



2015 Annual Report to the Community

“The Library has given me and my children the opportunity to sample the world from the comfort of our homes, has taught us the power of imagination that is in all of us. It has saved us money with movies, books, and games. In all, the Library has given my family an education that we will always cherish. Thank-you.”



The Human Library

“A place we need for renewal of all our dreams and a place to grow thinking!”

Why do you love the Library? “Let me count the ways... Free tax preparation, great, knowledgeable staff, beautiful building, helpful courses, community asset.”



Red Wings Reading Buddies

“What kind of library do you want to have?” This is a question we will be asking our community many times over in the lead up to the Library’s public tax vote. Although it is your answer that counts, let me take this opportunity to share my vision for the Geneva Public Library.

- My library understands that the more words a child hears before the age of four, the better their outcomes as they age. Its staff hold story times, baby lap-sits, and puppet shows that fill our children’s ears with new words and their minds with imagination.
- My library brings together people for the betterment of Geneva. Through Human Libraries, computer classes, educational lectures, and support groups, it defies the notion that we cannot grow as individuals or a community.
- My library has borders that do not end at the property line. Its staff serve on non-profit boards and committees, offer programs out at local businesses and senior living homes, and are proud to leave their name tags on when they go out to lunch.

- My library is crafty and creative. It turns discarded books into beautiful decorative treasures, socks into snowmen, and story rooms into haunted houses.
- My library is sometimes quiet and sometimes loud. My library rocks with Tuesdays on the Terrace, falls quiet for 60 Minutes of Mindfulness, and then turns up the volume again as screaming kids Soak the Staff.
- My library loves books. It refuses to accept the idea that circulation statistics need to decline in the digital era. It celebrates the act of reading whether it be a child who checks out one book, or one that reads 1,000 books before kindergarten.
- My library is growing not surviving. It is all of the above and more, and never less than it was the year before.



My vision has become a reality, and I thank you for making it possible.

Yet I fear that it no longer will be, without the increase in financial support proposed for vote on May 17th. So again I ask, “What kind of library do you want to have?”

-Chris Finger, Library Director

Youth Department Uncovers New Adventures



This year the Youth Department has uncovered their love of animals when adopting the Eastern Painted Turtle,

Ellie. We also ventured into purchasing books in Chinese, Arabic, and Japanese, to expand our collection. Last year we focused on fostering the fun of learning, to continue that focus, we added two iPad's for children and teens to use for reading or game playing.

Beyond the regular programming of Preschool Storytime, Baby Lapsit, Teen Time, the Haunted House, and Gingerbread Houses, the children this summer created their own puppet show script and performed for friends and family. Ready, Set

Kindergarten! was a big hit with the younger children to experience a school setting for a week before starting school. In September, the 1000 Books before Kindergarten Challenge started for toddlers up through children ages 5 and their families. This challenges families to read every day to complete the program before starting school. We had a blast exchanging comic books on May 2nd for Free Comic Book Day, we had the experience of touching a yellow boa constrictor and learning about a variety of animals with presenters like Dan the Snakeman and the Wildlife Defenders.

New partnerships have blossomed with the Finger Lakes Health C.H.A.T program, and Geneva Red Wings baseball team came to read during Reading Buddies a dual program by Geneva Reads

and the library. We have been a site for the American Red Cross for the past seven years and will continue into 2016.

If you ever walked in on an early school day it may be very quiet, no one may be around, but we are busy working to plan for our next adventure. Events range from Geneva Reads' Book Fest, the Festival of Nations or even reading to Head Start children. Keep your eyes open, look around, come visit the library, and maybe next time you can join us in our new adventure.

We look forward to continuing to provide these programs, partnerships, activities, in addition to other rewarding opportunities, in 2016.

-Tanya Thompson,
Youth Librarian

The mission of the Friends of the Geneva Public Library is to support the Library, to increase community awareness of Library programs, and to offer opportunities for members of the community to participate in the Library and in library-related activities.

