Visit 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 through to the CWMARS catalog to check your account, renew materials, and request items. Follow the Sutton Library on Twitter, Facebook, Pinterest, and Instagram to keep up with the latest happenings at your Library.

Betsy Perry, Library Director

Joanne Geneva, Chair

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