

Director Report
October 2026

They think I'm simpleminded because I seem to be happy. Why shouldn't I be happy? I have everything I ever wanted and more. Maybe I am simpleminded. Maybe that's the key: simple.
Dolly Parton, Dolly: My Life and Other Unfinished Business

Eric Franks from FLLS came with their new IT person, Nick for a tour and introductions. This was a surprise visit - they are touring the local libraries. First thing Eric said is Groton is the Fun Library with all the cool tech and toys - Eric is always impressed with what we are able to offer our community. He praised past employee Drew and current employee, Aidan. It was really nice to hear.

Time Off Requests:

Approved: none

Needs Approval: none

Day to Day Highlights for the Month:

I spent the majority of my time in preparation for Liz leaving.

1. Reviewed her job and office with her - spent time each day
2. Did her exit interview (created questions)
3. Canvassed the Civil Service List
4. Reviewing the list of candidates and scheduling interviews
5. Preparing for interviews - questions, reference questions, setting up the room and buying lunch
6. Assembling the interview committee
7. Interviews
8. Making sure we have coverage until we hire

We had our last staff meeting with Liz.

I participated in the FLLS System-Wide Community Read (Virtual).

Still on a part time work schedule.

I am pleased to announce that Glenn Sanders will be starting on Monday, October 19.

Upcoming - we have Senator Lea Webb's Community Office Hours (10/13 from 4 to 6 p.m.) then Election Presentation by the Tompkins Board of Elections (10/13 at 6 p.m.). A Civic Class with Anna Kelles (10/20 at 6 p.m.) on NYS Government. Followed by a poetry writing class by nicole v basta, poet laureate of Tompkins County (10/21 at 6 p.m.). Third Annual Fright Night (10/24 from 6 to 9 p.m.). Working on scheduling Lee Shurtleff to present about Tompkins County Government in November. Scheduling more programming into November and December.

We have 20 copies of TCPL's Community Read, A Psalm for the Wild Build by Becky Chambers.

Knitting classes to start up shortly.

Basement - Liz and Ryan developed a plan that we can implement this October/November.

Circulation Statistics: Number of Transactions:

September 2026 = 1,856 (Libby - 373 Hoopla - 197) Total = 2,426

Door Count for September 2026 = 1,416

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