

TOWN OF GAINESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY, SILVER SRINGS, NEW YORK

EQUITY, DIVERSITY, INCLUSION

The mission of providing library service to the people has always been at the heart of the Town of Gainesville Public Library. The facility's physical looks have changed and the services have multiplied but the mission remains; equity, diversity and inclusion. The words may have changed from fair and impartial, differences and unique, and embrace all and give equal service but the mission of service to the entire community and area has and will remain.

The Town of Gainesville Public Library ("the Library") welcomes everyone to its physical and virtual spaces providing a place for people to connect with information as well as with each other. The staff acknowledges our responsibility to emphasize our roles of connectors and catalyst for change as we move ahead in these challenging times.

The Library provides a comfortable space that facilitates a love of life-long learning:

- has materials available for education of one's self or in a group format,
- mandating that all are welcome, respected, and have safe accessibility to a wide variety of materials, resources in assorted formats,
- and is committed to building library collections that represent multiple points of view and are from a varied group of authors,
- provides online resources and technologies universally accessible within our means and adapt to rapidly changing technology.

The Library will continue to build a relationship with the surrounding area that is open to change and empathetic to all perspectives providing its patrons with materials exposing them to varied cultures, to broaden their minds and acceptance in the expanding world.

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