



SOUTHEASTERN  
NY LIBRARY  
RESOURCES  
COUNCIL

# YEAR IN REVIEW 2025



# A message from **the Board President and Executive Director**

In 2025, Southeastern worked closely with members through a comprehensive information gathering process that will guide our 2026–2031 strategic plan. Member feedback through surveys, focus groups, and individual conversations helped us identify priorities and was instrumental in this planning process. Survey results showed a changing workforce, with more people new to library work and fewer with over 20 years in the field. Keeping this new demographic in mind, we are committed to supporting the next generation of library professionals and expanding opportunities for leadership development.

To sustain high-quality services and ensure financial stability, the board approved dues and fee adjustments effective July 2026, with an additional increase the following year. These increases reflect careful consideration and member input, aligning costs with the value members assign to the services Southeastern offers.

## **2025 Highlights**

- In 2025, we addressed increased internet traffic from AI systems by implementing stronger firewalls and security features, ensuring our services remain reliable and secure.
- We are pleased to report that your New York Heritage collections reached 1.8 million page views.
- We published significant research findings that support Digital Navigators of the Hudson Valley's positive impact on communities.
- We have more members utilizing our ILL referral service through Docline and OCLC's WorldShare.
- We began making the land at 21 S. Elting Corners Road pollinator-friendly, thanks to a grant from a Partner for Climate Action.
- We secured additional grant funding to support key projects from Michelle Hinchey, our NY State Senator, and the Dyson Foundation.

In 2025, our staff played an instrumental role in strategic planning to strengthen our future work with members, while continuing to provide core services. We are grateful to our dedicated trustees, committees, and member organizations. Thank you for your continued partnership as we look forward to 2026.

**Becky Albitz**, President  
**Tessa Killian**, Executive Director





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## 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.

## 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.

# Programs & services 2025 In review



**Advocacy** work is ongoing as we represent our membership to local elected officials.

**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** \$108,685 distributed to 14 academic libraries.

**DOCLINE** was used to fill 225 requests on behalf of members.

**Digital Navigators of the Hudson Valley** comprises 102 trained Digital Navigators who have provided tech help to over 2,000 people since 2022.

**Digitization** services helped to put 47,246 of our members' items online.

**Empire Library Delivery** 13 libraries participated in the state-wide delivery system.

**Hospital Library Services Program** members received \$68,528 in grants and discounts on electronic books and journals.

**HRVH Historical Newspapers** 75 titles, with millions of visits and page views.

**Medical Information Services Program** \$1,340 in grants to support medical information requests from member libraries.

**New York Heritage** 316 collections from 75 members, and 1.8 million page views of our members' NYH collections.

**OCLC WorldShare** 59 requests placed on behalf of members.

**Online Exhibits** 36 digitized, curated exhibits.

**Professional Development** 585 people attended at least one of our 41 events.

**SouthEastern Access to Libraries (SEAL)** provided inter-library loan services for 177 libraries; 2,087 overall requests placed, with 1,495 requests filled.

**Special Interest Groups** 19 meetings from 7 groups that meet regularly.

**Special Library Catalog** there were 67,349 online visits of 53,712 holdings for 4 special and hospital libraries.

**Tech-Talk** 481 individuals from member organizations received the weekly email.

**Visiting Information professionals To provide Adequate Library Staffing (VITAL Staffing)** 3 hospitals enrolled, providing professional librarian services to hospital staff.



# Financial Report

For the year ending  
June 30, 2025

<b>Revenue:</b>	
Membership Dues	\$ 39,425
State Sources	826,003
Contracts with other Libraries	303,399
Grants	30,505
Interest and Dividends	58,787
Rental Income	25,246
Event Income	1,400
Miscellaneous Receipts	10,913
Digital Naviagtor Income	65,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,360,678</b>
<b>Expenses Paid:</b>	
Salaries and Wages	648,380
Employee Benefits	238,950
Library Materials	196,117
Computer Equipment	4,073
Advertising	240
Repairs and Maintenance	28,537
Depreciation	31,132
Professional Fees	28,878
Subsidized Resources	69,853
Dues and Subscriptions	1,513
Contracts with Other Libraries	65,071
Conferences & Travel	8,043
Insurance	7,511
Office Expense	16,603
Event Expenses	3,109
Vehicle Expense	3,355
Mortgage Interest Expense	314
Amortization	6,700
Digital Navigator Expense	42,686
Plant Grant Expense	6,302
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,407,367</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>-46,689</b>
<b>Net Assets - Beginning</b>	<b>1,674,816</b>
<b>Net Assets - Ending</b>	<b>1,628,127</b>

Image: The Dutch Records of Kingston  
Collection Owner: Ulster County Archives



# Members Say...

“Southeastern does great programs which have potential for bringing folks together to provide moral support and encouragement as we navigate these times.”

