

COVID-19 Update

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To: Staff <Staff@gpld.org>

Good afternoon!

As you may have heard, the Library is currently closed to the public but open for staff to work. Below is an announcement that was sent to our community regarding this decision. The Board of Trustees is holding an emergency meeting tomorrow at 1pm. We will continue to monitor the situation, respond accordingly, and keep you informed.

Thank you,
Christine

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A note to our community:



COVID-19 and Geneva Public Library

For the safety of our community and staff and to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, Geneva Public Library has closed to the public. This was not an easy decision for us to make, but the well-being of our community and staff come first.

Before making any decisions, we monitored reports of COVID-19 and followed guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Illinois Department of Public Health, and Kane County Health Department, and consulted with our community partners including the City of Geneva, Geneva CUSD 304, and Geneva Park District.

We have responded to each phase of this unprecedented situation with your welfare in mind, making decisions in a step-by-step manner in response to new information:

1. We began by bolstering our cleaning procedures throughout the building and putting extra care into all of our public spaces.
2. We then removed toys, games, and maker/homework supplies from our kids area, and made hand sanitizer, wipes, tissues, and other supplies readily available throughout the building.
3. Next we canceled all outreach to daycare centers, schools, senior centers, and home deliveries.
4. We subsequently canceled all programs in order to avoid bringing people together and do our part in reducing potential exposure to the virus.
5. In addition, we extended due dates so you don't need to return your Library books and materials.
6. We also waived overdue fines for Library books and materials due during this period.
7. Finally, following Gov. Pritzker's order to close all schools in the state in order to keep COVID-19 transmission rates as low as possible, we made the decision to close the Library.

At this time, we do not know how long we will remain closed. We had anticipated closing soon in order to move to the new library at 227 S. Seventh St. However, we do not know how these events will impact our move to the new facility.

This remains a fast-changing situation, and we will continue to keep you updated as we know more.

In the meantime, we encourage you to enjoy Library resources that are available 24/7 from home. Visit our digital library at gpld.org/digital-library to learn more.

We continue to track reports and maintain contact with state and local health agencies and our local community partners. Please continue to monitor our website, gpld.org, for updates. We thank you for your patience and understanding.



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