

Director Report
September 2026

Nobody explains this about energy:

It's not one tank. It's four. Physical - Mental - Emotional - Creative. You can be physically rested but emotionally bankrupt. You can be mentally sharp and creatively dead. Saying 'I'm tired' isn't specific enough. Which tank is empty? That determines the fix.

Scott Clary

Time Off Requests:

Approved: none

Needs Approval:

9/16/26 - Doctor 3:15 - will not return

Day to Day Highlights for the Month:

It has been a difficult time period for me personally. I returned to work at half time on August 26. I will go to the doctor on September 16 to be cleared for full time. Thank you to the staff, especially Ryan and Liz for stepping up in my absence. We truly have the best staff!

The Book Sale was a huge Success! We made \$6,141.30 that I deposited to our MMIA account. The volunteers and staff were stellar! Huge shout out to Anita and Angela who were the rock stars that made all of this possible.

Upcoming - we have Civic Classes with Lee Price (9/29 at 6 p.m.) with The Constitution: What it is and why it matters and Anna Kelles (10/20 at 6 p.m.) on NYS Government. Working on scheduling Lee Shurtleff to present about Tompkins County Government.

Summer Reading Finale and Wrap-up - the finale was on August 22, during Olde Home Days and our book sale. The staff and I will meet next week to discuss the successes and improvements for next year's summer reading.

Committee Support - I created a central folder in the library's account for each committee for the chairs to utilize for storage of the agendas and minutes. This will provide a central location that is available to each board member and also for the staff to easily access to post publicly.

Interview Plus Update - Waiting to hear from Civil Service.

Basement - I am asking Liz and Ryan to develop a plan before Liz leaves that we can implement this October.

Circulation Statistics: Number of Transactions:

August 2026 = 2,020 (Libby - 443 Hoopla - 208) Total = 2,671

Door Count for August 2026 = 1,962

“The principles of kindness, integrity, fairness, and perseverance consistently guide my work. These values ground my commitment to myself, my staff, the library, and our community. My continual aim is to serve with excellence and to the fullest of my ability.”
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KEY

FLLS = Finger Lakes Library System

CFTC = Community Foundation of Tompkins County

CAP = Community Arts Partnership

LEAP = Library Elementary Assistance Program

BuLit = Building Literacy

TCPL = Tompkins County Public Library

DnD or D&D = Dungeons and Dragons

KFM = Kids Farmers Market (Food Bank of the Southern Tier)

TC = Tompkins County

FBST = Food Bank of Southern Tier

BRB = Bright Red Bookshelf

SCRLC = South Central Regional Library Council

SR = Summer Reading

FDN = Friendship Donation Network

LoTs = Library of Things

HSC = Human Service Coalition

LLSA = Local Library Services Aid

FALCON=Finger Lakes Automated Library Consortium

Library Director’s weekly work hours approved by the Library's Board of Trustees:

Monday - 10 to 6:30

Tuesday to Friday - 9 to 5:30

Saturday - no hours

Sunday - no hours

All changes to this schedule must be priorly approved in-person by a Board Quorum. As well, incidental and/or one-time changes to working hours on a specific date must be pre-approved via email by the Board President and Vice President. 5/14/26