

Strategic Plan 2026-2031

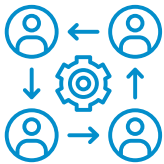
MISSION

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 accessible resources and services.

OUR VALUES



Ensure Services and Resources Access to our Community



Foster Equity



Protect Intellectual Freedom & Privacy



Leader in Collaboration



Model Sustainability

OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

The 2026-2031 Strategic Plan process for the Council reflects a deepened commitment to both honoring the services members identified as most valuable and identifying emerging opportunities that prepare us to be at our best for the future.

As a whole, this plan's grounded vision balances the trusted services that members rely on with a readiness to adapt, collaborate, and lead. Southeastern's goals are to support its members, sustain excellence, and build a resilient and inclusive library community across the region.

The plan focuses on sustaining Southeastern's most valued services: resource sharing, digitization support, digital preservation, and high-quality professional development, while also introducing new, member-driven initiatives that strengthen regional leadership, equity in access, collaboration, and advocacy.

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MEMBER'S MOST VALUED PRIORITIES



- **Maintaining a virtual union catalog** and interlibrary loan system that enhances access to shared collections.



- **Supporting digitization** and digital preservation infrastructure for regional libraries and heritage organizations.



- **Offering high-impact training** and professional development to develop skills, knowledge and growth.



- **Facilitating collaborative services** across library systems to extend resources and develop innovative initiatives that serve the all.

WHAT IS NEW IN OUR STRATEGIC PLAN



A growing emphasis on **connection and community and cultivating the next generation of library workers**. Initiatives such as leadership training for member libraries, regional meet-and-greets, and the creation of member-to-member networking platforms are integrated to support these efforts.



Establishment of **Digital Navigators of the Hudson Valley**.



The formation of **two new ad hoc committees: interlibrary loan systems and advocacy**, shows Southeastern's objective to play a more strategic convening role.



Specific services, such as digital navigators, digital exhibits, and complex tech applications like harvesting from New York Heritage, will **leverage emerging technologies and benefit from expanded marketing efforts**.



Additional efforts will **focus on increased engagement and use of services** through onboarding support, outreach to inactive members, and communications enhancements.