



Date: September 10, 2025

To: Baker & Taylor Contract Customers

From: Aman Kochar, President and CEO

Subject: Acquisition of Baker & Taylor, LLC by ReaderLink Distribution Services, LLC

We are pleased to announce that ReaderLink Distribution Services, LLC ("ReaderLink") and Baker & Taylor, LLC. ("Baker & Taylor") have entered a Letter of Intent whereby ReaderLink will acquire the business and substantially all the assets of Baker & Taylor. The transaction, which is subject to remaining due diligence and customary conditions to closing, is expected to close in the coming weeks.

ReaderLink, the largest full-service book distributor in the world, is well-capitalized and maintains over \$250 million in inventory across its six geographically optimized distribution centers, which will soon augment Baker & Taylor's existing operations centers. The transaction brings additional resources for Baker & Taylor's customers, including best-in-class in-stock positions, faster order turnarounds, and an expanded portfolio of library-tailored products while continuing Baker & Taylor's personalized customer service.

Most of the current Baker & Taylor management team and employees are joining the ReaderLink team, and I will continue to lead the Baker & Taylor business, reporting to Dennis E. Abboud, CEO of ReaderLink. By partnering with ReaderLink, your Baker & Taylor team will continue to deliver the exceptional service, inventory, and solutions you expect.

IMPORTANT! PLEASE NOTE THAT BAKER & TAYLOR'S EXISTING CUSTOMER PRICING AND PAYMENT TERMS WILL BE HONORED IF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN YOU AND BAKER & TAYLOR IS ASSIGNED TO READERLINK, HOWEVER, YOU MUST SIGN THE ENCLOSED "CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT" FORM AND RETURN IT, AS SPECIFIED THEREON, NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 19, 2025. READERLINK WILL BE UNABLE, WITHOUT THE SIGNED CONSENT, TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ANY UNASSIGNED CONTRACTS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS, QUOTAS, DEPOSITS, OR ACCOUNT CREDITS.

Once the Consent to Assignment is received, the transaction's effect should be relatively seamless for our customers, with no immediate operational changes required.

Regarding the transaction, Dennis E. Abboud, ReaderLink's president and C.E.O., said, "We believe that the Company's talented management team, dedicated employees and world-class Library partners distinguish Baker & Taylor as an industry leader. This transaction provides both Baker & Taylor and ReaderLink with additional assets and expertise to continue both companies' long-standing, proven commitment to customer service to better enable our Library partners to succeed in a dynamic and evolving book market."

About ReaderLink Distribution Services, LLC

ReaderLink is the largest full-service book distributor in the world, supporting over 400 retail accounts with more than 100,000 storefronts. ReaderLink's distribution customer base comprises virtually every U.S. chain retailer, including mass merchants, warehouse clubs, grocery stores, drug stores, bookstores, online sellers, specialty retailers and transportation centers. In addition, ReaderLink supplies retail partners in Canada, the UK, Japan, and Australia, and support U.S. military installations worldwide. ReaderLink sells approximately one out of every three of the most popular books annually sold in the U.S. ReaderLink also owns Printers Row Publishing Group, a "top 10" trade publisher with thousands of proprietary and published titles. For more information go to www.ReaderLink.com

About Baker & Taylor, LLC

Founded in 1828, Baker & Taylor has a long and storied history serving libraries. As a leading supplier, the company is well known and trusted for carrying the materials libraries need while innovating and bringing unique products to customers worldwide. Backed by comprehensive logistics and unparalleled customer support, Baker & Taylor empowers libraries to enrich their collections, engage patrons, and nurture literacy and lifelong learning. Learn more at www.baker-taylor.com.



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: L. M. "Matt" Sebesta Jr. - Brazoria County Judge

Contract / RFP #: RFP# 21-60, RFP #23-24 and RFP #21-100

Contract Bid/RFP Name: Electronic Consent Material for the Library, Library Books and Miscellaneous Orders and Lease Plan for Books and Other Materials