

## **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, 2021 to June 30, 2022 to the Honorable Town Manager, Select Board, and Citizens of Sutton.

The Board of Library Trustees consists of three elected members: Joanne Geneva, Chair, Heather Dennis, 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**

	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22
Library materials owned	35,814	36,032	33,560	31,438	32,656
Circulation Transactions	57,095	57,874	52,039	41,031	50,041
Interlibrary Loans	15,331	16,676	12,474	15,397	13,980
Borrowers	3,889	3,481	3,572	3,583	3,472
Programs	395	408	315	200	197
Program attendance	4,438	4,811	3,997	1,778	3,758

The value of physical items circulated at the Sutton Library in FY22 was \$ 692,629 while the value of digital content circulated through OverDrive was \$ 171,390 for a total value of \$864,019!

### **News**

This year was the first entire fiscal year that the Library was able to remain open to public browsing since the outbreak of Covid-19. The Library continues to provide curbside pick-up and home delivery for those unable or unwilling to enter the Library building. 258 material pick-ups were made in FY 2022 and library staff and volunteers made 190 deliveries of materials to homes in town.

The Sutton Library was able to participate in the Sutton 4<sup>th</sup> parade thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Sutton Library purchasing Elephant and Piggie Character costumes.

The Library received a \$1,000 grant from Sutton Cultural Council to host a Summer Concert Series on Sutton Common during our summer reading program.

### **Monies Collected**

The Library collected \$230.19 in fines, \$332.98 for copies/faxes/print-outs, and received \$3986.93 in donations.

### **Summer Reading Program**

365 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**

In September 2021 we said farewell to our stalwart Library Director, Betsy Perry, who'd been with us for the past nine years. The Library Director position was filled by Youth Services Librarian Shannon Duffy. The staff was joined by Youth Services Librarian Sean Bentley, Library Technician Kristen Fuller, and Page Jacob Rajotte. The Library continues to be served by enthusiastic and dedicated staff members Ali Beaudette, Shannon Duffy, Matt Haas, Laurie Hayes, Pamela Johnson, Jamie Pohlman, and Christine Rice.

### **Board of Library Trustees:**

The Board of Library Trustees met 14 times during FY22.

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

August 11, 2021	February 16, 2022
September 29, 2021	March 23, 2022
October 6, 2021	April 27, 2022
October 27, 2021	May 18, 2022
November 10, 2021	June 15, 2022
November 15, 2021	
November 23, 2021	Joanne Geneva attended 14 meetings.
December 15, 2021	Aidan Heffernan attended 12 meetings.
January 26, 2022	Heather Dennis attended 14 meetings.

Visit the library website at [www.suttonpubliclibrary.org](http://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.

Shannon Duffy, Library Director

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