



GOODNOW LIBRARY FOUNDATION

2025 DONOR REPORT



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GOODNOW LIBRARY FOUNDATION MISSION AND HISTORY

The Goodnow Library Foundation (GLF) is the only nonprofit organization committed to supporting the Goodnow Library's priorities through fundraising and advocacy. The Town of Sudbury budget appropriation only goes so far, and the GLF helps fill the funding gap to provide resources and programming for the community while also allowing the library flexibility to respond to emerging needs.

The Foundation was established in 2008 by the Trustees of the Library to support the Goodnow Library's mission of "Improving lives through the power of information, ideas, and innovation." The Trustees recognized the urgent need to provide an additional source of revenue for the growing demands of Goodnow in the 21st century: capital improvements, technology upgrades, innovation, timely needs that pop up and need funding, as well as physical refurbishments and renovations.

Since its founding, the Foundation is pleased to have funded over \$650,000 in projects, programs, and renovations. We are grateful to a strong community of individuals, businesses, and foundations that join us in the belief that strong public libraries make strong and vibrant communities.

LETTER FROM THE GLF PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of the Goodnow Library Foundation,

When you walk through the doors of Goodnow Library (or visit online!), you're stepping into a truly special space, made possible through the generosity of the town of Sudbury and you, our Goodnow Library Foundation (GLF) donors.



This report shines a light on what your tremendous support enabled in 2025. Every GLF-funded program, resource, and moment of connection happened because donors like you chose to invest in something bigger than any one of us.

Your contributions to our annual fund campaign, corporate and individual/family sponsorships, and other ad hoc fundraising efforts in 2025 supported ever-popular library offerings such as the Museum Pass program, E-Books, and NOW Lab makerspace. Your generosity also enabled important facility improvements, like the 2025 renovation and modernization of the Teen Area. Beyond the library's near-term needs, the Foundation also worked with donors to grow the Goodnow Library Permanent Fund Endowment for support of the library's longer-term needs. Our goal is to enable the library's vibrancy today and for generations to come.

The library and Goodnow Library Foundation have exciting plans for 2026, including a much-needed renovation of the Children's Room. We also look forward to greeting you at our 2026 Gala this Fall and other donor events throughout the year!

As you read through these pages, we hope you feel the same pride we do – in our community, in our library, and in what we're building together. We're deeply grateful for your generosity in 2025 and inspired by your continued belief in what the Goodnow Library means to our community. We look forward to everything we'll accomplish together in 2026.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerald L. Kimber White". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Gerald L. Kimber White
President
Goodnow Library Foundation

LETTER FROM THE GOODNOW LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Dear Goodnow Library Foundation Donors,

On behalf of the entire Goodnow Library team, thank you for your generous support and your continued commitment to our library and community. Your contributions help ensure that the library remains a vibrant, welcoming place where people of all ages can read, learn, explore, and connect.

Because of donors like you, the Goodnow Library Foundation is able to enhance library services beyond what public funding alone can provide. Your generosity supports programs, collections, technology, and special initiatives that enrich the lives of community members and make the library a place of opportunity and discovery.

I would also like to personally thank you for the warm welcome you have extended to me as the new Library Director. I am grateful for your support and look forward to working together to continue strengthening the library's impact in our community.

Your support reflects a shared belief in the power of libraries to inspire curiosity, promote lifelong learning, and bring people together. I am honored to be part of this community and excited about what we will accomplish together.

