

The University of the State of New York Education Department
Absolute Charter of
The Friends of the Tompkins County Public Library

This instrument witnesseth that the Board of Regents and on behalf of the Education Department of the State of New York has granted this absolute charter.

1. Incorporating Orrilla W. Butts, Helen H. Hedlund, Alice W. Young, Dorothy D. Spencer, and Theodora R. Cowan, and their associates and successors as an educational corporation under the corporate name of The Friends of the Tompkins County Public Library, to be located in the city of Ithaca, county of Tompkins and State of New York.

2. The purposes for which such corporation is formed are:

- a. To maintain an organization of persons interested in books, libraries, facilities, and needs;
- b. To stimulate gifts and desirable collections;

c. To enrich the cultural advantages available to the citizens of Tompkins County.

3. The persons named as incorporators shall constitute the first board of trustees. The board shall have the power to adopt bylaws, including therein provisions fixing the method of election and terms of office of trustees, and shall have power also, by vote of two-thirds of all the members of the board of trustees, to change the number of trustees, to be not more than 25 nor less than 5.

4. The corporation hereby created shall be a non stock corporation organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes and no part of its earnings or net income shall inure to the benefit of any individual, and no officer, member or employee of the corporation shall receive or be entitled to receive any pecuniary profit from the operations thereof, except reasonable compensation for services.

5. The principal office of the corporation is to be located in the City of Ithaca, County of Tompkins and State of New York.

6. The Commissioner of Education is designated as the representative of the corporation upon whom process in any action or proceeding against it may be served.

Granted September 27, 1968, by the Board of Regents for and on behalf of the State Education Department, executed under the seal of said Department and recorded therein. Number 9750.