



Sara at the Library

Linda Fagenstrom 

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How's this? I can easily revise if needed.

To: GFPL Board of Directors

From: Linda Fagenstrom

Re: Covid 19 Masking Policy

Thank you for allowing me to comment on the recent question of the mask requirement at the library. I am a retired teacher and counselor, who loves to read and appreciates our library and its dedicated staff.

When asked if I would like to comment, my first response was to say that I would stop coming in the library if masks were not a requirement of all patrons and staff. We all want normal life to return and GFPL is following the best scientific and medical guidance to make that happen.

From the very first days of the pandemic, the library staff figured out how to safely serve the community. They came up with creative ideas, such as the vulnerable populations hours, sanitation procedures for materials and curbside service.

The least we can do is try to decrease the risk to them and to each person who comes in the door. We are so privileged to have this public library. Carelessness could cause it to close down or risk lives. Many library users are in the at-risk populations and should not be denied safe use.

It continues to astound me that this simple act of concern for the health of our fellow humans has evoked such controversy. Despite my love of personal liberty, I still do not have the right to drive on the sidewalk, walk naked through my neighborhood or lick random strangers :-)
Masking in public is such a small compromise.

I hope you will encourage the staff to continue the masking policy. It will allow everyone to enjoy the benefits of this valuable community service.

Thank you for your consideration and for serving on the library board.

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