With heartfelt appreciation,



Amy Stimac
Library Director
Goodnow Library

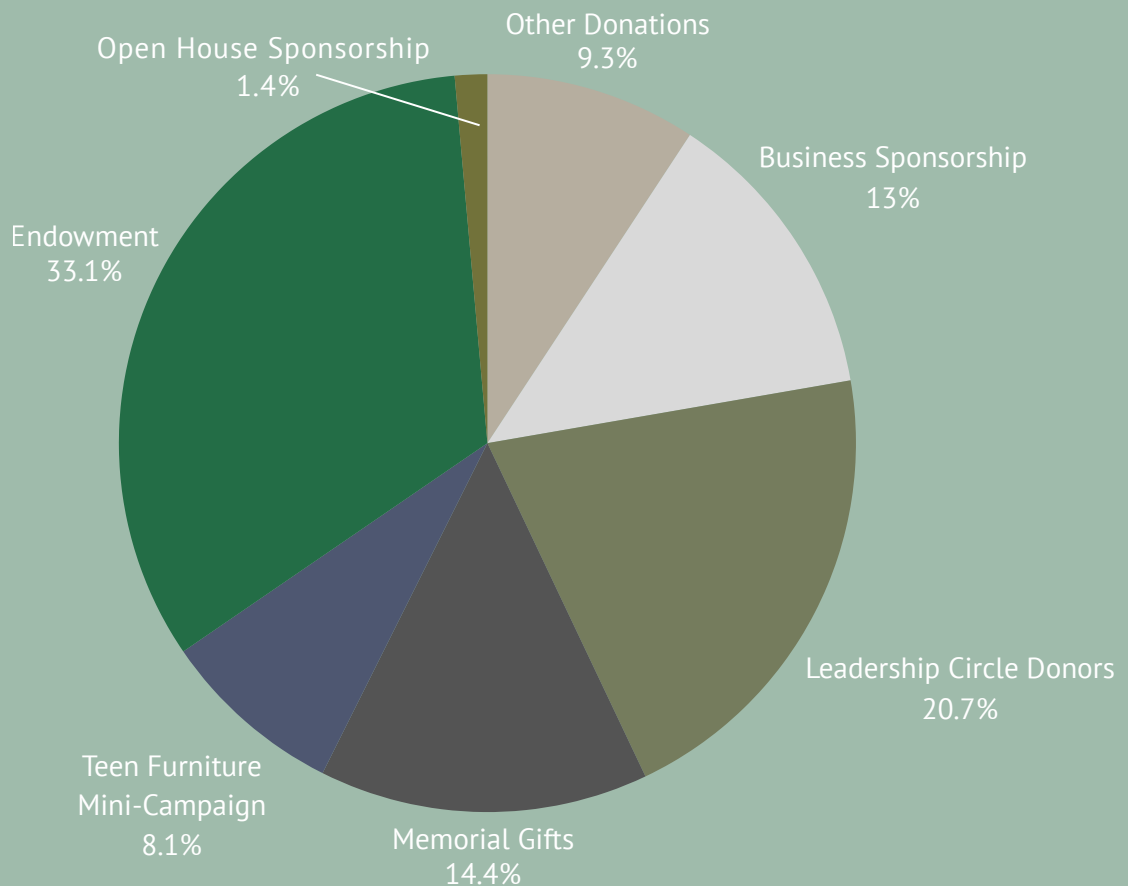


GLF DONATIONS BY DONOR DESIGNATION

The Goodnow Library Foundation is grateful for the extraordinary generosity of our individual and corporate donors, who continue to demonstrate their passion for our community and learning through their financial support. In 2025, the GLF realized some significant milestones: a generous memorial gift was bequeathed to support the Annual Fund and Endowment Fund; a versatile and fun collaborative teen work space with new furniture was created with guidance from the library’s teens themselves; and the new Digital Locker system was installed thanks to a grant from The Sudbury Foundation! Strong donor support of our Annual Appeal also meant that we could share more resources with the library. See how your contribution made a difference on the next page.

Your generosity helps the GLF sustain the resources library users depend on, and allows us to fund new projects that wouldn’t otherwise be possible. THANK YOU!

2025 Donations by Donor Designation



DONOR INVESTMENTS IN THE GOODNOW LIBRARY IN 2025

Funds distributed from the Goodnow Library Foundation for Goodnow Library projects totaled more than \$42,000 in 2025. These funds allowed for the purchase of:

- Museum Passes to 17 area museums and attractions, sponsored by Kirk Dental
- Teen Area furniture to improve collaboration for youth patrons
- \$10,000 distributed for Digital Collections including E-Books and E-Audiobooks
- NOW Lab resources, including program supplies, a new photo scanner, and a new multi-filament 3-D printer
- Annual Subscriptions for community-focused initiatives such as public movie viewing and online access for the archival collections
- Teen and Tween classes in babysitting and home safety
- Teen Study Week supplies
- A Book Repair Machine to keep books circulating in great condition
- Staff Development Opportunities

These are important library initiatives that wouldn't be possible without your support. Donor support through the GLF has a direct impact on the scope and scale of programs and resources that Goodnow Library patrons use every day. Thank you for supporting your public library so generously!



EXPLORE THE GOODNOW GALAXY!

“May the fourth be with you!” This was a common refrain heard throughout the Goodnow Library and Goodnow Library Foundation’s Explore the Goodnow Galaxy Open House event on May 4th, 2025. It was a lively time with library staff and friends in Star Wars-themed costumes, and our Intergalactic Passports ready to collect stamps as patrons roamed the “Goodnow Galaxy” and explored all the resources and opportunities the Goodnow Library Foundation helps fund! The Sara Sherman NOW Lab churned out cool 3-D printed and laser-cut puzzles, the 2nd floor Nook Solo Pods were decked out with stars and stickers, we had a summer reading preview, and the Ecotarium joined us for some fascinating hands-on experiments! Everyone departed with a goodie bag and some even won special door prizes donated by our friends at Hasbro! It was a fun, space-crazed way to enjoy the library with neighbors and friends!