In 2015, The Friends of the Library continued their efforts to support the collections and programs offered by the Library, raising in excess of \$9,000 through book sales held in the Winter and in the Fall. Numerous members of the Friends donated countless hours of their time preparing for the two major book sales.

The Friends also led an effort by volunteering to maintain the gardens around the building. Not to mention, supporting the very popular program *Musical Moments*.

This year the Friends expanded their efforts to help the Geneva Reads Program through the collection and donation of children's books. These book donations by the Friends help Geneva Reads to continue their valuable literacy outreach programs for Geneva's youth.

Please note that in 2016 the large annual book sale will be held in April. Mark your calendars for the 2016 Friends Spring Book Sale, which runs from Wednesday, April 13th through Sunday, April 17th. The "Bag Sale" will run from Monday April 18th through Friday April 22nd. The Friends are accepting material donations now for this event.

If you would like to become involved with the Friends or just find out more about them, please visit genevapubliclibrary.net/friends.

-George Abbott, Friends President

"I love the library because I explore new things in games and books that are interesting and fun!"



Teen Time



Cooking w/Kids

"I like going to the Library because I like watching my Grandkids grow in their reading & computer skills."

"Staff is courteous, friendly, knowledgeable, and efficient and they like what they are doing."



Fall Book Sale

This past October, after 27 years of service, Senior Library Clerk Jan Laquitara retired from the Library. Jan's preference for her last days to be focused on the work to be done, and not on celebration, was a fitting send off for someone whose reliability and commitment to her duties was unmatched.

The Library Staff know that even this small article may be more than Jan may have preferred. However, we wanted to take the opportunity to thank Jan one last time for all that she did to help us and our patrons.

Thank you Jan.



“Great experience in a friendly atmosphere”

2015 was a successful and productive year for the Foundation. Our 2014-15 appeal, which closed on February 28, 2015, resulted in contributions totaling \$27,473. These funds helped the Library to complete the needed repairs to the heating and air-conditioning systems.

Our first signature event, A Taste of Jazz, on February 8, 2015, for which Wegmans partnered with us, raised \$4,164.50 for the Foundation. In spite of snowy weather, many people attended and enjoyed jazz by Johnny Russo's East Hill Jazz Ensemble, cakes and cheeses provided by on-site staff from Wegmans, and wine samplings from Billsboro Winery.

The mission of the Foundation, which was established in July 2011, is to provide long-term financial stability for the Library. Funds raised by the annual appeal also serve to assist the Library, as needed, to undertake necessary projects which the operating budget cannot accommodate.

Our 2015-16 appeal is directed to furthering an Endowment Fund, monies from which can be invested in securities, a process which is, by law, prohibited for the Library Board itself. This effort will continue through January and February, and donations are still very welcome.

Contributions to the Foundation throughout the year are always appreciated. These might include memorial donations, gifts in honor of an individual, or a gift to mark a significant event in a person's life. All contributions are tax deductible. -Nancy Bauder, Foundation President

Adult Services Cultivates Imagination

The Adult Services department offered a wide variety of programs this year. Staying true to the traditional role of the library, we held quite a few events centered around reading, writing, and literature, including: a monthly book club; a writers' support group and a book discussion series about great American novels, both facilitated by poet and writer Patricia Roth Schwartz; a poetry reading by local group Musinistas; a performance of Arthur Conan Doyle's *The Adventure of the Speckled Band* by storytelling duo StoriesGalorious; and book talks by local authors.

Things got hands-on as we offered multiple sessions of book crafts led by our very own Susie Flick; I led a DIY sock snowman craft that was enjoyed by adults and children alike; and a summer learn-to-paint series taught by Norma Luther of Ovid.

Recognizing the importance of health in contributing to a strong community, we provided a variety of wellness programs. These included: multiple sessions of the Alzheimer's Association's Neighbor Next Door series; two programs by Certified Holistic Health Coach Lucy Piper; and an hour-long mindfulness workshop led by Dr. Maria Saavedra.

