

GENEVA PUBLIC LIBRARY



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# SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

In 2024, the Geneva Public Library offered a dynamic slate of programs that informed, entertained, and connected people of all ages.

Youth programming was a standout, filled with energy and imagination. The **Bluey** event brought preschoolers and families together for one of our largest early literacy events of the year. **Messtival**, a hands-on celebration of creativity and sensory play for children, was a Summer Reading favorite. Teens took part in **cooking classes** that taught valuable life skills and encouraged independence in the kitchen.

Adults also found plenty of ways to learn and connect through new and ongoing programs. **Craft programs** gave adults a creative outlet to unwind and socialize. We launched a **euchre** group that quickly became a social favorite and introduced a **Science Fiction & Film Fanatics** discussion group that explored themes in books and movies.

We hosted many community events that brought people of all ages together. **Trunk or Treat** and **Mingle with Kringle**, two of the most festive and well-attended programs, offering seasonal fun and lasting memories. The April 8th **solar eclipse** inspired a full week of themed programming that combined science, art, and storytelling to celebrate this rare astronomical event.

The Foundation for Geneva Public Library played a key role in enhancing the library's cultural offerings with **A Taste of Jazz** and the **Musical Moments** concert series. The **Fall and Spring Book Sales** continued to draw book lovers from across the area and raised valuable support for library programs.



## A WORD FROM OUR PARTNERS

The City of Geneva takes pride in our strong partnership with the Geneva Public Library. Our library is more than just a hub of knowledge; it is a cornerstone of community growth, connection, and cultural enrichment. It hosts so many great services and gives the City a space to gather community input. As the City and Library continue to work together, our City team is excited to see the library as a space where learning, creativity, and collaboration thrive, benefiting all members of our community.

*Amie Hendrix, Geneva City Manager*

We're proud to partner with the Geneva Public Library to provide students with access to a wide range of valuable educational programs, including enrichment opportunities that foster a love of reading, the arts and sciences, and learning in general. This collaboration ensures our students have the tools and support they need to succeed both inside and outside the classroom.

*Bo Wright, Superintendent of Schools, Geneva City School District*

Geneva Reads has always enjoyed a strong partnership with the library. It's a relationship that's grown in recent years as we work together even more to communicate and celebrate what's at our core: The importance of reading.

*Anne Schühle, Director of Geneva Reads*

# NOURISHING THE COMMUNITY

In partnership with **Blueprint Geneva**, we hosted a **Little Free Farm Stand**, providing fresh, locally grown seasonal produce to the public. This initiative, along with the addition of a Little Free Pantry and a Seed Library, allowed us to further promote sustainability and food security within the community.

The **Little Free Pantry** offers non-perishable food items and essential supplies, ensuring that individuals and families in need have access to free resources.

The **Seed Library** encourages patrons to grow their own food by offering a variety of seeds—completely free of charge—empowering individuals to cultivate their own gardens.

All three initiatives are made possible by generous donations from the community and are available for everyone, fostering a spirit of sharing, support, and self-sufficiency.



## HIGHLIGHTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2024, the Geneva Public Library made significant strides in expanding its services, developing new programs, and strengthening its community impact.

We made substantial **technology and infrastructure upgrades** to improve the library experience; including, **recabling with CAT 6 data lines**, installing **new computers**, upgrading to a **modern camera system**, enhancing **fire and security systems** and a recently completed **Comprehensive Building Conditions Survey** which will lay the foundation for future Capital Projects.

To better serve our patrons online, we launched a **new website – gplny.org**, making it easier than ever to access information, explore library resources, and engage with programs.

Our commitment to community partnerships remained strong. We collaborated with local organizations such as **Geneva City School District, Boys & Girls Club, YMCA, HWS, Geneva 2030, Geneva Reads** and many others. The library also participated in **Good Neighbor Day**, which brought together local groups and residents for an afternoon of food and fun.

