

NOMINATION FORM for 2026 Term
Finger Lakes Library System Board of Trustees

Person submitting nomination: Amy Dames

Name: Amy Dames

Address: 6 Ellwood Ave
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Education / Employment:

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, 2012
California State University, Fresno

- 2016-Present, RN, Emergency Department, Guthrie Cortland Medical Center, Cortland NY

Community/Library Services:

- Avid Library user, primarily the online catalog / E-services, and children's services
- Completed the FLX Library road trip 2024, visiting all 33 of the Finger Lakes Beautiful Libraries
- Member of the Parent Teacher Organization, Cortland City Schools, Barry Elementary

Personal Statement:

Libraries are amazing. They provide free services to a community throughout all stages of life from early childhood, like books about learning to use the potty, to free passes for enrichment like the NYS parks pass that can be checked out, to clubs that bring people together for a sense of belonging. I in turn can not think of a better way to give back to my community than to be a part of the [Finger Lakes Library System] Board. I take stewardship very seriously and am glad to be at a point in my life where I am able give back. My family and children are a part of the Cortland community, and I would love to continue to make [our libraries] places people want to visit. In seeking a place on the [FLLS] Board, I want to continue to protect the core values of [our libraries], betterment of the community and inclusivity, and utilize my skills to help make well-reasoned decisions. I am hopeful that I will be chosen to help represent Cortland as part of the [FLLS] board.