One of the programming highlights this year was the new concert series, Tuesdays on the Terrace, which showcased our newly furnished terrace as well as the talented local musicians who performed each week. The series was a great success and would not have been possible without the efforts of Susie Flick and Michael George Gonzalez of Finger Lakes Independent Music Association.

We strive to keep our programs free to the public, which we would not be able to do without the

generosity of donors, the many presenters who offer their time and services free of charge, and the support of our government and local taxpayers. I also would like to thank the entire library staff for stepping up in a multitude of ways to help make 2015 an amazing year for programs.

We'll continue to bring great programs to the Geneva community in 2016 and always welcome your suggestions.

-Kelsy Hibbard-Baker,
Adult Librarian



2015-2016 Budget

| <u>RECEIPTS:</u> | <u>Annual Budgeted</u> |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Local Public Funding | \$504,842 |
| Pioneer Library Grants | \$5,000 |
| PLS Central Library Grant | \$47,847 |
| Other State Grants | \$64,259 |
| Ontario County Grants | \$- |
| Other Grants | \$1,500 |
| Memorials and Scholarships | \$1,800 |
| Geneva Public Library Foundation | \$3,500 |
| Friends of the Library | \$5,000 |
| Gifts & Fundraising | \$7,100 |
| Fines, Fees, & Commissions | \$17,450 |
| Interest & Other Income | \$3,400 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$661,698 |

DISBURSEMENTS:

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|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| <i>Staff:</i> | |
| Staff - Local Funding | \$492,735 |
| Staff - Central Library Funding | \$21,550 |
| Staff Development | \$4,000 |
| Staff Subtotal | \$518,285 |
| <i>Collections:</i> | |
| Collections - Local Funding | \$47,350 |
| Collections - Central Library Funding | \$26,720 |
| Collections Subtotal | \$74,070 |
| <i>Programs:</i> | |
| Adult, Childrens, & Young Adult | \$6,325 |
| <i>Services:</i> | |
| Professional & Contracted Services | \$12,700 |
| Library Supplies | \$7,500 |
| Printing, Postage & Publicity | \$1,250 |
| Services Subtotal | \$21,450 |
| Facilities Expenditures | \$98,000 |
| Capital Expenditures | \$15,000 |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | \$733,130 |

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Tuesdays on the Terrace

We have had over 58,996 people come into our library this year, to use our meeting spaces, our computers, microfilm machines, check out our enormous selection of entertaining and educational materials, and participate in the many programs we offer throughout the year.

846 of these people received a new library card account with our library in 2015! We hope this number will continue to grow.

| <u>What We Offer</u> | <u>Their Use</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Adult Fiction Books | 28,578 checked out |
| Adult NonFiction Books | 13,822 checked out |
| Teenager Books | 4,867 checked out |
| Children Books | 22,088 checked out |
| Graphic Novels | 6,398 checked out |
| Magazines | 663 checked out |
| Audiobooks | 8,709 checked out |
| eBooks/eAudio | 7,661 checked out |
| WiFi Use | 12,046 sessions |
| Computer Use | 20,509 sessions |
| Microfilm Use | 234 sessions |
| Music CDs | 4,446 checked out |
| DVDs | 34,930 checked out |
| Videogames | 2,547 checked out |
| Board Games | 253 checked out |
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| GPL Website | 143,114 visits |
| Reference Questions | 2,744 requests |
| OWWL Library Support | 427 assists |
| 98 Computer Classes | 83 in attendance |
| 138 Adult Programs | 1,608 in attendance |
| 48 Teen Programs | 310 in attendance |
| 144 Children Programs | 2,467 in attendance |
| Outside Agency Use of Meeting Rooms | 56 times |

A big thanks goes out to all of those who donate their time and money to the library, making all of the above resources we offer possible.

See more of us at:

genevapubliclibrary.net

