

Library

Reimagining the Second Floor



Workers install glass in the NOW Lab

During a good part of 2018, work to upgrade and make improvements to the library's second floor were made. New carpet was installed throughout, replacing threadbare and discolored carpet that was nearly 20 years old. The walls were painted, collections reorganized, furnishings for quiet work areas in the historic and new octagons added. A new Teen space and Computing & Technology areas were created. The keystone of the project was the creation of the Sara Sherman NOW Lab, a "makerspace" equipped with laser cutter, 3D printer, sewing machines, hand tools, large-format printer, music and video editing equipment, and more. Programming has been developed for the entire community; no matter one's age or interest. This project was made possible by the joint efforts of the library staff, multiple town departments and the Goodnow Library Foundation.

Children's Services

The Goodnow Library Children's Department began 2018 with a new collaborative outreach story time at the Wayland Winter Farmers' Market. The department partnered with the Wayland Library Children's Department to offer Saturday story times at the market during the months of January, February, and March. This was a wonderful new way to connect with our community and this collaborative effort continues in 2019.

In the Spring the Children's Department ran another successful collaborative event, the "Llama Llama FUN-raise-a-rama!" with the Sudbury Cooperative

Nursery School, the Memorial Congregational Church, Salem Five Bank and Buddy Dog Humane Society. This was a free community charity event based on the well-loved Llama Llama books and benefited Buddy Dog Humane Society. Over 650 people came for a morning of hands-on fun, live animals, crafts, games and stories.

The NOW lab opened in April and STEAM club programs relocated to this new space. Our department began collecting program statistics using Google Drive and retired our old paper notebook-based way of communicating. The library also launched a monthly themed book display of Adult books for parents and caregivers. Finally, our Children's room benefited from new paint in the Story & Craft room and the children's bathroom.

The summer is always a fun time in the Children's Department. Amy was able to use her musical talents to bring new programming to patrons for the music-based summer reading theme "Libraries Rock." Although Summer Reading was shortened by a week due to a large number of snow days, the library still signed 765 children up for Summer Reading at Goodnow Library. Summer readers logged 462,725 minutes of reading. The library also hosted a variety of fun programs including STEAM Club, stuffed animal sleepover, Truck Day, a Drum Circle, special musical performers and more.

2018 was not without its challenges, the biggest being the departure of the Head of Children's Services, Megan Warren in October. Amy Stimac, the Assistant Head of Children's Services, took over as interim and was appointed the new department head in November. The position of Assistant Head of Children's Services remained unfilled through the end of 2018. Transitional times are always difficult, but the overall strength of the department has enabled the library to maintain its excellent programming, services, and staff morale.

In the fall, there were additional staff and programming changes. Four new programs were added to the existing lineup. Amy began offering an immersion Spanish story time every other week. This has been a hit, regularly drawing over 35-40 people. A new drop-in craft program called

Crafternoon was added to alternate with the You-Do-It-STEAM program on Mondays. The library was fortunate to have a second therapy dog interested in working with patrons and so the library launched Tails and Tales, a monthly Saturday read-to-a-Dog program. Finally, a local fitness instructor volunteered to run a monthly BabyFit Baby Wearing class.

Teen Services

Of course, the big news this past year was the opening of a makerspace, the Sara Sherman NOW Lab. While teens tend to be the biggest users of the Lab, the library has programs for all ages. During the summer, the Children's Department ran a series of STEM programs in this new space. There have also been many adults attend the ongoing equipment certification workshops. Being certified means they may use the equipment at any time the library is open. As word spreads of the exciting possibilities presented by the NOW Lab, the library has seen a steady growth in its use. This past year, a knitting group, a creative writing group, and a couple of school robotics teams have all used the space. One patron led a parent/child computer programming workshop. Another patron will be teaching a felted slipper workshop next month. The library has had inquiries from a Girl Scout group to use the space for a STEM activity. The holiday gift-making workshop was especially popular.



Coding class in the NOW Lab

Ongoing teen-centric programs include the third year hosting a Girls Who Code club. Workshops in 3D design and printing continue to be a strong draw, including students at the 3rd and 4th grade level. The new laser cutter has had quite the workout already in various crafting workshops.

Staff have brought in consultants who presented talks on the intensive college application process and what parents and students can expect. Traditional library programs, such as book groups continue to attract participants. And, as always, the extra hours for Teen Study Weeks during midterms and finals offer a safe meeting place for students to gather, share notes, and do some last-minute reviewing.

Adult Services

This was a challenging and exciting year for the Reference Department. March brought the redesign of the second floor, which meant that the Reference staff temporarily relocated to a small area on the first floor, maintaining full reference services in challenging circumstances. At the end of the construction project, Reference Department staff had brand new—and much smaller—service desk, which the staff found more welcoming and efficient.

The library has seen an unusual number of staffing changes this year, with both retirements and resignations. In the Reference department, the resignation of Reference Librarian Joanne Adamowicz gave us the opportunity in November to hire Emily Tricco as our Head of Reference.

Adult Summer Reading had a successful second year. This summer, there were 43 participants who read 147 books. Eight lucky readers won weekly raffle prizes of \$10 gift cards for Sudbury Coffee Works, and the grand prize winner, Rachel Greenstein, won a \$100 gift card for the Wayside Inn. All prizes were generously donated by the Friends of the Goodnow Library.

