Southeastern fosters a spirit of community and collaboration with services to academic, public, school, hospital, and special libraries as well as cultural heritage organizations in the Hudson Valley.

Through New York Heritage, member organizations have a low-cost way to give the public access to digital collections.

Using SouthEastern Access to Libraries (SEAL), patrons can borrow materials from academic institutions by requesting them through their public library.

Through comprehensive professional development, events, and webinars, we foster a culture of learning. We provide our members with both exclusive events and collaborative state-wide education.
Here are four examples of how Southeastern provided opportunities for members to connect and share resources in 2021:

1. We hosted forums for library workers to have conversations related to what is most important to them: equity, diversity, inclusion, resource sharing, cataloging, archives, and management.
2. We hosted programs that helped libraries develop plans to respond to emergencies.
3. We launched the new Empire Archival Discovery Cooperative, the statewide finding aid portal managed by Southeastern staff.
4. We upgraded the platform for HRVH Historical Newspapers with new software that provides a better viewing experience.

In 2021, the staff and Board of Trustees continued to deliver core services and adapt programs and services to changing situations. In July, we began a new planning phase for 2021-2026, incorporating thoughtful recommendations from members, which we will implement in this five-year timeframe. One goal in the plan is to "Foster a culture of equity, diversity, and inclusion in libraries and cultural heritage organizations." The first steps toward this goal included an internal EDI assessment process that helped identify areas that need attention, like policy edits and communicating our members’ work. The Board formed an Ad Hoc Committee to identify new service areas that help reach this goal.

The New York State Library and the Institute of Museum and Library Services allocated $462,392 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to Southeastern. The funds are for collaborative regional projects that will advance digital equity, encourage library/museum partnerships, and expand student access to digital resources. 93% of the funding goes directly to member communities for several projects, including Digital Navigators of the Hudson Valley, Beyond the Library WiFi Access, and six grant-funded projects that demonstrate library and museum partnerships for the benefit of their communities.

We are proud to share data and details about our accomplishments in this document, a snapshot of Southeastern’s activities in 2021. These are the programs and services we provide for the benefit of our members so that they may serve their patrons better. In addition to the budgetary overview, we hope you take the time to review the list of the people responsible for Southeastern’s achievements. The work of the Board, staff, committees and member organizations makes what we do possible. Our success belongs to them and you.

We look forward to seeing you in person again soon!

Tessa Killian, Executive Director
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Advocacy work is ongoing, including 22 visits to local elected officials on Advocacy Day. Ask-the-Lawyer Service for members to request information on intellectual property, digital rights management, contracts, and other issues that impact library operations. Coordinated Collection Development Aid $101,097 distributed to 14 academic libraries. DOCLINE was used to fill 306 requests on behalf of members. Digitization services helped to put 634,303 of our members' items online. Empire Library Delivery 14 libraries participated in the state-wide delivery system. Hospital Library Services Program members received $65,000 in grants and discounts on electronic books and journals. HRVH Historical Newspapers 63 titles, with 570,410 visits and 30 million page views. Medical Information Services Program $1,261 in grants to support medical information requests from member libraries. New York Heritage 250 collections from 80 members, and 1.2 million page views of our members' NYH collections. OCLC 48 requests placed on behalf of 10 members. On-Demand Learning members have access to over 27,000 Skillshare training videos. Online Exhibits 47 digitized, curated exhibits. Professional Development 958 people attended at least one of our 57 events. SouthEastern Access to Libraries (SEAL) provided interlibrary loan services for 179 libraries; 1,740 overall requests placed, with 1,259 requests filled. Special Interest Groups 40 meetings from 9 groups that meet regularly. Special Library Catalog there were 151,591 page views of 122,340 holdings for 14 special and hospital libraries. Tech-Talk 400 individuals from member organizations received the weekly email. Visiting Information professionals To provide Adequate Library Staffing (VITAL Staffing) 4 hospitals enrolled, providing professional librarian services to hospital staff.
**Our Mission**
Southeastern New York Library Resources Council connects the region’s community of libraries and cultural heritage organizations to information, resources, support, and professional development opportunities to enhance the capacity for services, advocacy, outreach and engagement for members.

**Our Vision**
In order to meet the needs of our members with excellence, we aspire to be an inclusive, member-focused organization that serves the libraries and cultural heritage communities in our region with a comprehensive suite of accessible resources and services.
OUR PEOPLE

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2021: Ramapo Catskill Library System, Coalition for Library Workers of Color
2020: Valerie Mittenberg, SUNY New Paltz
2019: Cross County Reading Challenge, Sullivan BOCES School Library System
2018: adLIB, Vassar College Libraries
2017: Amy Hillick, SUNY Orange
2016: Judy Capurso, SUNY Ulster
2015: Rhonda L. Altonen, MLS, MS
2014: FRANKLIN – Access to the FDR Library’s Digital Collections

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Southeastern is one of the nine Reference and Research Library Resources Councils that make up Empire State Library Network. Statewide services include continuing education, digitization, access to electronic resources, delivery, and advocacy.

The purpose of the Empire State Library is to:
- Leverage the network of colleagues, resources, and expertise we enjoy among our organizations.
- Increase and grow our influence in New York State on behalf of our councils and council members.
- Increase our organizational skill sets around strategic thinking to improve problem solving, innovation, and collaboration.