New From New York Heritage

Check out the newly published Jim Brooks Americana Collection from the Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame. This collection includes postcards from the early 20th century highlighting the growing popularity of harness racing during that time.

New on HRVH Newspapers

Southeastern News for April 2023
A run of The Ellenville Journal was just published to HRVH Historical Newspapers. Issues of the paper from January 1862 to December 1906 are now available.

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**Twila Snead Commitment to Excellence Award**

The nomination period ends this month! This award recognizes an outstanding member library, cultural heritage organization, program, service, or staff member within the Southeastern membership. You can find more information about the award and the nomination forms here. Completed nominations will be accepted until **April 22, 2023**.
2022 Book Bans and Censorship

The American Library Association reported a record number of book ban attempts in 2022. According to Deborah Caldwell-Stone, director of ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom, “The record number of book challenges we’re reporting today are not the result of a parent filing authentic requests for reconsideration. Overwhelmingly, we’re seeing groups and individuals at library board meetings demand the removal of long lists of books obtained from organized censorship groups who share these lists on social media.”

What can we do to support libraries with this ongoing and increasing concern?

- Check the updated Unite Against Book Bans website for new data on the 2022 book bans and censorship.
- Promote awareness of this issue faced by libraries.
- Become familiar with the challenge support available from the American Library Association.
- Review the Ask the Lawyer post regarding the Dos and Don'ts Of Addressing School Library Censorship.
- Report challenges to ALA.

If you’re feeling fired up and want to learn more, METRO is producing an event on 5/8/22 at 12pm: Neutrality Is Not An Option: The Current State Of Book Bans, “Culture Wars,” And The Library

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Employment Opportunities
Local library jobs are listed on our employment page here: https://www.senylrc.org/jobs
We receive updates all the time and post them as soon as possible. You can submit your listing by sending an email to jobposting@senylrc.org.

Coming soon from Southeastern

Here are our classes, events, and professional development. For all upcoming and archived events, view our lineup here: https://www.senylrc.org/upcoming
All events are online via Zoom unless marked otherwise.

Conflict Resolution for Violence Prevention
Wednesday, April 12 from 1:30pm-3pm
Trainer: Arthur Wheaton, MLR/HR

This tools-building webinar is designed as an introduction to dispute resolution theory with special emphasis on interest-based problem-solving and violence prevention. The emphasis of this online event will be given to developing strategies to resolve conflicts at work (even with difficult people) without losing control.
Register here: https://www.senylrc.org/ConflictResolutionWebinar

SENYCon 2023 (in person and online)
Friday, April 14 from 10am-3pm

It’s a great lineup! This year, we have 10 in person presentations, 1 live virtual presentation and 2 on-demand videos. See the full conference program here: https://libguides.senylrc.org/SENYCon/2023
Register here: https://www.senylrc.org/SENYCon

Conflict Resolution for Workplace Violence Prevention Workshop (in person)
Wednesday, May 17 from 9:30am-12:30pm
Location: Southeastern’s Conference Room: 21 S. Elting Corners Rd., Highland, NY
Trainer: Arthur Wheaton, MLR/HR

This tools-building workshop is designed as an introduction to dispute resolution theory with particular emphasis on interest-based problem-solving and violence prevention. The in-person workshop will utilize role plays, exercises, case studies, and other tools to allow participants to practice what we teach.
Register here: https://www.senylrc.org/ConflictResolutionWorkshop
Southeastern’s Annual Meeting of the Council
Friday, June 2, morning
Location: The Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home
Hyde Park, NY
Special Guest Keynote: Dr. Audrey Barbakoff, Co/Lab Capacity LLC
Read about her keynote, Serve our Community Creatively by Thinking like a Designer

Southeastern Services Series
We have been holding a series of short informative webinars to introduce you to the services and programs offered by our library council. From October until April, we will host a 30-minute orientation program hosted by Southeastern staff on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1pm. The individual programs and registration are listed below, with full descriptions on our website.

4/18: Digital Navigators of the Hudson Valley Service

Recordings now available:

- Resource Sharing Services
- Digitization Services
- Professional Development Services
- Medical Information Services
- Empire ADC Service
- Special Library Catalog Service

Tech-Talk Webinars
1-hour sessions on Wednesdays at 3pm

- April 12: [CANVA] Discover New Features to Enrich Docs and Presentations
- April 26: [PDFs] Create and Edit PDFs Using New Tools and Techniques
- May 17: [MOBILE] How to Organize and Move Photos from Your Phone to Your Computer [3 pm ET for 1 hour]
- May 24: [WORD] How to Create Gorgeous TABLES in a Word Document [3 pm ET for 1 hour]

Webinar Details & Register at this link
NOTE: You'll need Southeastern's login info to register! Members can email carolyn@senylrc.org to request it if they don't have it.

Other Professional Development
ESLN events are also listed on a shared Google Calendar.

**Preservation Interest Group: Preservation Myths**  
Produced by Capital District Library Council  
Tuesday, April 4: 9:30am-11am  
[More information and registration here](#)

**Interrupting White Nationalism: Tools and Strategies for Recognizing, Intervening, and Responding to White Nationalism**  
Produced by Western New York Library Resources Council  
Wednesday, April 5: 1:30pm-3:30pm  
[More information and registration here](#)

**The Climate-Conscious Library: How Libraries Can Mitigate Climate Change and Save the World!**  
Produced by South Central Regional Library Council  
Wednesday, April 12: 11am-12pm  
[More information and registration here](#)

**Creating Video Tutorials for Your Library**  
Produced by Central NY Library Resources Council  
Tuesday, April 25: 2pm-3pm  
[More information and registration here](#)

**The Beautiful, Revolutionary Future**  
Produced by ESLN  
Wednesday, April 26: 1:30pm-2:30pm  
[More information and registration here](#)

**Critical Incident Stress**  
Produced by Rochester Regional Library Council  
Thursday, April 27: 2pm-3:30pm  
[More information and registration here](#)

**A Trauma-Informed Approach to Community Engagement**  
Produced by METRO  
Tuesday, May 2: 4pm-5pm  
[More information and registration here](#)

Produced by METRO  
Monday, May 8: 12pm-1pm  
[More information and registration here](#)

**Storytelling With the Archives: Tips For Curating Exhibitions**
Managing Your Records Management and Archives Projects
Produced by DHPSNY
Wednesday, May 10: 10am-11am
More information and registration here

Native Experiences and Perspectives in non-Native-led Organizations
Produced by DHPSNY
Thursday, May 11: 3pm-4pm
More information and registration here

Prioritizing Wellness in Ourselves and Our Organizations
Produced by METRO
Tuesday, May 16: 4pm-5pm
More information and registration here

Critical Pedagogy Symposium: A Focus on Critical Race Theory
Produced by METRO’s Reference and Instruction Interest Group
May 17 - May 19
Save the date, more information here

New York State Library Assistants’ Association (NYSLAA) Annual Conference
In-person at SUNY Oneonta
June 7 - June 9
More information and registration here

In case you missed it, the March 2023 SEAL Newsletter came out the other day and you can find it in full here.
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