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Dear Geneva Library Patron,

“Connecting People, Enriching Lives.” More than just a tagline for the Geneva Public Library, this statement is a target for its programming and service achievement for patrons of all ages. Library users continue to form new **connections** through library books, as well as through free meeting rooms and computers and staff research and reader’s advisory services. Meanwhile, **enriching** programming efforts this past year have included coveted traditional programs such as *Musical Moments*, *Library Book Clubs*, and *Preschool Storytimes*, new stalwarts like *Tuesdays on the Terrace* and *Wegmans Cooking With Kids*, and promising additions such as *Gentle Yoga* and the *Free Summer Meal Program*.

The mission of the Foundation for Geneva Public Library is to provide long-term financial stability in support of these efforts. Our goal is to establish a financial resource, the earnings of which could become a part of the operating budget for the Library each year. This year, with your help, we crossed the \$100,000 threshold in the work to establish this resource. However, the work continues.

The Foundation was established in 2011 as a vehicle for investment in market securities because, as a school district public library, the Library is extremely limited in its investment opportunities. While our focus remains on long-term financial support, each year our undertakings evolve to meet both the Library’s current needs and the skills of the organization’s leadership and volunteers. This past year, the Foundation took on oversight responsibilities for *Book Sales*, the *Balcony Bookstore*, and *Musical Moments*.

As a result of your support, we now find ourselves in a fortunate position. We are able both to address specific project needs of the Library when they arise and to realistically plan for the level of funding needed to provide sustainable annual support.

We are hoping that this year we can raise a minimum of \$30,000. We are grateful for your help in the past and we are hopeful that you will be able to offer us your support again this year.

Sincerely,



Nancy P. Bauder
President



Chris Finger
Library Director