

December 2021, January/February 2022



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### Hours

Day	Hours
Sunday	Closed
Monday	10 am—6 pm
Tuesday	10 am—8 pm
Wednesday	10 am—8 pm
Thursday	10 am—8 pm
Friday	10 am—6 pm
Saturday	10 am—3 pm

Closed Dec. 24, 25, 27, Closing at 2 on 31,  
Closed Jan. 1, 3, 17, & Feb. 21

## LIBRARY UPDATES AND HIGHLIGHTS

### Fine Free

Back in July, the Sutton Library went fine free! What does that mean? Essentially, overdue items will not accrue fines as long as they have been returned. Of course, there are exceptions to every rule. Our museum passes, Library of Things items, and Hotspots will still have late fines attached to them because of how popular and time sensitive they are. Our fine free policy is specific to Sutton Public Library materials. Items from other libraries, even if checked out at the Sutton Library, may be subject to overdue fines that are determined by the lending library.

### Blind Date with a Book

Need a date for Valentine's Day? We'd like to 'fix you up' with a blind date--a book of course! We'll select a variety of books and then wrap them all up in oh-so-secretive brown paper so you won't know the identity of your blind date till you get it home. Will it be fiction or non-fiction? Funny, informative, a mystery, true-crime? Sure you might be disappointed; but then again ... you may end up having a great time reading a book you wouldn't have chosen for yourself. Each book comes with a 'Rate a Date' slip. Say whatever you want about your date! You won't hurt our (or its) feelings. Even if your date turns out to be a 'dud', all is not lost. With each slip you return, you are entered into a raffle for gift card prize! Blind Date with a Book will run from January 4– February 11.



### Library of Things Spotlight: Hotspots!

The Sutton Library now has 5 hotspots available to be checked out—just in time for the holiday season! If you are going on a long car ride, visiting a home without internet, lose power because of a winter storm, or you just want to try one out, stop in and borrow one today! Please note, that only one hotspot can be checked out per household, but don't worry, they can provide Wi-Fi for up to ten devices. This hotspot program is brought to you by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.



### Database Spotlight: A-Z World Foods!

When the weather outside is frightful, stay inside and make something delightful! Take a look at our World Food database and discover cookbooks from 174 different countries! There are over 7,000+ traditional recipes complete with cultural facts and ingredient indexes. Don't know where to start? That's okay, there is a new featured country every day!

## CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

Registration for winter programs begins Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.

(Only where specifically noted, do programs require pre-registration and space is limited.)

In the case of inclement weather, the library's children's and teen programs will be cancelled if the Sutton schools are closed.

### Letters to Santa

**Wednesday, December 1 - Friday, December 17**

Write a letter to Santa and place it in our special Santa Mailbox! Mail your letters by Friday, December 17 so that we can get them to the North Pole in time. Then keep an eye out for your reply!

### Chain of Lights

**Saturday, December 4 from 10-3pm**

We'll be celebrating Chain of Lights with the whole town! There will be free crafts for kids and of course all our holiday books, movies, and music will be out for you to borrow and enjoy! Stop in, warm up, and celebrate the holidays with your friends at Sutton Public Library!

### December Crafternoon

**Tuesday, December 28 and Thursday, December 30**

All ages

Drop in anytime between 1 -5 pm and make a special craft with us!

### Valentines for Vets

**Monday, January 24 – Monday, February 7**

Stop by the library to make Valentine's Day cards to send to local veterans!

### February Crafternoon

**Tuesday, February 22 and Thursday, February 24**

All ages

Drop in anytime between 1 -5 pm and make a special craft with us!

### Lego Club Meetings

Ages 5 and up

Wednesday, December 8 at 4 PM  
Wednesday, December 22 at 4 PM  
Wednesday, January 5 at 4 PM  
Wednesday, January 19 at 4 PM  
Wednesday, February 2 at 4 PM  
Wednesday, February 16 at 4 PM

Join us for some building fun! We'll provide the Legos; you provide the creativity.



### Storytime (inside!)

**Tuesdays at 10:30 am**

**Registration Required—Space is Limited**

Ages 1-5

Come join us for songs and stories inside the library!

### Stuffed Animal Sleepover

**Storytime—Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 4 PM**

**Registration Required—Space is Limited**



Bring a cuddly friend to the library for a stuffed animal sleepover! We will have a special storytime with the stuffed animals on Wednesday at 4 PM, but you

do not need to attend storytime to participate in the program. For those not attending the Stuffed Animal Storytime, drop off your stuffed animal anytime between 10 AM and 8 PM on Wednesday and then come back on Thursday to find out what silly adventures take place overnight. This program is open to children of all ages.

