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# SOUTHEASTERN NEWS

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## Welcome!

We hope you had a good end to the year and welcome you back to all the things waiting for you in January! We hope this newsletter doesn't burden your inbox too much and that we have some helpful information for you below!

As for the rest... **if you only have time for one thing:** Don't miss the [deadline for SENYCon proposals](#), which is right around the corner. They're due Wednesday, January 17!

Additionally, we have news on:

- Advocacy Day 2024
- Ask the Lawyer
- Computers in Libraries Discount
- Employment Opportunities
- Public Domain Day
- SEAL Newsletter
- UNYOC membership
- and as always, professional development opportunities

## Advocacy Day 2024

*Fund – Protect – Empower*

New York Library Association (NYLA) Library Advocacy Day brings together library advocates from across New York State to converge on Albany to voice their support for funding and policies that benefit libraries. During the day, we will meet with NYS Assembly members and Senators for 30-minute meetings to share the importance of libraries. Join us for meetings with your NYS representatives to make the case that libraries should receive funding increases and support to meet the needs of our communities.

**Date & Time:** February 07, 2024

**Location:** Legislative Office Building, Empire State Plaza  
198 State Street Albany 12210

**There are two separate registrations:**

1) If you are not part of MHLS or RCLS, Let us know you are coming by signing up with Southeastern here: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScNcS8IqmYcvqVfofvFjtFFM9t2QJTWKwz6MQRsOwwX7Lq8cQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScNcS8IqmYcvqVfofvFjtFFM9t2QJTWKwz6MQRsOwwX7Lq8cQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

We will sign you up for the meeting with the representatives covering your organization and any other meetings that interest you.

2) Don't drive: get on the bus for only \$10.00! Sign up here: <https://rcls.libcal.com/event/11586096>.  
Bus Pick-Up Locations: West Nyack, Newburgh, Elmsford, Brewster, New Paltz, Kingston, Catskill

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## Ask the Lawyer

The council retains an attorney to offer Southeastern and its members timely input on human resources, intellectual property, digital rights management, vendor contracts, First Amendment, civil rights, employment law, and other legal issues that can impact library operations.

Answered questions go on a [FAQ shared by the ESLN councils on WNYLRC's website here](#). Recent questions include:

- [Management of Municipal Library Construction Projects](#)
- [Municipal Friends Group Accepting Donations](#)
- [Creating Prayer Space in School District Library](#)
- [Accessibility Devices for In-Library Use](#)



Got a question for the lawyer?

[Ask it on the form here!](#)

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## Computers in Libraries Discount

Registration is now open for [Computers in Libraries 2024](#), held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, VA. If you are receiving this email, you are eligible for a discount by using the code: **24SEN**. Or, you can [follow the link here](#) and the code with discounts will be embedded.

With the code, the Gold Pass will be available for the discount rate of \$679 (the regular rate is \$929). The Full 3-Day Pass will be \$399 (regular rate is \$639). In addition, a discounted price of \$629 (regularly \$779) on the Library Leaders Summit (includes all three days of CIL), is also available.

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## Employment Opportunities

Local library jobs are listed on our employment page here: <https://www.senylrc.org/jobs>

We receive updates all the time and post them as soon as possible. You can submit your listing by sending an email to [jobposting@senylrc.org](mailto:jobposting@senylrc.org).

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## Public Domain Day 2024

Every year in January, we celebrate [Public Domain Day](#). This year starts with the free and fair use of materials from 1928. You might have heard that includes certain iterations of a certain rodent. But even more fun is *Millions of Cats*, the oldest picture book still in print. (And available on Carolyn's home book self to make the collage below.) Click on the image to see what else you can use, remix, and share without restriction this year.



Public Domain Day 2024

If you like reading Public Domain ebooks, you might enjoy the [Standard EBooks library](#), a website of public domain texts that have been proofread, corrected, and updated with modern typography and detailed metadata.

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## SEAL Newsletter

[The December 2023 SEAL Newsletter](#) also got a facelift as it joined this newsletter in being sent through Vero, the new software we're trying out for our email blasts. Check out information on:

- Out of Office Tips for SEAL
- Updated Training Resources
- Southeastern Resource Highlight: Ask the Lawyer
- Placing Multiple Requests
- Delivery Suggestions

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## UNYOC membership

Do you provide library support to educational programs in the health sciences, or, do you work in a healthcare setting, or, are you a student considering a career in health sciences Librarianship? We invite you to join the [Upstate New York/Ontario Chapter of the Medical Library Association](#) (UNYOC).

Benefits of your \$25/year membership fee (\$15 for students) include:

- Professional development scholarships
- Continuing education courses
- Networking with chapter members
- Reduced registration rates for UNYOC's annual meeting
- Opportunities to volunteer for open positions on the UNYOC Executive Committee
- Opportunities to present to a collaborative and supportive group of colleagues

Joining for 2024 is easy; [click here to get started](#).

