



February 4, 2020

Susie McIntyre
GF Public Library

Dear Susie:

Thank you for providing information regarding your consideration of eliminating late fines at the Great Falls Public Library. The data and rationale provided give strong consideration for the benefits this would provide low income families in our community.

United Way of Cascade County has committed to our donors and our community that we will work to advance outcomes to help youth succeed, to help individuals and families be financially stable, and to promote healthy lives. By providing resources to low income families, I believe the GF Public Library aligns in all three of these areas.

By providing children's books to low income families who otherwise may not be able to access them, you are helping children thrive and prepare for academic success. Access for children and adults helps them improve their financial success through education and professional development. And we know that individuals and families with better education and financial success achieve much greater health outcomes.

Thank you for the valuable services you provide our community. Please know that we support all efforts that strengthen education, financial stability and health for everyone in Great Falls.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Owen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "G".

Gary Owen
President