SUPPORTING THE GOODNOW FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

Estate planning to benefit a treasured public resource

The Board of Directors of the Goodnow Library Foundation announced a new gift program in 2025 which offers the Goodnow Library community a way to designate planned or estate gifts to support the library in perpetuity. The GLF Permanent Fund Endowment is able to accept beneficiary gifts of life insurance, retirement funds, and even real property with few restrictions. This new program offers an easy method for individuals and families who value the role of libraries, and the Goodnow in particular, to leave a legacy gift that will be invested and benefit the library for generations into the future. For questions about how to include the Goodnow Library Foundation in your estate plans, contact Jennifer Jones, Director of Development, at 978-440-5562 or director@goodnowlibraryfoundation.org.

- Bequests
- Life Insurance
- Retirement Funds
- Real Property

A GIFT WE KNOW WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE

“My family and I have enjoyed Goodnow Library since 1981 and it is an honor to be able to give back to this amazing community resource in the form of legacy planning through the Goodnow Library Foundation. I want to do everything I can to ensure the incredibly enriching programs that are funded by the GLF can continue indefinitely. I have lived in many towns throughout the US and I have never seen a library that is as rich and vibrant as the Goodnow Library. It is truly the hub of our community, a safe shared space for all. My husband and I worked closely with our estate planner to carve out a gift for the Goodnow Library Foundation and it brings us great joy to know we can be a part of the library for generations to come.”



