

# 2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

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## MEMBERS

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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.

# 771,379

## DIGITIZED ITEMS

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

# 1,628

## INTER-LIBRARY LOAN REQUESTS FILLED

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

# 965

## EVENT ATTENDEES

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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.



# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & BOARD PRESIDENT

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

# MEMBER BENEFITS IN 2023



**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.

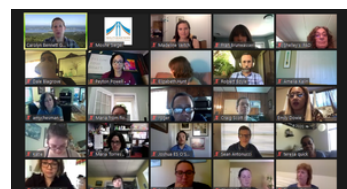
**SouthEastern Access to Libraries (SEAL)** provided inter-library loan services for 179 libraries; 2,322 overall requests placed, with 1,628 requests filled.

**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.

Your services are so appreciated!

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!

### 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 ending June 30, 2023	
	Local & NYS Aid
Membership Dues	\$ 40,310
State Sources	791,458
Contracts with other Libraries	270,084
Grants	201,136
Interest and Dividends	22,881
Rental Income	26,198
Event Income	1,155
Miscellaneous Receipts	14,439
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,367,661</b>
<b>Expenses Paid:</b>	
Salaries and Wages	568,142
Employee Benefits	179,466
Library Materials	177,526
Computer Equipment	7,574
Advertising	657
Repairs and Maintenance	35,183
Depreciation	27,941
Professional Fees	28,423
Subsidized Resources	62,812
Dues and Subscriptions	1,028
Contracts with Other Libraries	56,727
Travel	4,877
Insurance	7,586
Office Expense	13,595
Event Expenses	4,714
Vehicle Expense	3,824
Mortgage Interest Expense	3,419
Amortization	6,700
ARPA Expense	200,316
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,390,510</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>(22,849)</b>
<b>Net Assets - Beginning</b>	<b>1,591,688</b>
<b>Net Assets - Ending</b>	<b>\$ 1,568,839</b>

# OUR PEOPLE

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024

**Gina Trask**, Mount Saint Mary College  
(President)

**Becky Albitz**, Marist College  
(Vice-President)

**Ellen Rubin**, Community-at-Large  
(Treasurer)

**Beth Zambito**, Newburgh Free Library  
(Secretary)

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

**Laura Streett**, Vassar College

**Laurie Shedrick**, Mid-Hudson Library  
System

**Kristy Lee**, SUNY New Paltz

**Mary Jo Russell**, Vassar Brothers  
Medical Center

**Grace Riario**, Ramapo Catskill Library  
System

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

**Josephine Bloodgood**, Historic  
Huguenot Street

**Kimberly Hooper**, Rockland County  
BOCES SLS

## 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

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 Regional Medical Center

Greene County Courthouse

Helen Hayes Hospital

Marist College

Marlboro Free Library

Mental Health America of Dutchess County

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

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

The Hastings Center

The Salvation Army College for Officer Training

Thrall Public Library

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

Beacon Historical Society

Bronxville History Center

Chatham Public Library

Chester Historical Society

## HRVH Members, cont.

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

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

Jacob Leisler Institute

Josephine-Louise Public Library

Library Association of Rockland County

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 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 Pelham, Office of Town Historian

Town of Plattekill Historical Society

Town of New Paltz

Trinity Pawling School

Tuxedo Park Library

Ulster County Genealogical Society

Ulster County Historical Society

Walden Josephine-Louise Public Library

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



# COMMITTEES

## Regional ILL

**Jessica Cartelli**, Vassar College (Chair)  
**Laurie Shedrick**, Mid-Hudson Library System (Board Liaison)  
**Gretchen Chandra**, Ramapo Catskill Library System  
**Theresa Davis**, Mount Saint Mary College  
**Lisa Fabiano**, SUNY Ulster  
**Ivy Gocker**, Woodstock Public Library District  
**Kimberly Hooper**, Rockland BOCES School Library System  
**Brian James**, Kingston Library  
**Laurie Needell**, Finkelstein Memorial Library  
**Kathleen Sullivan**, The Nyack Library

## Digital Advisory

**John Ansley**, Marist College (Chair)  
**Kirsten Carter**, Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library & Museum (Board Liaison)  
**Joe Barbieri**, New City Library  
**Palash Bosgang**, Bard College  
**Kimberly Gianfrancesco**, Vassar College  
**Daniel Glauber**, Scarsdale Public Library  
**Alicia Mauldin-Ware**, United States Military Academy West Point  
**Christopher Pryslopski**, Hudson River Valley Institute  
**Elisabeth Tatum**, Historic Red Hook

## Continuing Education

**Clarisa Rosario-DeGroate**, Goshen Public Library (Chair)  
**Rachel Andryshak**, Goshen Public Library  
**Kate Bellody**, SUNY New Paltz  
**Kristin Charles-Scaringi**, Howland Public Library  
**Laura Crisci**, Mid-Hudson Library System  
**Meaghan Doyle**, Ramapo Catskill Library System  
**Jeremy Hall**, Bard College

## Hospital Library Services Program

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

## Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

**Tracy Dunstan**, Nyack Library (Chair)  
**Beth Zambito**, Finkelstein Memorial Library (Board Liaison)  
**Kerstin Cruger**, Mid-Hudson Library System  
**Meaghan Doyle**, Ramapo Catskill Library System  
**Minerva Parker**, Nyack Library  
**Arianna Schlegel**, Vassar College  
**Morgan Strand**, Nyack Library  
**Kimberly Weston**, Nyack Library  
**Michell Wright Jumpp**, Newburgh Enlarged School District

# 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

# 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.

