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.
In 2023, Southeastern demonstrated its commitment to innovation and inclusivity through collaborations with members, community organizations, and library partners.

Enhanced Accessibility through SEAL: We revamped Southeastern Access to Libraries (SEAL), introducing a user-friendly front-end website. Borrowers and lenders now benefit from additional features, allowing them to specify delivery methods and preferences for book club/classroom requests.

Optimized Historical Newspapers Platform: We launched an updated version of the HRVH Historical Newspapers software, featuring improved newspaper viewers and interfaces tailored for smaller screens. The enhanced navigation ensures a seamless experience for users.

Networking Opportunities: Southeastern facilitated in-person and hybrid programs to encourage member participation and networking. Notable events included the 8th Annual SENYCon and the 56th Annual Meeting.

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Initiatives: The Board of Trustees approved the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Guidebook. We integrated these principles into our internal practices, programs, and services. Initiatives included funding assessments and strategic planning for three members, guided by Dr. Kawanna Bright, a planning consultant. A dedicated EDI committee was established to oversee guidebook implementation.

Digital Navigators: Southeastern began the updated Digital Navigators of the Hudson Valley service, providing training and support for library workers to assist clients with affordable broadband, devices, and technology literacy. The service currently operates in 54 libraries and organizations.

Contributions to Digital Equity: Collaborating with the New York State ConnectALL Office, Southeastern contributed to data collection on internet access barriers from hard-to-reach populations. The data collected is part of a comprehensive digital equity plan that will be in place in 2024 to ensure accessibility for all.

Financial Investments: Our commitment to financial sustainability led the Board of Trustees to authorize the investment of Southeastern reserve funds in certificates of deposits across multiple banks, employing a high-yield CD ladder approach.

Membership Growth: Seven new members joined Southeastern in 2023, expanding our community to include the Beacon Historical Society, Columbia County Historical Society, Germantown History Department, Town of Pelham, Vedder Research Library, Western Sullivan Public Library, and Westchester County Historical Society.

Innovative Communication: Our team produced a series of short videos available on our YouTube channel, offering an overview of Southeastern’s core services and how to leverage them.

In 2023, the staff continued to deliver core services and adapt programs and services to changing situations. We are pleased to share a snapshot of Southeastern’s activities and finances. As we reflect on these activities, we extend our gratitude to the dedicated efforts of trustees, staff, committees, and member organizations.

Gina Trask, President
Tessa Killian, Executive Director
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 $96,798 distributed to 13 academic libraries.

DOCLINE was used to fill 213 requests on behalf of members.

Digital Navigators of the Hudson Valley is 54 trained individuals to provide tech help.

Digitization services helped to put 771,379 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 70 titles, with 3,101,703 visits and 39 million page views.

Medical Information Services Program $800 in grants to support medical information requests from member libraries.

New York Heritage 285 collections from 84 members, and 1.2 million page views of our members’ NYH collections.

OCLC WorldShare 33 requests placed on behalf of members.

On-Demand Learning members have access to over 35,000 Skillshare training videos.

Online Exhibits 32 digitized, curated exhibits.

Professional Development 965 people attended at least one of our 42 events.

SouthEastern Access to Libraries (SEAL) provided inter-library loan services for 179 libraries; 2,322 overall requests placed, with 1,628 requests filled.

Special Interest Groups 13 meetings from 7 groups that meet regularly.

Special Library Catalog there were 90,001 page views of 83,517 holdings for 14 special and hospital libraries.

Tech-Talk 331 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.
Quotes from our Annual Member Survey:

I find the digitization projects / historical databases 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 these resources.

The Southeastern staff are wonderful!!!

Southeastern offers incredible services and programs to its members as well as effectively communicating with them.

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

Your services are so appreciated!

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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Ulster BOCES School Library System
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Vassar College

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Town of New Paltz
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TWILA SNEAD AWARD

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

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

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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.