Feel free to contact Elizabeth Mamo: ElizabethMamo@Rochesterregional.org with any questions about UNYOC membership.

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From Southeastern NY Library Resources Council

## Professional Development

A promotional banner for the 9th Annual SENYCon. The banner features a white background on the left with the text "9th Annual SENYCon April 12, 2024" in a large, dark font, and "in person | online | hybrid" in a smaller font below it. To the right of the text are two images: a photograph of a large group of people seated in a conference room facing a stage, and a close-up photograph of a woman with long dark hair smiling while looking at a laptop. The background of the banner is a gradient of orange and yellow.

### Call for proposals!!!

**The deadline for proposals is Wednesday, January 17, Anywhere On Earth**

This year's event will take place on **Friday, April 12, 2024**. Libraries of all types are represented, and the event is free and open to all. This year, we will again present a hybrid event based on the interest of applicants.

If you're looking for inspiration on what kinds of topics work for this event, see our [LibGuide of previous SENYCon presentations and lineups](#).

EMPIRE STATE LIBRARY NETWORK  
presents:

## Inclusive Metadata

What it is, why it is important  
and how it can help you meet  
your EDI goals!

Wednesday,  
January 24:  
1pm-2pm



### Webinar: Inclusive Metadata

Wednesday, January 24,  
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
online via Zoom

In this webinar, we'll discuss inclusive metadata: what it is, why it's important, and how it can reflect your institution's goals for diversity, equity, and inclusion. We'll discuss the historical biases that have influenced descriptive practices, and explore best practices to audit, research, and improve your terminology to better reflect the identities and values of the people who use your collections and those represented within them. In the process we'll look at a few real world examples to help you move toward creating more inclusive and care-based metadata.

[Register Here](#)



## INFORMATION LITERACY INSTRUCTION SIG

HIGH SCHOOL TO COLLEGE TRANSITION

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30: 3PM

### Information Literacy Instruction Special Interest Group

Tuesday, January 30,  
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
online via Zoom

This group is for academic and secondary school librarians to be in conversation with each other.

Do you have a classroom/library activity that you would like to implement or redesign? This month, we will have a couple of instruction activities addressing the "big ideas" ready to workshop in groups. We will ask participants if they would like to share their projects. At Marist, we recently workshopped our workshops as a group and we found it very helpful to get different feedback. We will start with those examples to get the conversation started.

[Register Here](#)

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**Resource Sharing Special Interest Group**

Thursday, March 21, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Register here: <https://www.senylrc.org/event/resource-sharing-sig/>

Meeting topic: Cross-Training for ILL

The Resource Sharing Special Interest Group (SIG) meets to discuss issues of Interlibrary Loan, delivery, union catalogs, and other related topics. The members of the group are a mix of full-time and part-time, degreed and non-degreed librarians, and come from all library types.

This time, we will be meeting in person on location at Southeastern NY Library Resources Council.

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**Tech-Talk Webinars**

1-hour sessions on Wednesdays at 3pm

- Jan 10: [SOCIAL MEDIA] **Instagram 101... A Beginner's Guide to Social Success**
- Jan 24: [ORGANIZE] **Desktop Organization - Simplify Your Computer Life**

[Webinar Details & Register at this link](#)

NOTE: You'll need Southeastern's login info to register! Members can email Moshe Siegel at [moshe@senylrc.org](mailto:moshe@senylrc.org) to request it if they don't have it.



## Other Professional Development

### **Combating Racism in Libraries: Creating Spaces to Educate and Inform Our Communities**

Produced by NYLA

Monday, January 8: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

[More information and registration here](#)

### **Fostering Access, Rights, and Equity (FARE) for Women Workers in NYS**

Produced by Central NY Library Resources Council

Tuesday, January 9: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

[More information and registration here](#)

### **Digital Equity Roundtable Featuring Cory Doctorow: Seize the Means of Computation: A Big Tech Disassembly Manual**

Produced by the New York State Library

Friday, January 12: 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

### **Reading Together - Secrets to a Long-Running Graphic Novel Book Club**

Produced by Northern NY Library Resources Council

Tuesday, January 23: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

### **Webinar: Leading Transformative Change - Making a Better Organization**

Produced by Central NY Library Resources Council

Wednesday, January 24: 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

### **Webinar: Free and Low-Cost Library Programming**

Produced by Central NY Library Resources Council

Tuesday, February 6: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

[More information and registration here](#)

### **Prevention in Action: Hate Crimes, De-Escalation, and Bystander Intervention**

Produced by Rochester Regional Library Council

Thursday, February 8: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)





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