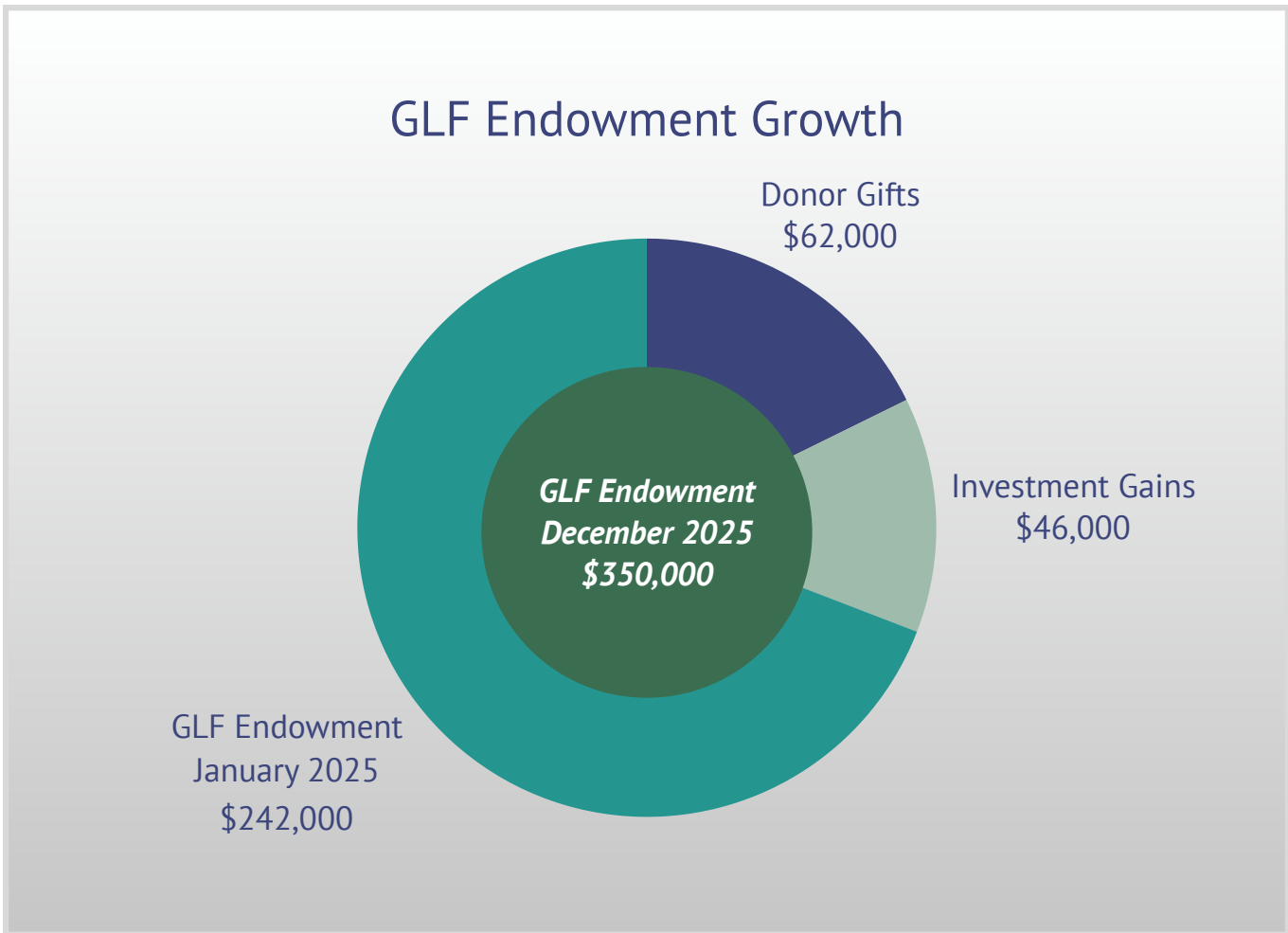
Sheila Pundit and Steve Sum

GOODNOW LIBRARY FOUNDATION PERMANENT FUND ENDOWMENT

The Goodnow Library Foundation Permanent Fund Endowment is our investment in the future health and longevity of the Goodnow Library. This fund was established to provide for the items and services the Goodnow Library needs every year and for the library's unknown needs over generations to come.

In 2025, the Fund grew more than \$108,000, including \$62,000 in new donations and more than \$46,000 in investment gains. Thank you to our generous donors for their strong commitment to the library's future.

For more information about the GLF Permanent Fund Endowment program, please visit goodnowlibraryfoundation.org/permanent-fund.



GLF DONOR SPOTLIGHT

LAVALLEE SYSTEMS - GLF BUSINESS SPONSOR SINCE 2025

Lavallee Systems is proud to support our local library as a partner in strengthening the community we serve. Libraries expand access to knowledge, encourage lifelong learning, and create opportunities that help individuals, neighborhoods, and the businesses that serve them thrive.



IN MEMORIUM - SUSAN LITOWITZ

The GLF remembers Susan Litowitz with deep gratitude and admiration. From the GLF's inception in 2012, Susan was a top donor in both dollars and her exceptional talents. Her legacy carries on through a very generous memorial gift given in 2025 by her loving husband, Jim Hill, and the final installation of the beautiful signage Susan created for the Goodnow's Alfred Hudson exhibit on the 2nd floor of the library.



IN HONOR - HELEN CRARY

The Goodnow Library Foundation would like to offer its most sincere thanks to Helen Crary for her long involvement with the foundation. Helen stepped down from the GLF Board in May 2025 after completing over 16 years of stewardship and advocacy for the library. Helen offered her expertise and support in various board roles through multiple capital campaigns and the establishment of an endowment to fund the library in perpetuity. The GLF is grateful for Helen's steadfast leadership and her extraordinary generosity. We wish her a most enjoyable retirement!



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“When I walk in the door of the Goodnow Library, I feel the welcoming atmosphere and can see the excitement in the children’s room, the creativity in the Sara Sherman NOW Lab, and so many people enjoying the space for study and work. The exceptional staff is extremely knowledgeable, very friendly, and always willing to help. We are so fortunate to have this library in our community. It is with fondness, pride, and appreciation that I support the Goodnow Library through the Goodnow Library Foundation.” – Sandy Bell

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In memory of Tony Kim
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In memory of Elaine Roth
In honor of Sara Sherman
In memory of Mary Vivaldi from her
children

**Denotes 3 or more years consecutive giving to the GLF*

Impact You Can See

Donor funding supported these projects, and more!



2012

- GLF Launches, celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Goodnow Library and initiating a partnership to expand resources for library patrons



2013-2016

- Restores the Civil War Statue on the front lawn of the Goodnow Library
- Replaces the Goodnow Library's technology resources including computer stations
- Renovates the Children's Room
- Creates the 1st floor Community Gathering Space

2017-2020

- Redesigns the Teen Area
- Refurbishes the Historical Octagon
- Builds the Sara Sherman NOW Lab makerspace
- Creates the second floor technology/computer space
- Installs the "Tree of Inspiration" sculpture by Janice Corkin Rudolf

2021-2023

- Renovates the Historical Room for quiet study and preservation of historical documents
- Launches the Goodnow Book Nook with online and in-person sales
- Creates of the Alfred Hudson Art Exhibit space on the 2nd floor

2024-2026

- Installs the Digital Locker for library materials pick up, funded with a grant from the Sudbury Foundation
- Installs Nook Solo Pods on 2nd floor, a project funded in partnership with the GLF Book Nook
- Refurnishes the Teen Area as a space for better collaboration
- For 2026: installs new shelving in the Children's Room, along with new seating for our tiniest patrons and their caregivers



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