COVID-19 Update from Geneva Public Library

Geneva Public Library is open and strives to provide you with a welcoming experience. We continue to actively monitor reports of COVID-19 and follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, Illinois Department of Public Health, and Kane County Health Department, and consult with our community partners including the City of Geneva, Geneva CUSD 304, and Geneva Park District.

We would like to assure you that we already have a comprehensive building cleaning protocol at the Library, and we have bolstered our cleaning procedures in recent weeks. We have temporarily removed toys, games, and maker/homework supplies from our kids area, and have made hand sanitizer, wipes, tissues, and other supplies readily available throughout the building. We have temporarily canceled all outreach to daycare centers, schools, senior centers, and home deliveries.

The Illinois Department of Public Health continues to recommend that public entities like schools and libraries hold classes and programs, and we will evaluate all of our programs on a case-by-case basis. This is a fast-changing situation, and we will continue to keep you updated. The safety of our community and staff are our primary concern at this time.

Our staff has been instructed to practice healthy habits and to stay home from work if not feeling well. Please help us by also practicing healthy habits and staying home if you are not feeling well. We will waive any overdue fines for materials due during this period so you do not have to worry about returning your Library materials if you don't feel well. We also 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.

The Centers for Disease Control advises that people follow these tips to help prevent respiratory illnesses:

* Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

* Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

* Avoid close contact with people who are sick with respiratory symptoms.

* Stay home when you are sick.

* Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

* Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

* If you have not already done so, discuss influenza vaccination with your health care provider to help protect you against seasonal influenza.

To stay informed visit:


Kane County Health Department: [http://kanehealth.com/](http://kanehealth.com/)

We continue to monitor 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.