

Library

This year has been typical for the Goodnow Library in that it has been a hive of community activity, with over 170K visitors coming to find books, attend programs and meet friends. In addition, the Library undertook several major initiatives, such as making progress with historic preservation and access, obtaining grants for providing assistive technology for people with visual or hearing disabilities, and upgrading the technology that helps us serve the community, such as the online calendar and self-check stations. Being the final year of the current strategic plan, the Library will be developing a new one in 2017, and will seek the community's input.

Historic Preservation Efforts

For the first time in many years, the Library has been able to dedicate staff to reviewing the library's historical collection. A complete inventory of the print collection has been completed and work is currently underway on the artifact, manuscript and photograph collection. The paper file of materials relating to the history of Sudbury has been reorganized to allow easier access to that collection.

Several volunteers have worked diligently on this project under the direction of Library staff. Collaboration with an archivist, supplied through a grant from the Massachusetts State Historic Records Advisory Board has helped the Library to define the parameters of the collection and the library's role in the preservation of historical materials. The Goodnow Foundation received a \$10,000 donation from a Sudbury resident specifically for historical materials preservation.

The Library received \$40K of Community Preservation Act funds to migrate the Sudbury Archives to a new multi-functional software platform. The Sudbury Archives gives access to a wealth of documents illustrating Sudbury's history to historians and genealogists both here and around the world.

The new platform will not only be easier for the end user, but will also allow other entities, such as the Town Clerk's Office, the Historical Commission and the Historical Society, to upload materials to the

database, making it a broader and more robust record of Sudbury's history.

Assistive Technology Grant

The Library received a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant, which is a federal program administered by the Commonwealth. The \$12K grant, "Serving People with Disabilities," allowed the Library to provide training to staff to purchase equipment to support an underserved segment of our population.



In April, Library staff presented a half-day Disability Awareness training for Library staff, which provided them with techniques and terminology that will help them reach out to and serve patrons who have visual disabilities or are deaf or hard-of-hearing.

The Library was also able to purchase several tools for people with visual disabilities, introducing them to the public with a festive tea in October.

Children's Services

In 2016, the Children's Department ran 698 programs that had over 25K people in attendance! The department accumulated 761 volunteer hours from high school and senior tax-break volunteers.

Winter 2016 started with the entire Children's Staff attending The American Library Association (ALA) Midwinter Conference and the Children's Book Award Ceremony. This was an excellent opportunity for the Children's staff to connect as a team and develop professionally. The staff still talks about what a wonderful experience ALA was.



The summer is always a fun time in the Children’s Department. Thanks to the Children’s Department staff attendance at the Massachusetts Library Association conference, the Library was able to implement a new and very popular summer reading program. This year, children could build a necklace or keychain to keep track of their summer reading. Kids exchanged minutes read for different types of beads – this was a big hit! This year the Library registered a record 664 kids for Summer Reading at Goodnow Library. Summer readers logged 327,169 minutes of reading. Staff also hosted a variety of fun programs including “Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math” (STEAM) Club, stuffed animal sleepover, Truck Day, Barn Babies, and more.



In the fall, staff continued the STEAM club that was run in the summer and added “Sensory” story times once a month. Sensory Story time is a 30-minute story time designed for children ages 3 and up with autism spectrum disorders, sensory integration

issues, other developmental disabilities, and their typically developing peers. The Library added this program at patron request. The Music Makers program continued to expand so staff created an “overflow room” where patrons can watch a livestream of Music Makers if the Community Room fills up, or if patrons prefer a quieter atmosphere.

Teen Services

During 2016, Teen Services have been in a “building phase.” Indeed, working with the Goodnow Library Foundation, the Library began the process of designing both an entirely new teen space and forging a new direction in teen programming. The project tying these things together is the "Sara Sherman NOW Lab", the library's future makerspace. It will be a community space where patrons will be able to use a collection of high-tech and low-tech tools to work on projects as well as learn new skills.

While The NOW Lab will be open to all ages, its biggest impact will probably be on the teen community. The growing demand for STEAM programs has already led to a large increase in the number of tech-oriented classes offered in 2016.



Thanks to the Goodnow Foundation once again, the Library was able to purchase Arduino and Raspberry Pi microprocessors to conduct basic robotics workshops during the summer. In the fall, the Goodnow Foundation donated a 3D printer, allowing the Library to offer bi-weekly workshops in 3D design. The Library has also started a Girls Who Code club that meets weekly.