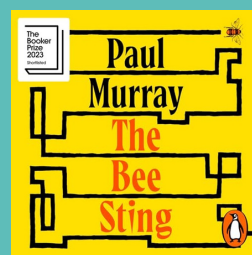
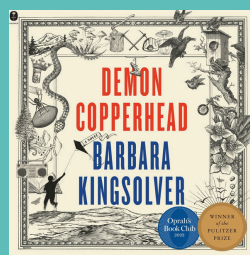
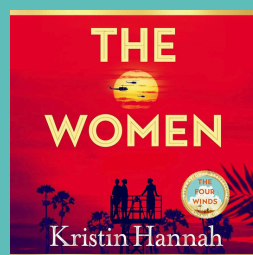
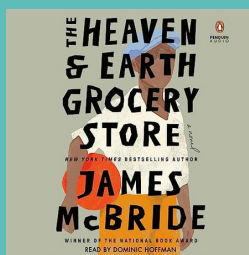
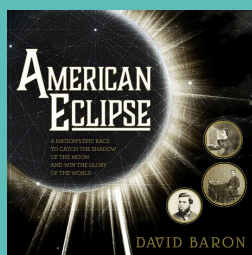
Staff accolades were a source of pride this year. Brandi Rozelle, our Youth Services Librarian, was honored with RRLC's **2024 Library All-Star of the Year Award** for her outstanding contributions. Frank Sykes, Executive Director, was recognized with the **Youth Advocate of the Year Award** by Geneva 2030 for his dedication to empowering young people.



# Your Library by the Numbers...

TOP  
MOST  
BORROWED  
ADULT BOOKS

5



## LIBRARY USERS



102,142 Library Visits  
844 New Patrons  
5,829 Registered Patrons

## COLLECTION

39,779 Adult Books  
39,381 Children's Books  
4,020 Audio (books/music)  
8,983 Videos



## PROGRAMS

255 Adult Programs  
482 Children's Programs  
110 Other Programs  
852 Total Programs  
13,574 Total Attendees

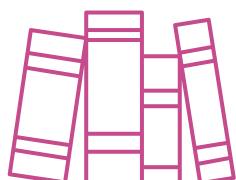


## DIGITAL ACCESS



Over 3,000 Computer Users  
13,387 Wifi Uses  
Over 4,000 print/copy jobs

## ITEMS BORROWED



39,779 Adult Books  
39,934 Youth Books  
19,505 Videos

2,381 Audio Books  
22,489 Libby  
3,359 Other Materials



ITEMS SENT TO OTHER  
OWWL LIBRARIES

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM  
OTHER OWWL LIBRARIES

15,034

9,092

## BUDGET

Local Public Funding	\$1,041,235
NYS Central Library Aid	\$14,970
Gifts and Donations	\$18,650
Fees and Commissions	\$6,500
OWWL System & Other Grants	\$10,000
Other Income	\$2,250

Total Revenue \$1,093,605

Materials and Collections	\$70,225
Programs, Services & Events	\$48,650
Facilities	\$127,849
Capital Expenses	\$4,275
Wages, Benefits, Development	\$832,606
Transfer to Capital Reserve	\$10,000

Total Expenditures \$1,093,605



# WE ARE YOUR GENEVA PUBLIC LIBRARY



Welcome to your Geneva Public Library, a vibrant cornerstone of the community. We're your free and welcoming haven for information, discovery, and enjoyment. The library continues to strengthen the Geneva community by providing safe and inclusive spaces, fostering connections, collaborating with local partners, and hosting exciting events for all ages and interests.

In 2024, we were delighted to welcome over 100,000 visitors. And with over 800 programs attracting more than 14,000 participants, your involvement highlights our role as a true community center. More than just books, the Geneva Public Library is a dynamic space where nearly anything is possible. We warmly invite you to visit us and experience all that your library has to offer. We look forward to seeing you!

*~ Frank Sykes, Executive Director*

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