“I find the digitization projects to be a unique feature and highly valuable both for student use and for public programming. I appreciate that you continue to support and enhance the resources.”

“Southeastern is an excellent value for the cost. I also appreciate the variety of services and constituencies that Southeastern seeks to support.”

“Thank you for being a great resource and partner in all things library!”

“Keep being there for us. You offer many great programs and ILL services for libraries.”



# Community

## Twila Snead Award

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

- 2025:** Historic Huguenot Street  
**2024:** Ginny Neidermier, Josephine-Louise Public Library, Walden  
**2023:** Lisa Gomez, United States Military Academy & Putnam County Historian's Office  
**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

# ESLN



"Advancing New York libraries and archives through innovative programs and meaningful collaboration."

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.



# Our People

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

**Becky Albitz**, Marist University (President)  
**Grace Riario**, Ramapo Catskill Library System (Vice President)  
**Laurie Shedrick**, Mid-Hudson Library System (Secretary)  
**Kristy Lee**, SUNY New Paltz (Treasurer)  
**Floyd Lattin**, Community-at-Large (Assistant Secretary/Treasurer)  
**Andrew Ashton**, Vassar College  
**Anne Deutsch**, Dutchess Community College  
**Beth Zambito**, Finkelstein Memorial Library  
**Ellen Rubin**, Community-at-Large  
**Josephine Bloodgood**, Historic Huguenot Street  
**Kimberly Hooper**, Rockland County BOCES SLS  
**Kirsten S. Carter**, Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum  
**Mary Jo Russell**, Vassar Brothers Medical Center

## STAFF

**Tessa Killian**, Executive Director  
**Zachary Spalding**, Systems Manager  
**Jennifer Palmentiero**, Digital Services Manager  
**Carolyn Bennett Glauda**, Programs and Outreach Manager  
**Moshe Siegel**, Office Manager  
**Liz Gurdin**, Finance Manager  
**Kelsey Milner**, Resource Sharing and Cataloging Librarian  
**Sarah Holsted**, Hospital Library Services Program Manager

## Committees

### Regional ILL

**Livia Sabourin**, Fallsburg Jr/Sr High  
**Lisa Fabiano**, SUNY Ulster (Chair)  
**Brian James**, Kingston Library  
**Gretchen Chandra**, Ramapo Catskill Library System  
**Ivy Gocker**, Woodstock Public Library District  
**Jessica Cartelli**, Vassar College  
**Kathleen Sullivan**, The Nyack Library  
**Laurie Needel**, Finkelstein Memorial Library  
**Laurie Shedrick**, Mid-Hudson Library System (Board Liaison)

### Digital Advisory

**Palash Bosgang**, Bard College (Chair)  
**Alicia Mauldin-Ware**, United States Military Academy West Point  
**Christopher Pryslopski**, Hudson River Valley Institute  
**Daniel Glauber**, Scarsdale Public Library  
**Jen McCreery**, Millbrook Library  
**Jennifer Cassidy**, Putnam County Historian's Office  
**Joe Barbieri**, New City Library  
**Josephine Bloodgood**, Historic Huguenot Street (Board Liaison)  
**Kimberly Gianfrancesco**, Vassar College  
**Kirsten Carter**, Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library & Museum (Board Liaison)  
**Nancy Murillo**, SUNY Orange County Community College

### Continuing Education

**Kristin Charles-Scaringi**, Poughkeepsie Public Library (Chair)  
**Clarisa Rosario**, Goshen Public Library and Historical Society  
**Jenn Palomino**, SUNY New Paltz  
**Jeremy Hall**, Bard College  
**Kim Hooper**, Rockland BOCES School Library System (Board Liaison)  
**Laura Crisci**, Mid-Hudson Library System  
**Michelle Muller**, Ramapo Catskill Library System

### Hospital Library Services Program

**Kathryn Dauksza**, Good Samaritan Hospital (Chair)  
**Maryallison Farley**, Ellenville Regional Hospital  
**Mary Jo Russell**, Vassar Brothers Medical Center (Board Liaison)

### Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

**Carida Riordé**, Valley Cottage Library (Chair)  
**Arianna Schlegel**, Vassar College  
**Beth Zambito**, Finkelstein Memorial Library (Board Liaison)  
**Clarisa Rosario**, Goshen Public Library and Historical Society  
**Kerstin Cruger**, Mid-Hudson Library System  
**Meaghan Doyle**, Ramapo Catskill Library System  
**Minerva Parker**, Nyack Library  
**Morgan Strand**, Nyack Library  
**Tracy Dunstan**, Nyack Library





### **Governing Members**

Adelphi University Hudson Valley Center  
Bard College  
Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies  
Columbia-Greene Community College  
Culinary Institute of America  
Dominican University  
Dutchess BOCES School Library System  
Ellenville Regional Hospital  
Finkelstein Memorial Library  
Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library  
& Museum  
Garnet Health Medical Center  
Good Samaritan Hospital  
Helen Hayes Hospital  
Marist University  
Marlboro Free Library  
Mid-Hudson Library System  
Montefiore Nyack Hospital  
Montefiore St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital  
Mount Saint Mary College  
Nathan S. Kline Institute for Psychiatric  
Research  
Newburgh Free Library  
Nuvance Health (West) / Northern Dutchess  
Hospital  
Nuvance Health (West) / Putnam Hospital  
Center  
Nuvance Health (West) / Sharon Hospital  
Nuvance Health (West) / Vassar Brothers  
Medical Center  
Orange-Ulster BOCES School Library  
System  
Ramapo Catskill Library System  
Rockland BOCES School Library System  
St. Thomas Aquinas College  
Sullivan BOCES School Library System  
SUNY Dutchess Community College  
SUNY New Paltz  
SUNY Orange County Community College  
SUNY Rockland County Community  
College  
SUNY Sullivan  
SUNY Ulster  
Thrall Public Library  
Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine  
- Middletown  
Ulster BOCES School Library System  
United States Military Academy West Point  
Vassar College

### **HRVH Members**

Albert Wisner Public Library  
Beacon Historical Society  
Bronxville History Center  
Chatham Public Library  
Chester Historical Society  
City of Kingston  
City of Newburgh (Newburgh  
Heritage Collection)  
Claverack Free Library  
Columbia County Historical Society  
Cornwall Public Library  
D&H Canal Historical Society  
Ellenville Public Library & Museum  
Elting Memorial Library  
Friends of Historic Kingston  
Germantown History Department  
Goshen Public Library & Historical  
Society  
Greater Hudson Heritage Network  
Greene County Historical Society,  
Vedder Research Library  
Greene County Library Association  
Greenwood Lake Public Library  
Harness Racing Museum and Hall  
of Fame  
Historic Huguenot Street  
Historic Red Hook  
Historical Society of Newburgh Bay  
and the Highlands  
Historical Society of Rockland  
County  
Howland Public Library  
Hudson Area Library  
Hudson River Maritime Museum  
Hudson River Valley Institute  
Irvington Historical Society  
Irvington Public Library  
Jacob Leisler Institute for the Study  
of Early New York History  
Josephine-Louise Public Library  
Library Association of Rockland  
County

### **HRVH Members, cont.**

Locust Grove Historic Estate  
Millbrook Library  
Moffat Library of Washingtonville  
Museum Village  
New Rochelle Public Library  
Nyack Library  
Olive Free Library  
Orange County Historical Society  
Palisades Parks Conservancy, Inc.  
Plattekill Public Library  
Putnam County Historian's Office  
Reher Center for Immigrant Culture  
and History  
Rhinebeck Historical Society  
Saugerties Public Library  
Scarsdale Public Library  
Somers Historical Society  
Staatsburg Library  
Stone Ridge Library  
SUNY Foundation Hudson Valley  
Visual Arts Consortium  
Town of New Paltz  
Town of Pelham, Office of Town  
Historian  
Town of Plattekill Historical Society  
Trinity Pawling School  
Tuxedo Park Library  
Ulster County Archives  
Ulster County Genealogical Society  
Ulster County Historical Society  
West Hurley Public Library  
Westchester County Historical  
Society  
Western Sullivan Public Library  
Woodstock Public Library District  
World Sound Foundation: Sound  
and Story Project of the Hudson  
Valley



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