

# THE 53RD

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2020  
PROGRAM OF EVENTS

## SURVIVING AND THRIVING AT THE LIBRARY

10:00

Welcome remarks from **Chuck Thomas**, Board of Trustees President and **Tessa Killian**, Executive Director  
Staff introductions  
Southeastern Annual Report

10:20

Open the 53rd Annual Southeastern Membership Meeting  
Report from the trustee and officer nominating committee by **Ellen Rubin**, Board of Trustees  
Announcement of the newly elected trustees:  
**Chuck Thomas, Grace Riario, Maura Albertson**  
Announcement of the slate of officers for 2020/2021:  
President: **Chuck Thomas**  
Vice-President: **Amy Schuler**  
Secretary: **Laura Streett**  
Treasurer: **Ellen Rubin**  
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer: **Floyd Lattin**  
Immediate Past President: **Mary Ellen Leimer**  
Recognition of outgoing Trustee **Rebecca Gerald**

10:30

Presentation of the Twila Snead Award by **Gina Shelton**, Board of Trustees

**Valerie Mittenberg** is this year's recipient  
Valerie is the Collection Development Librarian at the Sojourner Truth Library at SUNY New Paltz. The award committee unanimously agreed that Valerie receive the award for her leadership, innovation, and improvements to the library.

10:50

Keynote Address: **Lauren Moore**, New York State Librarian

Lauren Moore has served in various leadership positions at public libraries and library systems throughout her career. Most recently, she has served as the Executive Director of the Pioneer Library System where she led the development of 42 small and rural libraries in Ontario, Wayne, Wyoming, and Livingston Counties by coordinating shared services. She previously served as the Assistant Director of the Pioneer Library System and the Deputy Director of the Southern Tier Library System.

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Presentations from members:  
**Mary Jo Russell**, Nuvance Health/Vassar Brothers Medical Center. *Tracking research outcomes in hospital library settings: A pilot study*  
**Amy Schuler**, Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies. *Hudson River research in the age of COVID-19*  
**Josephine Bloodgood**, Historic Huguenot Street. *NEH-Funded planning for the digitization of New Paltz's historic documents*  
**Chrissy O'Grady**, SUNY New Paltz. *Shifting library programming from in-person to virtual: Doing your best and thinking creatively*  
**Grace Zimmermann**, Somers Historical Society & **Christine Drysdale**, Somers High School. *Collecting Primary Sources for Covid-19 Pandemic Archives*

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Closing Remarks: **Chuck Thomas** & **Tessa Killian**

12:00

Networking in small breakout tables,  
Board of Trustees Meeting