



Dedham

PUBLIC LIBRARY

2023 Townwide Summit

218,241 Total 2022 circulation

Digital and physical circulation has increased 25% from 2021!

9 Dedham is one of just nine Minuteman libraries to have FY22 be their highest year

Circulation is at an all time high, in 2022 the Library circulated 163,481 physical items. The Library has books, magazines, DVDs, audiobooks, video games, board/card games, laptops, portable hotspots, yard games, and small appliances/tools available for checkout.

5.9% Increase in digital content usage

In 2022 nearly 55,000 digital items were checked out. E-books, digital audiobooks, digital videos, and magazines are all free to check out with your library card.

104 Hours the Library is open every week

The Main Library is open Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 8 pm and Friday and Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm. The Endicott Branch Library is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 am to 5 pm, Tuesday and Thursday from 12 to 8 pm, and Sunday from 10 am to 2 pm.

76,229 Visitors to the Library in 2022

This is the first year with reliable visitor counters. People counters were installed on all public entrances in June 2021, this will help us track accurate usage.

184% Increase in new library cards

About 40% of Dedham residents have library cards. The Library has worked with the schools and senior facilities to help increase this number and help provide library access to more residents.

20% The percentage of Dedham residents that used their library card in 2022

In January 2022 only 16% of residents had used their card during the prior year. That number had increased to 20%. The Library's goal is to reach 25% by the end of 2023.

734 Discounted museum passes checked out in 2022

With your library card, you have access to discounted passes to 18 museums and attractions.

1888 The year the Main Library opened

The Main Library is the oldest town-owned building. While it is a beautiful, historic building, there are physical limitations that prevent it from being accessible.

8 Values included in the Library's new value statement

Inclusion and Access, Intellectual Freedom, Lifelong Learning, Innovation, Respect, Integrity, and Excellence

5 Goals outlined in the FY 23-26 Strategic Plan

The goals include addressing the physical infrastructure of the library, establishing a marketing and communication plan to increase usage, increasing community partnerships, creating a fundraising program to support major library initiatives, and enhancing professional development and training for the library staff and the board.



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FY 23–26 Strategic Plan

MISSION STATEMENT

The Dedham Public Library: Facilitating lifelong learning and cultivating strong connections throughout our community and beyond.

VISION STATEMENT

As the heart of the community, the Dedham Public Library fosters an inclusive and inviting environment, supports lifelong reading, learning, and cultural enhancement, and provides innovative programs and services to meet the needs of the Dedham community.

VALUE STATEMENT

The Dedham Public Library Values:

Inclusion and Access

We provide information, programs, and services that are open to all.

Intellectual Freedom

We uphold the right to privacy and the right to seek, access, and express diverse points of view.

Lifelong Learning

We encourage reading, literacy, creativity, and curiosity

Innovation

We encourage organizational and staff innovation that adapts to emerging needs.

Respect and Integrity

We treat our community, staff, and partners with respect and dignity in a transparent and accountable manner.

Excellence

We hold ourselves to the highest standards in everything we do.

GOAL 1

To undertake action to address the deficiencies in the physical infrastructure of the Library that impede DPL's ability to meet our mission and vision.

GOAL 2

To establish and implement a comprehensive marketing and communication plan for the Library to increase visibility and usage.

GOAL 3

To partner with key organizations in the Town of Dedham to leverage complementary strengths and resources creating greater community impact.

GOAL 4

To create a comprehensive funding program to support major library initiatives.

GOAL 5

To enhance and implement ongoing professional training and development programs for Trustees and Staff to maintain a culture of learning and continuous improvement.