

FLX Library Road Trip

Between July 1 and August 31, 2024, take the [FLX Library Road Trip](#) and visit our member libraries to learn about all the good they do. We'll be highlighting Summer Reading programs and other services and resources libraries provide year-round for their communities. We hope to encourage more library users and advocates. (And maybe future trustees, Friends, volunteers, and donors!)

Please help us spread the word...and maybe even take the Road Trip yourself! It's a chance to meet other trustees and library staff and see what's going on at other libraries around the Finger Lakes Library System.



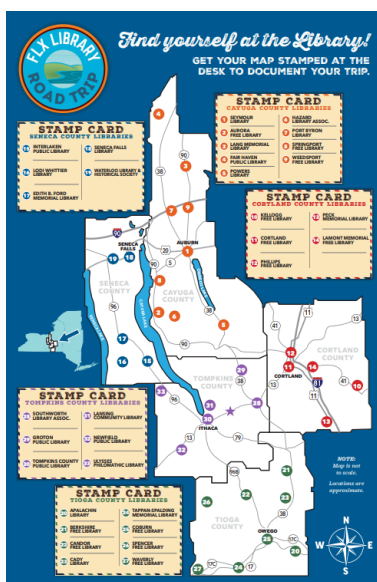
It's easy!

- Pick up your map at any [FLLS library](#).
- Plan your [adventure](#).
- Collect [souvenirs](#).

FLX Library Road Trip Interactive Map

The Finger Lakes Library System covers 2,508 square miles and serves over 311,000 people. Use this map to "visit" any of our 33 libraries

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Ask the Lawyer

There are over 700 public libraries in NYS...and many of them have the same questions and concerns that your library does.

Lawyer Stephanie "Cole" Adams offers advice to libraries on pressing issues they face.

Consider a recent question regarding [social media policies](#). (NY Public and Association Libraries Minimum Standard No. 4 requires libraries to have board approved policies.)

How would your library respond? Is there a clear path forward or is there some policy work to be done? Feel free to reach out to FLLS for support on this or other issues important to your library.



Board Bootcamp: Boundaries

At the recent Board Bootcamp workshop held by the [Human Services Coalition of Tompkins County](#), the presenter ran a group activity that generated a lot of conversation. We've recreated it here and challenge your board to give it a go...and to notice where some uncertainty exists. The Trustee Handbook pp. 159-160 is a useful resource.

Sorting it Out: Roles and Responsibilities

Directions: Determine which category each role or responsibility best fits.

Board	Both	Director/Staff

Hire staff

Draft policies

Prepare annual budget

Manage library staff

Develop a strategic plan

Develop programs

Advocate for the library

Run Board meeting

Create Board meeting agenda

Ensure that Open Meetings Law is followed

Secure funds to carry out library operations