

Goodnow Library

This was the year to return to favorite traditions after the three-year pandemic interruption. The Library saw the return of Truck Day, Candyland, the Pumpkin Parade, the Volunteer Luncheon and live Summer Reading activities.



It was also a year for moving policy and equity forward. In January, the Library officially eliminated late fines on Library materials.

"We want you to come to the Library. We want to make it as easy as possible. We don't want our rules and regulations to confuse or alienate you. We are getting rid of our late fees so you can worry about other things in your life you really can't be late for, like, school, work or that project report. We want to talk about great books and programs with you, not argue about fines."

-Esme Green, Library Director

Additionally, we launched a newly designed and accessible website, developed a new five-year plan, and bid farewell to the last of the COVID service restrictions. Many community groups returned to using the Library meeting space, and once again, it became the place to "work from home" away from home.

Community Collaboration



Doing Good Fair This was the second fair the Library has hosted. Every open space in the Library was filled with over 50 different local organizations "doing good." Everyone who came learned something new about Sudbury. This was a multi-organizational collaboration between the Library, the Sudbury Foundation and the Doing Good Committee.

Together We Play In a collaboration with the Commission on Disability and the Sudbury Cooperative Preschool, we invited the community to a series of educational programs during Global Diversity Awareness

Month. The highlight was an event called "Together We Play" held at the Library which celebrated disability awareness. Families gathered for a day of activities and author talks.

Pride Day The Library held its first Pride Day event in June in partnership with the Sudbury Cooperative Preschool, Memorial



Congregational Church, Salem Five Bank, Hope Sudbury and several more community organizations. Events were held outdoors in the front of the Library and across the street at Memorial Congregational Church with over 500 in attendance. The Library provided a rainbow suncatcher craft and hired Just J.P. for a Drag Queen Storytime.

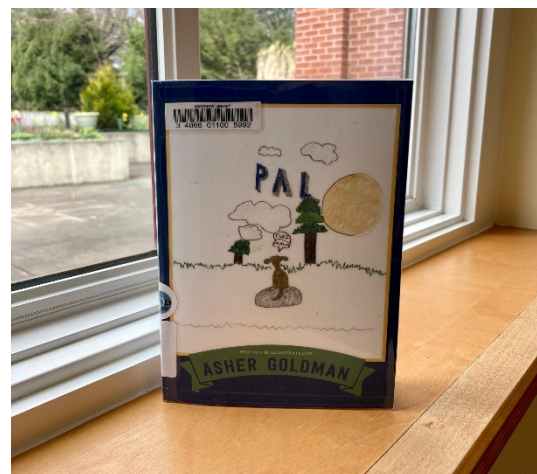
Equity Summit The Library was invited to participate in a zoom event, hosted by Sudbury for Racial and Social Justice (S4RSJ). Twenty groups doing DEI work in Sudbury were represented, and each shared their mission, goals, past/planned related activities/events, and how others can help

with that work. The Library shared its new strategic plan and relevant goals, as well as the many events it has hosted and planned.

New Initiatives

Free Period Products The Library now offers free period products in all restrooms. The Library is committed to promoting inclusivity, and that includes period inclusivity. Menstrual equity is a health issue, and affects every person that has a period or knows someone with a period. The Library views stocking menstrual products as fundamental as tissue and towels.

Local Lit Collection The Children's Department launched a new "Local Lit" collection of books written by local children. This collection gives children an opportunity to write original books for their peers. The collection's first book is "Pal," by Sudbury elementary student Asher Goldman. The synopsis: "A kid gets a new dog, but he has to go away for a whole day and leave the dog alone." To find out what happens, stop by the Children's Department to read "Pal" and others in the collection.



EV Car Charging Stations With the goal of increasing accessibility and awareness of the availability of EV charging in town, the Library began collaborating with the Sudbury Energy Commission to install an EV charging station in the Library's parking lot. The charging station was funded by the Energy Commission through grant money, and we hope to bring low-cost EV charging to the Library community in the coming year.

Seed Library In August, we launched a seed exchange program. Largely self-serve, the seed Library is located on the first floor of the Library in the New Books area, and is part of our commitment of supporting sustainability in Sudbury.



Climate Prep Week Community members visited the Library throughout the week of September 24th to explore climate preparedness displays in the lobby, check out interesting books, and attend events. Attendees were invited to pick up free milkweed seeds to plant at home to support endangered monarch butterflies, and entered a raffle for the chance to win a prize. Children had a chance to meet with Miss Julie to read "We are Water Protectors" by Carole Lindstrom, and a number of

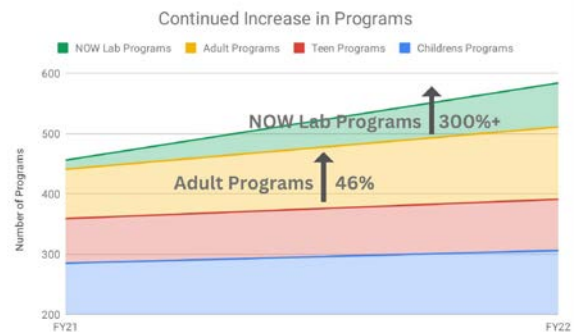
sustainable craft programs were held for all ages.

Strategic Plan

In October of this year the Trustees approved a new 5-year Strategic Plan. This is a vision of the future to ensure Goodnow is on a path to remain a community hub which enriches the lives of all patrons.

The 2022-2027 Strategic Plan was developed with survey and live input from key stakeholders with the guidance of our experienced staff. It is our long-term vision grounded in our foundational values. To review the complete plan, visit the Library website.

