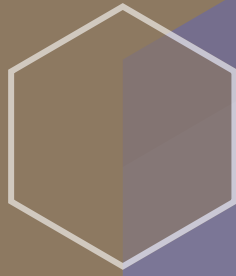




SOUTHEASTERN
NY LIBRARY
RESOURCES
COUNCIL



YEAR IN REVIEW 2024





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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.

From The Executive Director & Board President

In 2024, Southeastern reaffirmed its commitment to innovation and inclusivity through collaborations with our members. These efforts have strengthened the sharing and preservation of library resources, enhanced professional expertise, and ultimately benefited our patrons.

Financial Stability: Southeastern achieved a significant financial milestone by paying off the mortgage on its property at 21 South Elting Corners Road. We also strategically managed reserve funds by investing in high-yield certificates of deposit, ensuring sustainable financial growth.

Membership Growth: We are pleased to welcome two new members to our community: the Rhinebeck Historical Society and the Ulster County Archives.

Commitment to Inter-library Loan: Libraries in the Southeastern region, represented by public library systems, school library systems, and Southeastern, reaffirmed their commitment to interlibrary loan by passing a code that governs all inter-system borrowing in the Southeastern region.

Advancing Digital Preservation: Southeastern is dedicated to supporting member organizations in preserving their essential digital content for future generations. We launched the Digital Preservation Special Interest Group (SIG), which fosters conversations about these complex preservation challenges. Additionally, our Digital Dark Archive (DDA) continued to expand, offering a low-cost, secure storage solution for members' digital resources.

Enhancing Finding Aids: In 2024, EmpireADC underwent a significant upgrade that improved indexing efficiency and the harvesting of finding aids. In addition, Southeastern collaborated with SUNY Albany on an Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) grant—Building Archival Digital Discovery and Access Systems with Arclight—which will allow Arclight to support discovery and access to digital materials, metadata, and full-text content. Digital objects would then be presented within traditional archival descriptions.

Networking and Learning Opportunities: Southeastern continued to host in-person and virtual events, fostering professional growth and collaboration. Notable events included the 9th Annual SENYCon, a fall poster and donut session, and the 57th Annual Membership Meeting. In addition to these core in-person events, we hosted numerous online SIGs and webinars on topics relevant to you, including the ESLN Academic Library Leadership Series: Conversations with Experienced Leaders.

Contributions to Digital Equity: Through the Digital Navigators of the Hudson Valley, Southeastern continued to provide training and support to library workers who assist patrons with affordable broadband, devices, and technology literacy. Currently, 54 libraries and organizations participate in this service. Additionally, Southeastern secured a Digital Equity Technical Assistance grant from New York State's ConnectALL Office to analyze the program's impact and improve digital access in our communities.

In 2024, 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 for the dedicated efforts of trustees, staff, committees, and member organizations.

Becky Albitz, President

Tessa Killian, Executive Director

Programs & services 2024 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 \$100,728 distributed to 13 academic libraries.

DOCLINE was used to fill 271 requests on behalf of members.

Digital Navigators of the Hudson Valley comprises 79 trained individuals who provided tech help to 553 individuals.

Digitization services helped to put 84,365 of our members' items online.

Empire Library Delivery 14 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 74 titles, with 1.3 million visits and 43 million page views.

Medical Information Services Program \$1,425 in grants to support medical information requests from member libraries.

New York Heritage 307 collections from 75 members, and 1.6 million page views of our members' NYH collections.

OCLC WorldShare 51 requests placed on behalf of members.

Online Exhibits 32 digitized, curated exhibits.

Professional Development 667 people attended at least one of our 42 events.

SouthEastern Access to Libraries (SEAL) provided inter-library loan services for 181 libraries; 1,990 overall requests placed, with 1,474 requests filled.

Special Interest Groups 15 meetings from 7 groups that meet regularly.

Special Library Catalog there were 10,608 online visits of 53,712 holdings for 6 special and hospital libraries.

Tech-Talk 360 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.

Financial Report

For the year ending
June 30, 2024

Revenue:	
Membership Dues	\$ 45,871
State Sources	793,597
Contracts with other Libraries	307,849
Grants	91,202
Interest and Dividends	52,913
Rental Income	26,198
Event Income	2,050
Miscellaneous Receipts	16,875
Digital Naviagtor Income	100,100
Total Revenue	1,436,655
Expenses Paid:	
Salaries and Wages	623,443
Employee Benefits	224,045
Library Materials	183,567
Computer Equipment	4,161
Advertising	404
Repairs and Maintenance	32,949
Depreciation	29,332
Professional Fees	29,265
Subsidized Resources	65,950
Dues and Subscriptions	1,311
Contracts with Other Libraries	62,263
Travel	5,713
Insurance	7,748
Office Expense	12,923
Other Expenses	98
Event Expenses	5,059
Vehicle Expense	2,965
Mortgage Interest Expense	1,293
Amortization	6,700
Digital Navigator Expense	31,490
Total Expenses	1,330,678
Change in Net Assets	105,977
Net Assets - Beginning	1,568,839
Net Assets - Ending	1,674,816



Community

Twila Snead Award

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

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

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

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

Digital Advisory

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

Continuing Education

Clarisa Rosario-DeGroat, Goshen Public Library (Chair)
Rachel Andryshak, Goshen Public Library
Kristin Charles-Scaringi, Poughkeepsie Public Library
Laura Crisci, Mid-Hudson Library System
Meaghan Doyle, Ramapo Catskill Library System
Jeremy Hall, Bard College
Jenn Palomino, SUNY New Paltz

Hospital Library Services Program

Maryallison Farley, Ellenville Regional Hospital (Chair)
Mary Jo Russell, Vassar Brothers Medical Center / Nuvance Health West (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

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
HJ International Graduate School for Peace
and Public Leadership
Marist University
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 (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
The Hastings Center
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 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 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 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





Members Say...

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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 these resources.

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Southeastern is a great organization and the staff are so great at making members feel like they are a part of something special (because they are).

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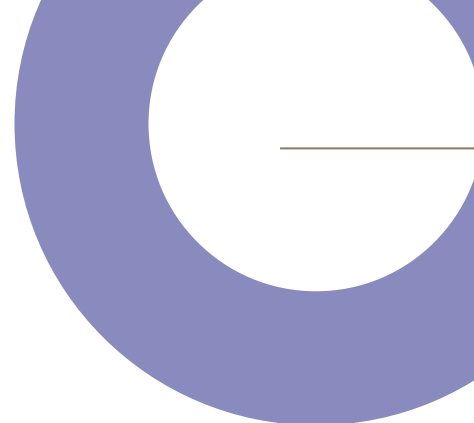
Southeastern offers incredible services and programs to its members as well as effectively communicating with them.

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The services provided by Southeastern Staff to libraries are invaluable - including negotiating with publishers for e-resources, technical assistance maintaining hospital library websites and informing us of current issues of importance.

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



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