

February 2026 Director's Report

Grant Updates: Community Foundation of Tompkins County Grant has been submitted. The review meeting will happen February 18th, I scheduled a phone call with the lead reviewer of our application for 2/17. I am currently working on the 2025 Library Grant Final Report. The Mildred Faulkner Truman Foundation denied our request of \$25,000 towards the MDP Panel relocation. I updated Mark Dixson on all the grants, and he requested a written update to bring to the Hooker Foundation Board. Hoping to hear something soon. We received the Community Arts Grant (\$4,700) from the ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes, I submitted the signed grant agreement and we are waiting for it to become official.

Building: We noticed that the grout is failing on some of the glass floor panels on the second floor on the west side.

Programs: AARP tax appointments are all full and the first day was 2/9/26. The final program for the Adult Winter Crafting Series, Watercolor Basics with Kate Wilsey filled within 24 hrs. of posting. Advertisement for the new open crafting group, Crafty Club went out with the newsletter and I have some posters up in the library.

Library Services: Due to the new Online Accessibility Law, there will be some changes to the FLLS website and the online catalogue. Implementation and training for these changes are expecting to occur after April 1st. After April 20th the online catalogue will look different.

Miscellaneous: Purchased new magnets (with correct hours!) for the library. A new Directors Handbook was published this year and I am reviewing that. A new Trustee Handbook was also published, if anyone didn't receive this email let me know! Closed 1/26/26 for inclement weather. Meeting rooms are being used frequently by the community and community groups: Girl Scouts, 4H/Cornell Cooperative Extension, Rotary, Tioga Ukulele Group, Literacy Volunteers, and more! The Finger Lakes Library System is starting work on their 5-year plan, in the next few weeks they are looking to set up focus groups in each county for the end of March into April. These will be open meetings for staff, directors and trustees.