

2021 YEAR IN REVIEW



101 MEMBERS

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.

634,303 DIGITIZED ITEMS

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

1,259 INTER-LIBRARY LOAN REQUESTS FILLED

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

958 EVENT ATTENDEES

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.



Southeastern NY Library Resources Council

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & BOARD PRESIDENT

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

Mary Ellen Leimer, President

MEMBER BENEFITS IN 2021



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.

Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2021

	Local and NYS Aid
Revenue:	
Membership Dues	\$ 43,002
State Sources	758,214
Contracts with Other Libraries	287,106
Interest and Dividends	1,599
Rental Income	26,819
Event Revenue	24,853
PPP Loan Forgiveness	108,754
Miscellaneous Receipts	10,817
Total Revenue	1,261,164
Expenses Paid:	
Salaries and Wages	487,813
Employee Benefits	169,588
Library Materials	173,405
Computer Equipment	2,493
Advertising	411
Repairs and Maintenance	28,207
Depreciation	22,077
Professional Fees	33,544
Subsidized Resources	51,311
Dues and Subscriptions	944
Contracts with Other Libraries	80,901
Travel	242
Insurance	7,113
Office Expense	12,964
Other Expenses	4,785
Event Expenses	1,000
Vehicle Expense	2,533
Interest Expense	6,157
Total Expenses	1,085,488
Change in Net Assets	175,676
Net Assets - Beginning	1,236,736
Net Assets - Ending	\$ 1,412,412

OUR PEOPLE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 1, 2021-December 31, 2021

Mary Ellen Leimer, Community-at-Large (President)

A. Floyd Lattin, Community-at-Large (Assistant Secretary/Treasurer)

Gina Trask, Mount Saint Mary College (Vice-President)

Becky Albitz, Marist College (Secretary)

Ellen Rubin, Community-at-Large (Treasurer)

Laura Streett, Vassar College

Laurie Shedrick, Mid-Hudson Library System

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Mary Jo Russell, Vassar Brothers Medical Center

Maura Albertson, Ulster County BOCES

Virginia Dunnigan, St. Thomas Aquinas College

Grace Riario, Ramapo Catskill Library System

Beth Zambito, Newburgh Free Library

Carla Lesh, Hudson River Maritime Museum

Kirsten S. Carter, Franklin D. Roosevelt Library and Museum

STAFF

Tessa Killian, Executive Director

Kelsey Milner, Resource Sharing and Cataloging Librarian

Jennifer Palmentiero, Digital Services Manager

Sarah Holsted, Hospital Library Services Program Manager

Carolyn Bennett Glauda, Education and Outreach Librarian

Moshe Siegel, Office Manager

Liz Gurdin, Finance Manager

Zachary Spalding, Systems Manager

Governing Members

Adelphi University Hudson Valley Center

Astor Services for Children & Families

Bard College

Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies

Columbia-Greene Community College

Culinary Institute of America

Dominican College

Dutchess BOCES School Library System

Dutchess Community College

Ellenville Regional Hospital

Finkelstein Memorial Library

Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library & Museum

Garnet Health Medical Center

Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center

Greene County Courthouse

Helen Hayes Hospital

Marist College

Marlboro Free Library

Mechon L'Hoyroa Community Library

Mental Health America of Dutchess County

Middletown Thrall 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

Orange-Ulster BOCES School Library System

Ramapo Catskill Library System

Rockland BOCES School Library System

Salvation Army

St. Thomas Aquinas College

Sullivan BOCES School Library System

SUNY New Paltz

SUNY Orange County Community College

SUNY Rockland Community College

SUNY Sullivan

SUNY Ulster

The Hastings Center

Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine - Middletown

Ulster BOCES School Library System

Unification Theological Seminary

United States Military Academy West Point

Vassar College

HRVH Members

Albert Wisner Public Library

Bronxville History Center

Chatham Public Library

Chester Historical Society

City of Newburgh (Newburgh Heritage Collection)

Claverack Free Library

Cornwall Public Library

Ellenville Public Library & Museum

Elting Memorial Library

Friends of Historic Kingston

Goshen Public Library & Historical Society

Greater Hudson Heritage Network

Greene County Library Association

Greenwood Lake Public Library

Harness Racing Museum

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 Public Library

Library Association of Rockland County

Locust Grove Historic Estate

Millbrook Library

Moffat Library of Washingtonville

Monticello High School

Museum Village

New Rochelle Public Library

Nyack Library

Olive Free Library

Orange County Historical Society

Palisades Parks Conservancy, Inc.

Plattekill Library

Putnam County Historian's Office

Reher Center for Immigrant Culture and History

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 Plattekill Historical Society

Trinity Pawling School

Tuxedo Park Library

Ulster County Genealogical Society

Ulster County Historical Society

Walden Josephine-Louise Public Library

West Hurley Public Library

Woodstock Public Library District

World Sound Foundation: Sound and Story Project of the Hudson Valley

COMMITTEES

Regional ILL

Karen Konopa, Middletown Thrall Library (Chair)
Mark Colvson, SUNY New Paltz (Board Liaison)
Paul Agne, Red Hook Public Library
Jessica Cartelli, Vassar College Libraries
Gretchen Chandra, Ramapo Catskill Library System
Theresa Davis, Mount Saint Mary College
Linda Furlani, Marist College
Sharon Gillespie, United States Military Academy
Judy Gitlin, Dominican College
Kim Hooper, Orange-Ulster BOCES School Library System
Joan Maldarelli, Newburgh Free Library
Stuart Moss, Nathan S. Kline Institute
Jessica Sherman, Poughkeepsie Public Library District
Tara Stohr, Mid-Hudson Library System
Kyra Walker, Mid-Hudson Library System

Digital Advisory

Matthew Thorenz, Moffat Library of Washingtonville (Chair)
Carla Lesh, Hudson River Maritime Museum
(Board Liaison)
Carrie Allmendinger, Historic Huguenot Street
John Ansley, Marist College
Joseph Barbieri, New City Library
Kirsten Carter, FDR Presidential Library & Museum
Lynne (Asha) Gollhofer, Ellenville High School
Morgan Gwenwald, SUNY New Paltz
Christopher Pryslopski, Hudson River Valley Institute
Sarah Wassberg-Johnson, Hudson River Maritime Museum

Continuing Education

Kate Bellody, SUNY New Paltz (Chair)
Maura Albertson, Ulster BOCES SLS (Board Liaison)
Casey Conlin, Mid-Hudson Library System
Marla Gruner, SUNY Ulster Community College
Jeremy Hall, Bard College
Alison Herrero, Howland Public Library
Jen Park, Ramapo Catskill Library System
Clarisa Rosario-DeGroate, Mount Saint Mary College
Beth Zambito, Newburgh Free Library

Hospital Library Services Program

Frank Appell, Jr., Good Samaritan Hospital (Chair)
Mary Jo Russell, Nuvance Health Vassar Brothers
Medical Center (Board Liaison)
Maryallison Farley, Ellenville Regional Hospital

Ad Hoc Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Maura Albertson, Ulster BOCES
Tracy Dunstan, Nyack Library
Mary Ellen Leimer
Alicia M Mauldin-Ware, United States Military Academy
Elizabeth Portillo, Finkelstein Memorial Library
Grace Riario, Ramapo Catskill Library System
Ellen Rubin, Community-at-Large
Arianna Schlegel, Vassar College

TWILA SNEAD AWARD

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

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.



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