In addition to attending high-tech workshops, several middle school students participated in

creating a short video for submittal to the 90 *Second Newbery* Film Festival.

Fear not, none of this means Goodnow abandoned traditional Library programs. The Library still offered book discussion groups and writing workshops in 2016. In addition, the Library also stayed open late for several nights during Teen Study Weeks during midterms and finals.

The coming months will be particularly exciting. The Library envisions an even greater influx of teens, acting both as students and teachers, as it prepares to “break ground” on the "Sara Sherman NOW Lab."

Minuteman Mobile App Launched

This year, Goodnow Library’s network, Minuteman launched a native mobile app. Users now have the ability to carry the Library in their pocket. The app is available on both the iOS and Android platforms.



Users on the go can access the app to search the catalog and place holds, monitor their Library account, renew or manage holds. Users have access to a digital Library card on their phone. The app provides access to thousands of eBooks, streaming movies, digital magazines, and premium subscription resources for lifelong learning.

The app is customized for each Library in the Minuteman Network – it’s like having 43 different apps, each with its own unique resources, events

and social media. Users can quickly find their library’s hours, directions or contact information

Friends

The Friends of the Goodnow Library are a dedicated group of volunteers who work to provide the Library with the many enriching “extras” that are not paid for by taxes, but that make the Goodnow Library such a special and popular community gathering place.

Through money raised by annual book sales, Friends’ membership dues and donations, and fundraisers, the Friends fund a variety of programs and services not covered by municipal funding. These include the museum passes and movie license, special children’s programs including the Summer Reading Program, Teen Study Week, and “Sunday Afternoons at Goodnow” cultural programs. Additionally, the Friends are crucial in funding the copiers and supplies, as well as the planting and care of the Library entry gardens

The Friends had a very busy fall with a Membership Campaign that offered Library patrons the opportunity to enter into a drawing to win a Kindle Paper White with each new membership or renewal during the months of September and October.



During Membership Month in October, as part of the Sunday Afternoons at Goodnow Programs, the Friends sponsored two special family programs: *Animal Adventures*, featuring Naomi the Kangaroo, and *Lindsay and her Puppet Pals*. The Friends also presented Anthony Amore, author of *The Art of the*

Con. The Friends concluded their membership month with a very successful Trivia Night during which 10 teams sharpened their wits and had a great evening full of fun and “friend”ly competition.

In 2016, the Friends plan to continue to increase membership and engage more volunteers in their efforts to support the library.

Foundation

The Goodnow Library Foundation completed a successful year of fundraising events focused on the “Reimagining the Second Floor” project that has been in the works for two years. In collaboration with a local builder, an architect, Library designers, staff and community members, the Foundation presented a concept design and budget for the renovations, which will include an innovative makerspace called the NOW Lab, new Teen area, a collaborative space for meetings and presentations, and new Reference desk and offices.



Ideas for the new space were discussed at a series of focus groups attended by patrons of all ages.

The Octagon was also furnished with new chairs, tables and a rug, transforming it into a comfortable work and study space for patrons.

In May, the GLF hosted the 3rd Annual Sudbury Spotlight on the Arts, featuring art by local

students. For the first time art works by adult artists were included, all of which were for sale, with half the proceeds benefitting the library. A festive Champagne Reception brought art lovers and supporters into the Library to celebrate the artists.

The town wide Annual Appeal that was launched on November 1 raised close to \$30,000, a significant increase from the 2015 Appeal.

Statistical Report			
FY16 (July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016)			
	FY2015	FY2016	% Change
Total Circulation	411,282	408,422	<1%
Circulation of e-book & e-audio	19,189	24,526	28%
Number of Children's Programs	573	698	22%
Attendance of Children's Programs	20,915	25,035	20%
Self-checkout	62%	64%	3.2%
Foot traffic	176,935	172,363	<3%

Financial Report		
FY16 (July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016)		
	Revenue	Expended
Lost books	\$ 4,384.76	\$ 6,576.66
Meeting Room Revolving Fund	\$ 7,364.84	\$ 4,065.00
MEG	\$ 4,471.36	\$ 772.40
LIG	\$ 12,200.87	\$ 6,017.92
Non-Res	\$ 9,800.00	\$ 6,506.12
Fines*	\$ 38,221.83	

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