



In light of everything that happened in 2020, it would be incredibly easy to talk about all of the programs, services, and patrons we could not enjoy. However, we want to take the opportunity to celebrate all of the things we were able to do last year and all of the people that made those things possible. We had two and a half months at the start of the year filled with incredible in-person programs. The year got started with yoga, computer classes, seed parties, and more for adults; and preschool story times, Science Saturdays, and Teen Henna Tattoos for our youth patrons. In conjunction with the AARP and Blueprint Geneva we provided free tax aide and in conjunction with the Foundation for Geneva Public Library, we held the sixth annual A Taste of Jazz. Though we did not know it at the time, staff were working hard to hold a year's worth of in-person programs in just a few months. The library was closed for several months and we reopened in late June with necessary service reductions. Throughout all of that time, our commitment to serving our patrons never diminished. Instead, we found creative ways to continue to serve. In collaboration with the Pioneer Library System, we devoted resources to expanding the Library's OWWL2Go digital collection and gave patrons access to Ancestry.com from their homes. We provided curbside pickup of library materials and the ability to register for library cards online. We shifted book clubs and story time programs online. Our hotspot lending program was expanded to make sure students and others in need had in-home access to the internet. Staff made wildly creative craft kits that patrons of all ages could take home and recorded videos so participants could follow along to their favorite programs at any time. Instead of giving up on popular programs such as the Youth Services Basket Raffle and AARP tax aide services, staff doubled down on planning efforts to make them possible in early 2021. It could have been so easy to shut down and give in to all of the challenges of 2020, but Library staff, volunteers, and supporters continuously rose to the occasion. We accomplished great things, perhaps none greater than the construction of our new parking lot. This was a project in the making for multiple decades. In 2020, we brought it to fruition. I invite you to celebrate what the Library was able to do last year and to explore what the Library is planning for our future. In this annual report, we unveil our



Facilities Master Plan floor plans, which highlight exciting changes we have in store for our building. The master plan brings together years of community surveys, focus groups, and the collaborative efforts of staff, volunteers, and community stakeholders.

Thank you for your support of the Geneva Public Library during a year like no other.

Thank you for joining us in a very exciting future.

SINCERELY,
Chris Finger
Library Director



Photos: **Top right**, cutting the ribbon on the Library's new parking lot; **Middle right**, Tanya, Youth Services Librarian, hands out summer reading prizes to a teen patron; **Bottom left**, Staff stayed in contact while the library was closed with staff meetings via Zoom.

