Beyond the Bookshelves: Update on the new Geneva Public Library progress

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The parking lot, sidewalks, and landscaping has transformed the new Geneva Public Library under construction at 227 S. Seventh St. Crews are also doing extensive work on the interior of the building. Visit gpldnewbuilding.org for a sneak peek inside. Here are some frequently asked questions about the new library:

**When will construction end?** We hope to wrap up construction in the spring of 2020.

**What's next?** Once construction is complete, there are several steps we must perform before we can move to the new library, including reviewing the punch list, undergoing inspections, installing furniture and shelving, setting up the network, tagging the collection, and packing at the current library to prepare for the move.

**When is the moving date?** The moving date will depend on the timeframe required for the punch lists, inspections and installations.

**Will you be closed during the move to the new library?** We will close, but dates are not yet set for our move or opening day.

**When will you open?** The opening day will be determined at a later date.

**What will happen to the current library?** There is a public bidding process required, and the date is still to be determined since it is based on the library's move to 227 S. Seventh St.

Get regular updates on progress of the new library and the status of our current building at gpld.org. Please contact us anytime at Board@gpld.org.

**The Librarian Recommends**

Librarian Gail Conrath recommends “The Silence of the Girls” by Pat Barker. “This book gives forgotten women a voice by retelling the Illiad. Told from the point of view of Briseis, once a queen but now a slave to the hero Achilles, the story illustrates the brutality and cost of survival in war,” she said.

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