

**LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD REPORT**

September 25, 2025

TO: Board of Library Commissioners

FROM: John F. Szabo, City Librarian

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF ASSIGNMENT OF AGREEMENT C-201783 WITH
BAKER & TAYLOR, LLC, TO READERLINK DISTRIBUTION
SERVICES, LLC.**

A. RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT the Board of Library Commissioners ("Board"):

1. Approve the Consent to Assignment substantially in the form on file with Baker & Taylor, LLC ("Assignor"), to transfer and assign all rights, title and interest in Agreement No. C-201783 to ReaderLink Distribution Services, LLC. ("Assignee").
2. Authorize the City Librarian and City Attorney to make technical and clerical changes, if needed, to the Consent to Assignment.
3. Authorize the City Librarian or his designee to execute the Consent to Assignment upon completion of all required approvals.
4. Adopt the attached Resolution regarding the approval of the Consent of Assignment Agreement for the Acquisition of Library Materials and Services.

B. STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. On August 12, 2025, the Library and Baker & Taylor, LLC entered into Agreement No. C-201783 for the Acquisition of Library Materials and Services (Library Resolution No. 2025-8 [C-5]).
2. On September 10, 2025, Baker & Taylor, LLC notified the Los Angeles Public Library that Baker & Taylor and ReaderLink Distribution Services, LLC have entered a Letter of Intent whereby ReaderLink will acquire the business and substantially all the assets of Baker & Taylor.
3. Library staff requests that the Board approve the Consent to Assignment with Baker & Taylor, LLC. to transfer and assign all rights, title and interest in Agreement No. C-201783 to ReaderLink Distribution Services, LLC.

4. The Consent to Assignment has been reviewed by the City Attorney and is ready to be transmitted for processing.

Attachments

Project Manager: Jené Brown, Director of Emerging Technologies and Collections
Prepared by: Claudia Aguilar, Senior Management Analyst
Reviewed by: Susan Broman, Assistant City Librarian

RESOLUTION

September 25, 2025

LIBRARY RESOLUTION NO. 2025-__ (C-__)

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2025, the Board of Library Commissioners (Board) awarded a contract for the Acquisition of Library Materials and Services to Baker & Taylor, LLC (Library Resolution No. 2025-8 [C-5]);

WHEREAS, the aforementioned contract was executed on August 12, 2025;

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2025, Baker & Taylor, LLC notified the Los Angeles Public Library that Baker & Taylor and ReaderLink Distribution Services, LLC have entered a Letter of Intent whereby ReaderLink will acquire the business and substantially all the assets of Baker & Taylor; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2025, Baker & Taylor, LLC notified the Los Angeles Public Library that, with the Library's permission, ReaderLink Distribution Services, LLC will assume any and all Baker & Taylor, LLC obligations arising from Contract C-201783.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board adopts the recommendations and findings of the City Librarian's Board Report and approves the Consent to Assignment of Agreement No. C-201783;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the City Librarian or his designee to execute the Consent to Assignment; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the City Librarian and the City Attorney to make technical and clerical changes, if needed, to the contract.

This is a true copy:



CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT

As you are aware, Baker & Taylor, LLC. (“Baker & Taylor”) and ReaderLink Distribution Services, LLC (“ReaderLink”) have announced that they have entered into a Letter of Intent whereby ReaderLink will acquire the business and substantially all the assets of Baker & Taylor on or about September 26, 2025 (the “Closing Date”). As part of this transaction, your written agreements with Baker & Taylor are expected to be assigned to, and assumed by, ReaderLink as of the Closing Date. We are asking for your consent to this assignment and assumption.

We are pleased to confirm that many of the current Baker & Taylor management team and employees are expected to join the ReaderLink team and continue to serve your needs. We anticipate this will be seamless to you, as ReaderLink will assume any and all Baker & Taylor obligations arising from and after the Closing Date under those written agreements and will honor the related pricing, payment terms, prepaid contracts and subscriptions, quotas, deposits and account credits; **provided, however, if you do not return this signed consent by or before the date below, then ReaderLink will be unable, without their assignment, to recognize and honor those unassigned contracts and subscriptions, quotas, deposits, or account credits.**

PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR CONSENT TO THIS ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION BY SIGNING THIS “CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT” FORM AND RETURNING IT TO BAKER & TAYLOR NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025.

You may email your signed Consent to Assignment form to assignments@baker-taylor.com.

By signing this Consent to Assignment, the Customer named herein consents to the assignment to and assumption by ReaderLink of this Customer’s written agreements with Baker & Taylor as of the Closing Date.

Customer:

By: _____

Name/Title: _____

Contract / RFP #: _____

Contract Bid/RFP Name: _____