



GENEVA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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HOURS
Monday - Friday 9:00 - 5:00

2025

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



WE ARE YOUR GENEVA PUBLIC LIBRARY



HWS Day of Service Volunteers

The Geneva Public Library experienced another amazing year of important learning, meaningful connections, and engaging play. With door traffic clipping more than **103,000 people**, the library is buzzing with activity. Offering more than **1,000 diverse programs** designed for all ages and interests, and attended by nearly **16,000 people**, the library continues to thrive as one of Geneva's community and cultural hubs. With opportunities for sensory play, creative expression, friendly games, lifelong learning, and shared experiences, the library truly offers something for everyone.



Creating the Helicopter



Enjoying the Helicopter

As our community grows and changes, so does the library. Patron feedback continues to shape the library's progress, informing new services, expanded opportunities, and responsive collections. Driven by our deep commitment to serving our community, we strive every day to create a warm, inclusive environment where every visitor feels welcomed, supported, and inspired. We invite you to visit and discover all that's possible.

See you at the library!

- Executive Director, Frank Sykes

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SPRUCING UP OUR SPACES

Thanks to the support of an anonymous donor, the library was able to make a series of enhancements throughout the building in 2025, creating a more welcoming environment for patrons of all ages.

The Reading Room received **new chairs**, providing a comfortable place for adults to read, study, or socialize. The updated area quickly became a preferred quiet retreat.

On the children's floor, the custom-built 13-foot **train table** with wooden train sets has become a favorite attraction, while a new **puppet stage** encourages storytelling and performance. Kid-size **shopping carts** offer young patrons a playful way to explore the shelves, and an upgraded **popcorn machine** helps staff create an even better family movie night experience.

These improvements reflect the generosity of the community and help ensure the library continues to grow, adapt, and remain a vibrant resource for residents of all ages.



New Chairs



Train Table



Music Mondays



Mingle with Kringle



Computer Class

HIGHLIGHTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2025, the Geneva Public Library celebrated **120 years** of service, sharing historic photos that highlighted its long-standing role as a hub for learning and connection.

The library continued its active presence in the community through events like the **Farmers' Market**, **CARES nights** at Geneva City Schools, **PrideFest**, and the Geneva BID's **Music Mondays**, bringing information about programs and resources directly to the residents it serves.

The library's **new logo** introduced a fresh, modern brand identity that reflects its commitment to innovation, accessibility, and connection, supported by new merchandise that builds visibility and pride in the library.

Notary services, introduced at the end of 2024, saw dramatic growth in 2025, with nearly 300 services provided by the library's staff notaries.

The library offered **Computer Basics for the Computer Baffled** assisting many computer beginners throughout its sixteen sessions. The reference staff also continued to provide **one-on-one technology appointments** for those in need of more focused help.

Youth programming remained lively, with **Trunk or Treat** breaking previous attendance records and offering a festive Halloween celebration for families. **Read Across America** encouraged children to celebrate literacy through engaging activities, and **Mingle with Kringle** spread holiday cheer with free photos with Santa. These events were further enriched by the many partners who participated.

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

Strategic partnerships play a vital role in expanding the impact of the library and strengthening the services we provide to the community. By working with local organizations, the library can extend its reach, share resources, and create programs that support learning, literacy, and civic engagement for residents of all ages. In 2025, the library hosted more than twenty local agencies who either tabled at events or offered programs.

Collaboration with **Geneva 2030** strengthens early literacy and educational support systems for children through shared programs and events like Read Across America.

Geneva Reads, whose mission to promote literacy, aligns with the library's goals, enables us to ensure access to books and literacy opportunities throughout Geneva.

The library's partnership with **Literacy Volunteers (LVOY)**, supports adult literacy and English language learning by providing space, resources, and referrals, while our relationship with **Historic Geneva** connects the patrons with the city's rich history through programs and research resources.

These partnerships, and others, demonstrate how the library serves as a hub for knowledge, opportunity, and community connection, achieving far more together than any single organization could alone.



Read Across America



Read Across America



Musical Moments



Book Sale

A TRADITION OF SUPPORT

The **Foundation for Geneva Public Library** supports year-round community engagement through the **Spring and Fall Book Sales** and the **Balcony Bookstore**. Spearheaded by the **book sale committee**, these efforts bring people into the library as shoppers, donors, and dedicated volunteers, creating meaningful opportunities for connection while building ongoing support for the library's mission.

The Foundation also strengthens the library's cultural offerings through **A Taste of Jazz** and the **Musical Moments** concert series. These events bring the community together through music and shared experiences while reinforcing the library's role as a center for arts, culture, and connection.

Another highlight is the annual **Basket Raffle**, a beloved tradition that showcases the generosity of local businesses, organizations, and residents. Proceeds directly support Youth Services programs and materials, while the event itself reflects the strong community spirit surrounding the library.

Beyond these popular events, the Foundation provides **essential funding** for major programs, special initiatives, and long-term growth. From large celebrations to future capital needs, their efforts help the library expand services and remain responsive to the community.

Geneva Public Library

2025 | YEAR ⁱⁿ REVIEW

127,229
items checked out



1,084
programs offered



103,590
library visits

15,844 
program attendees

951
new card holders



1,024 
community uses of meeting rooms

8,459 
computer users



ITEMS SENT TO OTHER OWWL LIBRARIES

11,722 
wifi sessions

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM OTHER OWWL LIBRARIES



BUDGET

Local Public Funds	\$1,072,473
Central Library Aid, LLSA Funding	\$21,500
Grants, Donations, Memorials	\$32,600
Copying/Printing/Meeting Rooms	\$8,050
Interest Income	\$12,000
Total Revenue	\$1,146,623

Materials, Collections, Equipment	\$70,144
Programs, Services, Events	\$24,110
Facilities, Operations	\$151,050
Wages, Benefits, Training	\$891,319
Capital Reserve Fund	\$10,000
Total Expenditures	\$1,146,623

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