

**Finger Lakes Library System** is a non-profit regional cooperative library system serving public libraries in Cayuga, Cortland, Seneca, Tioga and Tompkins counties. The System, chartered in 1958 by New York State, is mainly supported by state funds.

The services we provide to our member libraries are broad in scope; providing advice, leadership and direction on the issues and concerns they face daily.

Each department within the System provides a variety of services to member libraries and their staff, who in turn provide enhanced services to their patrons.

## FLLS DEPARTMENTS

### Cataloging Services

Maintains a union catalog database of all materials owned by the System and member libraries, and provides physical processing for locally obtained materials. Staff is also available to assist with copy cataloging, acquisitions, and maintenance of existing collections.

### Consulting Services

Provides consultation and advice on advocating for your library, personnel and HR issues, grant writing, facilities planning, library management, working with trustees, and policy writing. Oversees submission of the NYS Annual Report and the New York State Construction Grant.

### Computer Network Services

Provides training and support for the Finger Lakes Automated Library Consortiums (FALCONS) centralized circulation management system (Polaris ILS). CNS also offers complete support for the networks, staff and public access computers at our member libraries.

### Continuing Education

FLLS offers many workshops, training sessions, and professional development opportunities throughout the year. Further, many of the events we sponsor can help librarians earn the continuing education credits necessary to keep NYS Public Librarian Certification current.

### Delivery Services

Transports books, audio-visual materials, kits, and other items between libraries and System headquarters.



### Digital Services

Residents of the Finger Lakes Library System region can access information and resources such as the Public Access Catalog (PAC), Downloadable eContent, licensed Electronic Databases\* including OverDrive, HeritageQuest, JobNow, Mango Languages, TumbleBooks, and more through our website 24 hours a day at <https://www.flls.org/public/>.

*\*A barcoded library card is required for access to the electronic databases.*

### Outreach:

#### Adult and Youth Services

Encourages member libraries to provide high quality library services for newborns through seniors by providing consultation for member libraries in collection development, programming, and coordination with community agencies. Assures member libraries are providing services to the state's targeted outreach populations through direction of the Coordinated Outreach Services Advisory Council (COSAC) and Outreach Mini-Grant. Assists each of the county jails and correctional facilities in our region with collection development and reentry. Maintains professional materials, and resources for member libraries to use in their programming such as book kits for all ages, games, and a variety of storytime resources.

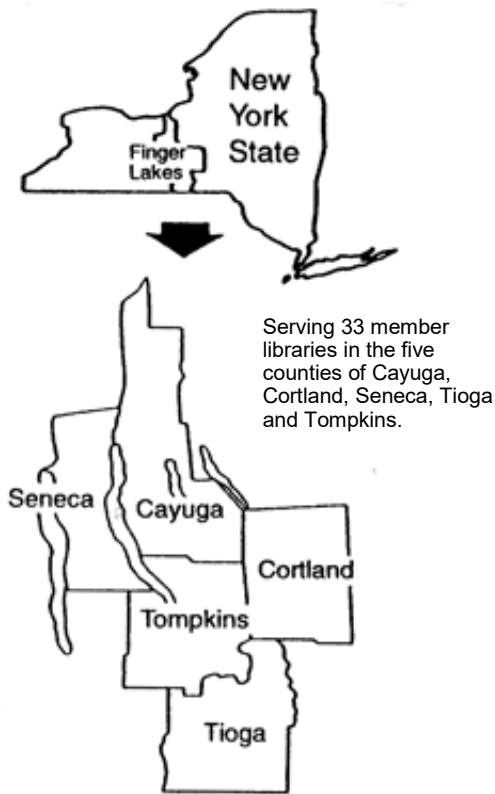
#### Reference

Member library staff and patrons may contact [reference@flls.org](mailto:reference@flls.org) for assistance with research and reference questions. Questions will be answered Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm.

#### Interlibrary Loan

Fills requests for specific titles not available in local libraries. If the desired material is unavailable in member libraries or in System collections, requests are forwarded into regional, state, and national networks. *Please note: This service has been temporarily suspended due to the ongoing pandemic.*

# FINGER LAKES LIBRARY SYSTEM



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## MEMBER LIBRARIES

- Apalachin Library
- Seymour Public Library District, Auburn
- Aurora Free Library
- Berkshire Free Library
- Candor Free Library
- S.B. Lang Memorial Library, Cato
- Kellogg Free Library, Cincinnatus
- Cortland Free Library
- Southworth Library, Dryden
- Fair Haven Public Library
- Groton Public Library
- Phillips Free Library, Homer
- Interlaken Public Library
- Tompkins County Public Library, Ithaca
- Lansing Community Library
- Lodi Whittier Library
- Lamont Memorial Free Library, McGraw
- Peck Memorial Library, Marathon
- Powers Library, Moravia
- Tappan-Spaulling Memorial Library, Newark Valley
- Newfield Public Library
- George P. & Susan Platt Cady Library, Nichols
- Edith B. Ford Memorial Library, Ovid
- Coburn Free Library, Owego
- Hazard Library, Poplar Ridge
- Port Byron Library
- Seneca Falls Library, Seneca Falls
- Spencer Library
- Ulysses Philomathic Library, Trumansburg
- Springport Free Library, Union Springs
- Waterloo Library & Historical Society
- Waverly Free Library
- Weedsport Free Library

## ASSOCIATE LIBRARY

- Alternatives Library

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### Mission Statement:

“To stimulate, coordinate, and strengthen library and information services within Cayuga, Cortland, Seneca, Tioga, and Tompkins counties.”