Delivery to the Homebound



This year, in collaboration with the Sudbury Senior Center, the Goodnow Library is began offering "Goodnow To

Go," a service to supply library materials to Sudbury residents unable to travel to the Library. This service is provided free of charge to Sudbury residents who are unable to travel to the library do to a temporary or permanent disabling condition. A

Senior Center volunteer delivers the materials to patrons and then returns them to the library when circulation period expires. Materials is be selected by the patron or with the advice of Library staff or Senior Center volunteer.

Minuteman Library Crawl 2018

In August, the library participated in a joint venture with other Minuteman Libraries. A "crawl" or tour, is a fun way to visit multiple libraries in your area. Patrons who visited five libraries received a prize at that 5th library, and were given treats to all who participated. Goodnow had 46 visitors, and 12 prize winners. Staff answered many questions about the NOW Lab.

Charging packs available at the Reference Desk

For patrons whose phone is running out of battery while visiting the library, "Power Packs" for use in the library are available at the Reference desk for check out.

Historical Collections

Work continues on the library's rich collection of historical materials. The purpose of the Goodnow Library's Local History Collection is to preserve materials that document the history of Sudbury and to make these materials available to researchers and the general public.

Highlights of the year were an extensive inventory and description of the Barton collection, and a preliminary inventorying of the library's map holdings. Preservation materials have been purchased and many of the manuscript materials are now properly housed in archival preservation boxes. In addition, the library's collection of materials, such as pamphlets, clippings from periodicals and brief family histories has been reorganized. Through the help of several volunteers, the library is much closer to making these items more readily available to researchers.

The Historical Collections committee which consists of library staff, Goodnow Library Foundation members, and citizens, is exploring various options to increase accessibility to the collection.

In addition, the 13 oil paintings bequeathed to the Library by A.S. Hudson have been restored and have been placed on permanent display.



Hudson's painting of the Goodnow Library

Friends of the Goodnow Library

Through memberships, generous donations and fundraising efforts such as book sales and Trivia Night, The Friends provide funding for many programs not covered in the town budget. The Friends are proud to host a monthly Sunday afternoon cultural series and several evening chats with authors each year. Over the last year, The Billy Novak and Guy VanDuser Jazz Trio, chocolatier Tom Rogan, author Dorje Dolma, The International String Quartet and The Klezmer Conservatory Band Ensemble have all been a part of our Sunday afternoon series. Authors included mystery writer Jane Willan discussing her book *The Shadow of Death*, Louise Miller featuring her new book *The City Baker's Guide to Country Living* and Jenna Blum discussing her book *The Lost Family*.

The Friends support many of the children's programs with supplies and special programs. The Friends also support summer reading programs for adults, teens and children. The museum passes offer free or greatly reduced admissions to 16 area museums and attractions. The movie license, purchased by the Friends, provide movies for children, a monthly adult evening movie and a weekly summer movie series. The library's entry gardens, maintained by the gardening committee, welcomes library patrons all summer with lots of colorful blooms.

Goodnow Library Foundation

The Goodnow Library Foundation's mission reflects the library's mission of "Improving lives through the

power of information, ideas and innovation." In this capacity, the Foundation focuses on developing, administering and allocating funds to provide the extra margin of excellence for the Goodnow Library by enhancing existing public support for the library.

The Foundation raises funds through an annual fundraising event, a town-wide fund drive, bequests and leadership giving to support capital building improvements and technology improvements. In 2018, the Foundation funded the capital component of the "Reimagining the Second Floor" project, including the new Teen, Computing & Technology areas, the Sara Sherman NOW Lab, and all their furnishings. The Foundation celebrated its 10-year anniversary with a gala event that drew over 250 attendees. In addition, over 50 people attended a fundraising party at the home of Jen and Tim Hunt. The Foundation held two more *Be Bold Workshops* and plans to continue the series into 2019 to cultivate community connections. Finally, the Foundation has been working on expanding their internship program with local high-school students.



Goodnow Staff Training Day

Senior Library Staff

- Esmé Green, Director*
- Karen Tobin, Assistant Director*
- Emily Tricco, Head of Reference*
- Michael Briody, Head of Circulation*
- Robert Carter, Teen Services*
- Olivia Sederlund, Head of Technical Services*
- Amy Stimac, Head of Children's Services*

Statistical Snapshot

Financial Report		
FY18 (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018)		
	Revenue	Expended
Lost book Fund	\$ 5,082	\$ 8,409
Meeting Room Revolving Fund	\$ 5,091	\$ 2,996
State Aid Funds: MEG	\$ 4,525	\$ 4,891
State Aid Funds: LIG	\$ 12,593	\$ 9,781
State Aid: Non-Resident offset	\$ 10,770	\$ 14,889
Fines*	\$ 17,084	

*returned to the General Fund

Statistical Report			
FY18 (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018)			
	FY2017	FY2018	% Change
Total Circulation	398,447	411,282	+3.2%
Number of Children's Programs	744	796	+6.9%
Attendance of Children's Programs	25,044	26,808	+7.0%
Number of Teen Programs	110	69	-37.2%
Attendance of Teen Programs	1,006	1,389	+38.0%
Number of Adult Programs	66	57	-13.6%
Attendance of Adult Programs	974	1152	+18.3%

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