

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, 2020 to June 30, 2021 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

	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21
Library materials owned	34,766	35,814	36,032	33,560	31,438
Circulation Transactions	61,977	57,095	57,874	52,039	41,031
Interlibrary Loans	16,494	15,331	16,676	12,474	15,397
Borrowers	3,848	3,889	3,481	3,572	3,583
Programs	343	395	408	315	200
Program attendance	3,416	4,438	4,811	3,997	1,778

The value of physical items circulated at the Sutton Library in FY21 was \$549,911 while the value of digital content circulated through OverDrive was \$225,740 for a total value of \$775,651!

News

This year was the first entire fiscal year that the Library operated under restrictions imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic. The staff worked to pivot services from in-person to curbside pick-up and home delivery, and created programs that could be picked up to-go or presented virtually. Over 2,500 patrons picked up their library items in our lobby while the Library was closed for in-person browsing. The Library staff made 237 deliveries of materials to homes in town. Craft and activity kits that could be picked up in the lobby were immensely popular and over 2,600 kits were made and enjoyed!

Monies Collected

The Library collected \$165.35 in fines, \$ 38.50 for copies/faxes/print-outs, and received \$2229.99 in donations.

Summer Reading Program

314 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 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, Matt Haas, Laurie Hayes, Pamela Johnson, Elliott MacNeil, Betsy Perry, Jamie Pohlman, and Christine Rice.

Board of Library Trustees:

The Board of Library Trustees met 12 times during FY21.

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

July 15, 2020	March 17, 2021
August 19, 2020	April 14, 2021
September 23, 2020	May 19, 2021
October 21, 2020	June 16, 2021
November 18, 2020	
December 16, 2020	Joanne Geneva attended 12 meetings.
January 20, 2021	Aidan Heffernan attended 9 meetings.
February 17, 2021	Heather Dennis attended 11 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 Twitter, Facebook, Pinterest, and Instagram to keep up with the latest happenings at your Library.

- Betsy Perry, Library Director
- Joanne Geneva, Chair
- Heather Dennis, Member-at-Large
- Aidan Heffernan, Secretary