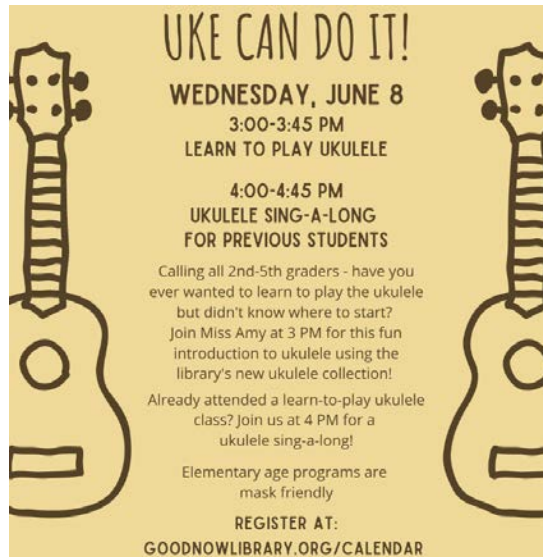
Programming



This year saw the return to regularly scheduled programming. We were excited to invite children, teens, adults, and seniors back into the Library spaces for book clubs, holiday celebrations, makerspace activities, and more.

"My husband and son came to the Star Wars event today and both were blown away by your creativity and cannot stop talking about how fun it was. Our son said it was the best

day of his life...and I just wanted you to know how much we appreciate you!" -Megan, Sudbury Parent



Ukuleles This year we added 12 ukuleles to the Library of Things. Participants were invited to strum along with Miss Amy with the Library's new Ukulele collection. This year Goodnow began offering beginners classes, strum-a-longs, and more advanced workshops for patrons of all ages.

Free Little Art Gallery Sudbury's very own Free Little Art Gallery has been installed outside the Goodnow Library. Anyone is invited to create small art pieces to be placed in the gallery. Just like a Little Free Library in which visitors can both take and leave books, visitors to the Free Little Art Gallery are invited to both take and leave art.

Sara Sherman NOW Lab



Increased Programming This year, we increased access to the makerspace and engagement with the community. We added nine new volunteers and five new time slots for Open Hours, started a Stuffie Surgery to repair Sudbury's stuffed animals, and collaborated with the Sudbury Art Association to create the Free Little Art Gallery. New iPads and laptops were added, outfitted with new drawing, photo-editing, and publishing software for patrons use, and new volunteers taught popular beading and sewing classes. Additionally, the Library purchased five new sewing machines which allowed us to offer machine sewing classes.

Stuffie Surgery Big or small, short or tall, Sudbury Stuffie Surgery can mend them all! Two wonderful volunteers came weekly to repair tears, lost eyes and loose tails. This program in particular brought joy to families and staff alike.



Collaborations with community Staff in the makerspace worked with the Sudbury Police Department to use the laser cutter to make letters to decorate their sleigh for the annual Santa's Ride.



Tech Training for Seniors Library staff collaborated with the Library Foundation to hold two popular Tech Help events, where staff helped patrons understand how to access Goodnow's digital options, set up their devices and troubleshoot. Attendance exceeded expectations, so we plan to hold more sessions in the future.

Historic Room Renovation

We are thrilled to announce significant progress in the renovations for the Historical Room. Through the Goodnow Library Foundation, with funds from the Community Preservation Committee, the Goodnow Family, the Sudbury Foundation, and the local community, we have nearly completed the renovation of the Historical Room into a quiet space for reading,



working, and studying, as well as protective shelving and cabinetry for our extensive historical collections.

Volunteers

The Library is indebted to its many community volunteers for their continued support, without whom many daily tasks at the Library could not be accomplished, including processing requests for books, movies and other items, assistance with program preparations and many other unseen tasks that enable the Library to provide the excellent service to the community.

Goodnow Library Foundation The GLF donated \$99,412 to the Library in 2022.

Breakdown of giving:

- \$8,997 from the Book Nook’s income was given to the Library for programs and activities.
- \$4,527 was given for the Director’s Discretionary Fund for such items as iPads for the Sara Sherman NOW Lab and Library staff training.
- \$438 went to supporting the Children’s Room fish tank.
- \$2,000 in Memorial Funds were donated to the Library to be used for a bench outside of the Children’s Room.
- \$5,505 was given to pay for the Museum Passes.
- \$2,539 for the Walling Map restoration.
- \$75,406 for the Historical Room furniture.



The GLF’s Book Nook hosted two in-person book sales and several pop-ups throughout the year. Between these sales and the in-

Library shelf and online sales, the Book Nook raised more than \$10K to support the Library’s programming and activities.

Statistical Snapshot

Statistical Report The Library largely resumed business as usual this year, but the number of children at programs was restricted and registration was required for a part of the year, and the meeting rooms were opened for public use halfway through the year. This somewhat dampened the number of visitors from before the pandemic. Other than that, the numbers have increased over the previous year.

FY22 (July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022)		
	FY2022	FY2021
Total Circulation	334,665	314,804
Visitors	69,595	14,433*
Number of Children's Programs	306	285
Attendance of Children's Programs**	12,178	16,865
Number of Teen Programs	85	74
Attendance of Teen Programs	588	436
Number of Adult Programs	120	82
Attendance of Adult Programs	1,194	747

*closed or limited hours due to COVID

**COVID restrictions in place

Financial Report The Library eliminated overdue fines as of January 1, 2022, which is the halfway mark of the fiscal year. You will note a decrease in this line. Fines are returned to the General Fund. Library Services began taking in passport revenue in November when the Library started up passport services again. The Library Services fund budget was \$6,000, and the Meeting Room fund budget was \$10,500.

FY22 (July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022)		
	Revenue	Expended
Library Services Revolving Fund	\$25,604.58	\$5,989.77
Meeting Room Revolving Fund	\$2,800	\$10,483.16
State Aid	\$37,701.46	\$41,387.47
Fines	\$1,438.99	

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