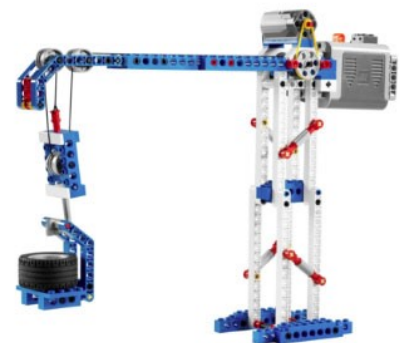
### Lego Challenge

**Friday, February 25 at 3 pm**

**Registration Required—Space is Limited**

Ages 8 and up

The library needs your help! Use motorized Legos to solve the challenge and help save the library!



## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Book Discussion Groups

#### ***The Wonder Boy of Whistle Stop* by Fannie Flag**

The Senior Center Group will meet in the Library on Wednesday, December 15 at 1:30 pm.

The Discussion Group will meet in the Library on Thursday, December 16 at 6 pm.

#### ***The Nature of Fragile Things* by Susan Meissner**

The Senior Center Group will meet in the Library on Wednesday, January 19 at 1:30 pm.

The Discussion Group will meet in the Library on Thursday, January 20 at 6 pm.

#### ***The Last Green Valley* by Mark Sullivan**

The Senior Center Group will meet in the Library on Wednesday, February 16 at 1:30 pm.

The Discussion Group will meet in the Library on Thursday, February 17 at 6 pm.

One great title— two chances to discuss it each month! The current Book club books are available at the circulation desk of the Library. Copies will include regular print, large print and audiobook. Books may also be available in ebook format on Libby.

### Writing Group

Thursday at 6 pm on:

December 9 , January 13, & February 10

Join local author Lisa Shea for a writing group at the Sutton Library. Come bounce your ideas off of other authors to get creative and constructive feedback.

### Winter Welcome Sign

Registration Required

Thursday, December 2 at 10:30 am

Wednesday, December 8 at 6 pm

Come craft with us as we make a winter welcome sign complete with a chalkboard section. So if your "welcome" varies as much as New England weather, we've got you covered.



### Bullet Journaling

Registration Required

Wednesday, Dec. 29 at 6:30 pm

The bullet journal is a customizable and forgiving organization system. It can be your to-do list, sketchbook, notebook, and diary, but most likely, it will be all of the above. Join us to learn all about it! Supplies will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own journal if you already have one.



### Home Downsizing in 4 Easy Steps (Zoom Program)

Registration Required

Tuesday, January 4 at 6 pm

You've spent a lifetime accumulating antiques, collectibles, and other household contents. Now you're ready to declutter or downsize. What do you do with the items that you no longer want or need? In this presentation, Mike will show you how you can sell your excess personal property for the greatest amount of cash...with the least amount of work...in the shortest amount of time...in today's rapidly changing market. Our presenter, Mike Ivankovich, has been involved in some phase of the Antiques & Collectibles business for more than 40 years. Mike is also a professional *GPPA & MPPA Appraiser* specializing in Appraisals for Estate, Insurance, Inheritance, Divorce, Insurance Claim, Non-Cash Charitable Donation, or other legal purposes.

### Winter Bell Jar Scene

Registration Required

Thursday, January 13 at 10:30 am

Tuesday, January 18 at 6 pm

Make your own idyllic miniature winter scene inside of a mini bell jar to capture the beauty of winter .



### Felting Baby Owls:

A Take and Make Zoom Program

Registration Required

Wednesday, February 23 at 6 pm

Fiber artist Rachel Benson will guide us in the step by step to create an adorable nest of baby owls. All supplies and instructions will be provided as a take home kit, prior to the zoom program.

## YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

### Sugar Scrubs and Shower Steamers

**Registration Required** (ages 10 and up)

**Monday, Dec. 6 at 4 pm**

**Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 6 pm**

Join us as we learn to make sugar scrubs and shower steamers from things you can find around your house. These are easy and fun recipes that make great gifts, but you might just want to save them for yourself.

We are offering this program on two different days to accommodate the reduced class sizes. The formats are exactly the same, so please sign up for only one of the two dates.



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### Bookend Beautification

**Registration Required** (ages 10 and up)

**Monday, January 10 at 4 pm**

**Wednesday, January 12 at 6 pm**

The library has an excess of old, boring bookends. What should we do with them, you ask? Why, help you make them into functional works of art that you can take home!

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## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS

The Friends of the Sutton Free Public Library meet at the Library on a monthly basis. This is a non-profit group of individuals, families, and organizations who financially support the Sutton Public Library with their annual membership drive and fundraising events.

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES

The Library Trustees meet in Room 1-A on the 3rd floor of the Town Hall. All meetings are open to the public and televised on Charter channel 191 and Verizon channel 31. Meeting times are posted on the Library and Town of Sutton websites.