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Welcome!

Did February feel extra long to anyone else? This leap year gave us one extra day to pile this newsletter with information that will help you and your work. If you like what you see here, please tell a friend to sign up for our newsletter.

If you only have time for one thing: Take a look at the upcoming professional development from Southeastern. We're soft-launching a few registrations here: The Banned Books Symposium, the ACRL Roadshow on RDM, and SENYCon 2024! Stand-alone announcements about each program will come from this address this month, but you can be the first to register if you scroll down now.

Additionally, we have news on:

- The Twila Snead Award for Excellence
 - Employment Opportunities
 - SEAL Newsletter
 - Digital Navigators Spring cohort
 - NYLA conference & council
 - Library Freedom Institute
 - Ask the Lawyer
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Digital Navigators Spring Cohort

Digital Navigators are trained, trusted guides who help with various technology needs. Navigators work in libraries and other community organizations.

[We are now accepting applications for the spring cohort!](#)

The program is open to anyone who works at a library or a community-based organization that would like to offer Digital Navigator services to their patrons. **Applications are due on Tuesday, March 26, at 12:00 pm.** Applications are open to individuals who work at libraries and nonprofit organizations in the following counties: Columbia, Greene, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester.

If you have questions and want more details, [please join us for an information session](#) on March 20 at 2:00 pm.

The Twila Snead Award for Excellence

This award recognizes an outstanding member library, cultural heritage organization, program, service, or staff member.

Nominations for the 2024 award are now open and are being accepted until Friday, April 26, 2024.

[Please take a look at the details on our website here.](#)

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.

SEAL Newsletter

[The February 2024 SEAL Newsletter](#) came out a few days ago. Check out information on:

- The SEAL Webinar series (see below for more as well)
- March Resource Sharing SIG
- Generating SEAL Statistics
- Inter-library Loan Libguide

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 RAQ shared by the ESLN councils on WNYLRC's website here](#). Recent questions include:

- [Re-leveling Books Using AI](#)
- [Transferring Copyright After Creator's Death](#)
- [SAM Coverage for Libraries](#)
- [Donated Discards and Copyright](#)



Got a question for the lawyer?

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

NYLA Conference & Council

The New York Library Association is looking for presenters for the annual conference! This year's conference will be in-person at the Oncenter in Syracuse, New York on November 6-9. If you have a great idea for a panel or presentation, let them know here: [2024 Program Proposal Form](#)
Proposals are due Monday, March 25.

NYLA's Nominating Committee is also asking members to nominate themselves or another NYLA member for one of their open Council positions this election cycle.

Nominations will be accepted until 11:59 pm on Monday, March 11th. Selected candidates will be notified by late March. The NYLA Council Election will run from June 1st - June 15th.

[More information and the nomination form are here](#)

DHP Grant Funding

The New York State Archives is pleased to announce the availability of the guidelines and application for the 2024-2025 DHP funding cycle. Documentary Heritage Program (DHP) Grants grants are designed to build a more comprehensive and equitable documentation of New York State's history and culture by supporting projects that identify, survey, collect, arrange, describe, and make available records that relate to groups and topics traditionally under-represented in the State.

Application Deadline: April 2, 2024. Details about [DHP grants and how to apply are available on the DHP Grants web page](#). If you have questions about these grants, please contact John Diefenderfer and Heather Carroll at DHS@nysed.gov.

Library Freedom Institute

Library Freedom Institute is a privacy-focused 6-month virtual training for librarians. This curriculum will give them the tools they need to become privacy champions in their libraries.

Once-a-month, Library Freedom Institute will provide a 2-hour training that covers a variety of topics. Throughout the course, each participant will spend 1-2 hours a week asynchronously working on a project to be shared with the LFP community.

LFI is made possible with generous support from the Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment. Applications are due March 18. More information here: <https://libraryfreedom.org/institute/>

From Southeastern NY Library Resources Council

Professional Development

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Spring 2024

SEAL Webinars

Online via Zoom
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm



Spring 2024 SEAL Webinars

[SEAL 101](#): Tuesday, March 12, 2024: 1pm-2pm

[Best Practices for Inter-Library Loan](#): Tuesday, April 16, 2024: 1pm-2pm

[Exploring the SEAL Catalog](#): Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 1pm-2pm

SEAL is Southeastern's resource-sharing platform. SEAL connects libraries of all types in the Southeastern N.Y. region and allows them to easily share books, DVDs, and other resources. It is available at no cost to all libraries in the region. This webinar series will introduce you to how to use the service in your library and demonstrate best practices for finding and loaning materials.



Banned Books Symposium:

Proactive, Reactive, Supportive
 Saturday, May 4
 8:30 am - 1:00 pm
 Dutchess BOCES Conference Center
 Poughkeepsie, NY
 Cost: \$25

This half-day conference will feature presentations in all capacities of banned and challenged books and programs. The event includes two breakout sessions with presentations from academic, school, and public librarians followed by lunch and the keynote speaker, **Jeff Trexler**, Interim Director, Comic Book Legal Defense Fund.

