



**Resolution: TCPL  
November 2025**

WHEREAS on June 18th, 2025 the Finger Lakes Library System (FLLS) Board passed a resolution stating that until the custody and use of all 2022 and 2023 Central Library Services Aid moneys are accounted for by Tompkins County Public Library (TCPL), FLLS will not distribute any further Central Library Services Aid to TCPL, and instead will arrange alternate ways of using the aid consistent with the conditions of said funding; and

WHEREAS also on June 18th, 2025 the FLLS Board passed a resolution stating that unless a complete audit and underlying documentation showing proper custody and management of all Central Library Services Aid from FY 2022 onward is provided by TCPL, FLLS will demand that any amount not properly accounted for (currently estimated to be \$337,764.00) must be returned no later than December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS on July 9, 2025, the FLLS Board met with representatives of TCPL and their legal counsel to address concerns, and while some concerns were addressed, not all factors requested to restore confidence in the proper accounting and compliant use of Central Library funds have been met, requiring FLLS to not award further money at this time; and

WHEREAS the New York Education Department had threatened FLLS with failure to abide by regulatory requirements due to the Central Library not having a Director;

BE IT RESOLVED that the FY2025/2026 Central Library funding shall be retained and used directly by FLLS for e-content, e-magazines, databases, and other items for general use of the system, consistent with the Plan of Service for 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that FLLS shall continue to assess whether a new Central Library is required, and shall make a decision on this matter in time for a new designate to be in effect for the 2027 fiscal year, if necessary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director shall send a letter to the board of TCPL requesting another meeting to revisit the items related to fiscal accountability and to resolve the concerns listed in these resolutions.

*Approved by FLLS Board of Trustees  
November 19, 2025*