

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, 2024 to June 30, 2025 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

	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
Library materials owned (physical)	31,438	32,656	32,629	31,035	30,488
(electronic)	171,635	187,660	209,406	241,249	282,001
Circulation Transactions (physical)	41,031	50,041	48,218	50,390	45,416
(electronic)	12,480	11,910	14,791	18,197	20,052
Interlibrary Loans	15,397	13,980	13,835	14,784	14,380
Borrowers	3,583	3,472	3,341	3,372	2,448
Programs	200	197	439	364	399
Program attendance	1,778	3,758	4,028	4,365	3,820

The value of physical items circulated at the Sutton Library in FY25 was \$789,218 while the estimated value of digital content circulated through Overdrive was \$364,181 for a total value of \$1,153,399!

Monies Collected

The Library collected \$293.90 in fines, \$559.32 for copies/faxes/print-outs, and received \$6420.01 in donations.

News

72 contactless material pick-ups were made in FY 25 and library staff and volunteers made 63 deliveries of materials to homes in town.

Summer Reading Program

370 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 include EcoTarium, Hall at Patriot Place, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill, Plimoth Patuxet Museums, Roger Williams Park Zoo,

Samuel Slater Museum, 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 continued to be served by enthusiastic and dedicated staff members, Shannon Duffy, Selena Sheldon, Matt Haantrella, Kristen Fuller, Tal Gould, Deb Griffin, Lindsey Haantrella, Laurie Hayes, Pamela Johnson, Jamie Pohlman, Jacob Rajotte, Christine Rice, and Kelly Salmon. We also welcomed Marco Carneiro, Tetrah Clark, and Ranya Sandakli to the staff. Library Director Shannon Duffy tendered her resignation on June 20, effective July 25.

Board of Library Trustees:

The Board of Library Trustees met 10 times during FY25.

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

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| August 14, 2024 | March 12, 2025 |
| September 11, 2024 | May 7, 2025 |
| October 16, 2024 | June 27, 2025 |
| November 20, 2024 | |
| December 18, 2024 | Joanne Geneva attended 10 meetings. |
| January 8, 2025 | Peggy Blume attended 10 meetings. |
| February 19, 2025 | Norma Baker attended 10 meetings. |

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 Facebook, Pinterest, and Instagram to keep up with the latest happenings at your Library.

- Shannon Duffy, Library Director (on June 30, 2025)
- Jim McQueen, Library Director (as of October 20, 2025)
- Joanne Geneva, Chair
- Peggy Blume, Secretary
- Norma Baker, Member-at-Large