

**The
University of the State of New York
Education Department**

**Absolute Charter
Pioneer Library System**

This Instrument Witnesseth That the Board of Regents for and on behalf of the New York State Education Department has granted this absolute charter to Pioneer Library System, to be conducted in the counties of Livingston, Ontario, Wayne and Wyoming, state of New York,

1. Incorporating Camille D'Angelo, Linda C. Morris, Catherine Barnard, Jane C. Stirling, Harry E. Longfellow, Charles F. Williman, Wallace B. Mark, Shelagh M. Maxwell and Marianne Timms, and their associates and successors in office as a cooperative library system in accordance with the vote establishing the same at a meeting of the petitioning public and association libraries on the fifteenth day November, 1989, under the corporate name of the Pioneer Library System, the operations of the corporation to be conducted in the counties of Livingston, Ontario, Wayne and Wyoming, state of New York, and the principal offices of the corporation to be located in Newark and Avon New York.
2. The purpose for which such corporation is to be formed is the expansion and improvement of public library services in Livingston, Ontario, Wayne and Wyoming Counties.
3. The library shall be administered by a board of not less than five nor more than twenty-five trustees, the current number to be at first the nine persons named herein as incorporators, whose terms were fixed by lot so that such terms of said trustees, in which they are named hereinabove, shall expire on December 31, one in 1990, two in 1991, two in 1992, two in 1993 and two in 1994. Thereafter, as such terms expire, their successors shall be elected annually by the trustees of the participating member libraries in the cooperative library system whose representation is determined by the corporation by-laws for a full term of five years. Vacancies due to cause other than expiration of term shall be filled until the next annual election by the library system board of trustees.
4. The corporation hereby created shall be a nonstock 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 operation thereof, except reasonable compensation for services.
5. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United State Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

6. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be devoted to carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, (except to the extent authorized by Internal Revenue Code section 501(h) as amended, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law, during any fiscal year or years in which the corporation has chosen to utilize the benefits authorized by the statutory provision) and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene (including the publishing or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
7. Upon dissolution of the corporation, the board of trustees shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of the remaining assets of the corporation exclusively for one or more exempt purposes, within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future Federal tax code), or shall distribute the same to the Federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by order of the Supreme Court of the State of New York in the judicial district where the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes, or to such organization or organizations, organized and operated exclusively for such purposes, as said Court shall determine.
8. 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, March 23, 1990, by the Board of Regents
of The University of the State of New York,
for and on behalf of the State
Education Department, and executed
under the seal of said University and
recorded as Number 20,607.

Martin Barell
Chancellor

Thomas Sobel
President of The University and
Commissioner of Education