



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





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

Revenue:	
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 Navigator Income	65,000
Total Revenue	1,360,678
Expenses Paid:	
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
Total Expenses	1,407,367
Change in Net Assets	-46,689
Net Assets - Beginning	1,674,816
Net Assets - Ending	1,628,127

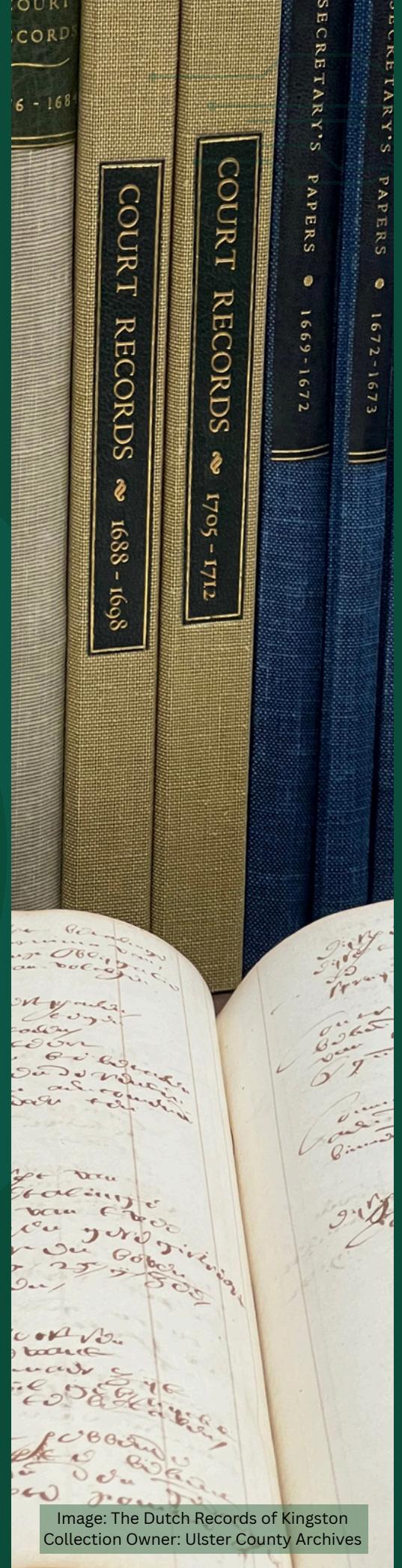


Image: The Dutch Records of Kingston
Collection Owner: Ulster County Archives



Members Say...



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

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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.

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

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

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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



"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

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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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