[Register Here](#)

ACRL Roadshow:

Building Your Research Data Management Toolkit: Integrating RDM into Your Liaison Work



RDM Virtual Workshop

July 16 & July 17
 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
 online via Zoom
 Presenters: **Christina Chan-Park** & Laura **Palumbo** for ACRL
 Cost: \$100

Research data management has emerged as a need among academic researchers and liaisons are building skills in response. This two-day workshop will assist liaisons in identifying their existing skills and mindsets that transfer to research data management services and then create a learning plan for the RDM-specific knowledge needed to serve their subject disciplines.

[Register Here](#)

Leadership and Management Skills Special Interest Group

Monday, March 4: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Facilitator: **Geralynn Demarest**, Columbia-Greene Community College

Register here: <https://www.senylrc.org/event/leadershipsig/>

Meeting topic: Leading the way in EDI

This group is for library workers of all library types who handle administrative tasks and are becoming leaders in the field. If you aspire to or are currently working as, a: director, assistant director, manager, program manager, trustee, or serve in a leadership role within a professional organization, this meeting is for you!

Digital Navigators Information Session

Wednesday, March 20, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Register here: <https://www.senylrc.org/event/digital-navigators-information-session/>

This session is for anyone who is curious about Digital Navigators of the Hudson Valley. If you are considering applying to the upcoming cohort, have already applied, or want this service at your library or organization, this meeting is for you!

We will give you an overview of the program timeline and how Digital Navigators are helping individuals in the Hudson Valley achieve Digital Equity. There will be plenty of time for Q&A so that you can ask about the program requirements and decide if you want to join.

Resource Sharing Special Interest Group

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

Facilitator: **Kelsey Milner**, Southeastern NY Library Resources Council

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

Meeting topic: **Cross-Training for ILL**

Join us for the next Resource Sharing SIG, in-person at Southeastern's office! The topic for this SIG is cross-training. Cross-training is the process of training staff in other areas of the library so they can provide coverage when needed. The SIG will include a 20 minute presentation by **Kirsten Williams**, Resource Sharing and Cataloging Librarian at the University of Southern Indiana, who will share her experiences and strategies cross-training staff in inter-library loan duties. We will follow up with group discussions centered on this topic.

SENYCon 2024

Friday, April 12, 9:00 am - 1:30 pm

Cost: In-person attendees: \$10 (includes brunch)

Online attendees: Free

Register here: <https://www.senylrc.org/event/senylcon-2024/>

SENYCon is an annual conference to highlight the unique talents and skills that library professionals in the Southeastern region hold. This event is made possible due to an outpouring of enthusiasm from our members, and the event is free for all Southeastern members.

This year's event will take place on Friday, April 12 with an inclement weather date of Friday, April 19. Libraries of all types are represented, includes food, and is open to all.

Tech-Talk Webinars

1-hour sessions on Wednesdays at 3pm

- March 13: [CANVA] **Create Concept/Mind Maps to Visually Plan Complex Topics**
- March 27: [EXCEL] **Use Simple Excel & Access Databases to Organize Storytelling Resources**
- April 10: [EMAIL] **10 Gmail Features and Shortcuts You Might Not Be Using**

[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 to request it if they don't have it.

Other Professional Development

Eclipse Soundscapes & Dark Skies

Produced by South Central Regional Library Council

Monday, March 4: 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Know the Path, Avoid the Pitfalls: Arranging Contracts for E-Resources

Produced by Empire State Library Network

Thursday, March 7: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

[More information and registration here](#)

An Introduction to the Sustainable Library Certification Program

Produced by Sustainable Libraries Initiative

Thursday, March 7: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

[More information and registration here](#)

Loida Garcia-Febo on the Freedom to Read in 2024

Produced by Northern NY Library Network

Friday, March 8: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Lunch & Learn- Graphic Medicine: Engaging communities in health literacy

Produced by South Central Regional Library Council

Wednesday, March 13: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Trauma and Censorship in the Library

Produced by Central NY Library Resources Council

Thursday, March 14: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

STEM Info Professionals Mini Conference: New Ideas, New People, New Tech

Produced by METRO

Thursday, March 14 & Friday, March 15: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Digital Equity Roundtable Series: Reliable Legal Resources for Library Visitors

Produced by the New York State Library

Friday, March 15: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Universal & Trauma-Informed Design

Produced by Central NY Library Resources Council

Monday, March 18: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

The 411 on 211: Reentry Services

Produced by Western NY Library Resources Council

Tuesday, March 26: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

The Book Doctor Is In

Produced by Dutchess County BOCES

Thursday, May 30: 4:15 pm - 7:15 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

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