

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

SUTTONS BAY BINGHAM DISTRICT LIBRARY

It is the purpose of the Suttons Bay-Bingham District Library to provide materials and services which will furnish opportunities for educational, informational, cultural and recreational enrichment to all of the people of the communities served by the library.



FROM THE DIRECTOR

In this annual report we'll take a look at 2023, and hear from the presidents of the Library's Board of Trustees and the Friends of the Library.

Of note during the year was the library's return to more consistent programming, post-pandemic. For youth we offer a weekly Story Time year-round. During the school year, we offer a monthly Family Fun program when families can engage in creative play activities together. We offer a six-week Summer Reading program; last summer we explored the theme *All Together Now* and are looking forward to the 2024 theme, *Adventure Begins at Your Library*. In the spring and fall the library's Friends group provides book give-away events for kids to celebrate March is Reading Month and Book-or-Treat in October. For adults we offer a monthly book discussion called BOOKENDS, and we offer technology presentations called Tech Tuesdays in the spring and the fall.

These regular programs are in addition to joint offerings with community partners including the public libraries of Leelanau County, LIFT, Inland Seas, NES Migrant Education Program, Leelanau 4-H and Interlochen Public Radio. You may have seen us at local daycares, in the schools, during the Leelanau Senior Expo or at a Suttons Bay Chamber of Commerce event. It's great to be part of our community.

Speaking of community, in 2023 the library began an update of the lower level Community Room to better serve your needs. We cleaned, organized and painted to better use the space available. We installed mobile tables and chairs, flexible storage and soft seating. We have also brought the space up-to-date with the addition of new video conferencing equipment and boosted the wi-fi in that area.

We encourage you to take advantage of the the resources we provide.

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FROM THE FRIENDS

The Friends of the Suttons Bay Bingham District Library is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization completely separate from the library whose main function is fundraising to support the library. For many years our main fundraising events have been the annual Book Sale in conjunction with the Suttons Bay Art Festival in August, and the Lights, Bites and Books Gala in December.

Some of the Friends' recent projects include the library's landscaping, maintaining Little Free Libraries at Bingham Township Hall on Center Hwy, on Shady Lane Market on M-22, and behind the library on the TART Trail, providing Ancestry software for library patrons and purchasing the new automated external defibrillator (AED) that has been installed in the library.

We welcome new members. No experience needed, just an interest in helping our library.

Jim Shannahan, Friends President
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ANNUAL SERVICE STATISTICS

Total Library Cardholders	2,698
Library Visits	19,200
Library Hours	2,262
Physical Items Checked Out	23,706
Digital Items Checked Out	13,042
Interlibrary Loans	2,624
Items in Physical Collection	23,366
Items in Digital Collection	39,000
Attendance at Outdoor Story Times	228
Attendance at Summer Reading Events	266
Attendance at Preschool Story Times	267
Attendance at Family Fun Events	424
Attendance at Yeti Fest	419
Public Computer Sessions	1,487
Wi-Fi Sessions	9,530
Newsletter Subscribers	784
Facebook Followers	913
Website Visits	12,254

REPORTING PERIOD

The Suttons Bay Bingham District Library's Annual Report gives an overview of the services and finances during the 2023 fiscal year: July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

GRANTS

Grants were received from Leelanau Energy & the Northland Library Cooperative. The Friends of the Suttons Bay Bingham District Library provided funding to enhance library programs and offerings.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Millage Revenue: \$259,610

Leelanau County Delinquent Taxes: \$13,169

Penal Fines: \$7,556

State Aid to Libraries: \$9,175

Fees & Donations: \$5,753

Total Income: \$295,263

Staff Expenditures: \$142,559

Collection Expenditures: \$28,999

Operating Expenditures: \$64,518

Capital Outlay: \$68,724

Total Expenses: \$304,800

DONATIONS

It is with great appreciation that the library reports these donations. Individual donations were given by: Andrew & Susan Appel, James & Janeen Bardenhagen, Connie Eisenhart, Ann Gregory, George Kopf and Mark & Emily Miezio. Gifts in memory of Gene Gentges were given by: ML & CJ Adamson, Anonymous, James & Sue Billimack and Charles Buxton. A gift in memory of Barbara Vogel was given by Duane & Christine Shugart. A gift in memory of family members was given by Kathryn Allen. Easling Construction provided a generous in-kind donation toward the library's entryway.



2023 has been another very successful year for serving the needs and requests of the Suttons Bay Bingham District Library community. You have provided the funding for the library to meet and surpass the goals of our last Five-Year Strategic Plan. Those goals include on-going communication about library offerings, integrating technologies that enhance library services, and maintaining an attractive, safe and accessible library facility.

Pride can be taken in the library staff. Their commitment to excellence in service, innovation in programming, and ongoing improvement of the physical building and its contents provide us with a library of which we all can be proud.

Next year we will complete the refurbishing of the library's lower level Community Room, enabling additional opportunities for community education and usage. The audiovisual components in this area have already been upgraded, with better video conferencing equipment and expanded wi-fi to provide better capabilities and ease of use.

Please continue to share your ideas as to how your library can further serve you, our patrons.

FROM THE BOARD

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LIBRARY STAFF

Library services are provided by a staff of seven regular employees: the library's Director and Assistant Director, two Circulation Clerks, a Youth & Family Services Coordinator, a Home Delivery Coordinator and a Page. Most library employees work a part-time schedule, which is equivalent to the library employing three full-time staff members.

The library staff is ready to assist you in person, by phone or by email.

