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Welcome!

As we finish out the year, this month we have a few items left for December and some things we have planned for 2025.

If you want a free citizen science kit for your library, scroll to the very end of this newsletter. In between, we have news from Southeastern and announcements for next year, including the brand new "Ask the HR Expert" series with Stephanie "Cole" Adams.

Additionally, we have news on:

- SENYCon 10!
- HRVH Historical Newspapers
- Advocacy
- The SEAL Newsletter
- Employment
- Professional development picked just for you
- Programs from partner organizations

SENYCon 10



[The call for proposals is now open!](#)

On **Friday, April 4, 2025**, we will celebrate ten years of SENYCon. We are looking for all types of people to participate: presenters who have joined us in the past, newbies, and anyone with a great idea they want to share with others.

SENYCon is an annual conference to highlight the unique talents and skills that library professionals in the Southeastern region hold. This event is made possible due to an outpouring of enthusiasm from our members, and the event is open to all Southeastern members.

New to HRVH Historical Newspapers!



Thanks to the Moffat Library of Washingtonville, [The Orange County Post](#) (1938-2012) is now available to search and browse on HRVH Historical Newspapers.

ON THIS DAY in 1938: [Garden Club Sponsors Contest for Xmas Doorway Lighting](#). Follow the link for more!

Advocacy Alert

The 2025 Budget Cycle is Fast Approaching!

[TAKE ACTION HERE](#)

The New York Library Association is asking library advocates across the state to tell Governor Hochul that libraries need increased funding in this year's Executive Budget.

Please send Governor Hochul a message expressing the value of libraries and how increased funding is imperative to ensure they continue to serve as indispensable resources for education, culture, and community.

This year, the New York Library Association's FY 2026 Executive Budget request is:

1. \$176.8M - Library Operating Aid
2. \$175M - Library Construction Aid
3. \$11.33/pupil in Library Materials Aid
4. \$3.1M for NOVELny

Thank you for being committed to the NYS library community.

[TAKE ACTION HERE](#)

Learn how to be an effective advocate! Join us for the webinar: **Legislative Advocacy Primer**.

Thursday, December 4: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Featuring **Max Prime**, NYLA

Produced by Central NY Library Resources Council (and applicable to all NY Libraries)

[More information and registration here](#)

Employment Opportunities

Local library jobs are listed on our employment page here: <https://www.senyirc.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@senyirc.org.

SEAL Newsletter

The [November 2024 SEAL Newsletter](#) came out a few days ago. Check out information on:

- SEAL Tip: Lending Periods & Due Dates
- Requesting New Releases in SEAL
- Setting Lending Preferences for Item Types
- Additional Updates

Professional Development



New for 2025!

Ask the HR Expert Series
With Stephanie "Cole" Adams
Fridays from 10:00 am - 11:30 am
Location: online via Zoom

We are happy to present a series of webinars in 2025 that will address your pressing Human Resources questions. They will be presented by Stephanie "Cole" Adams, our Ask The Lawyer representative. See below for descriptions and registrations.

Friday, January 24: [New Laws in the New Year](#). A roundup of employment-related laws going into effect in 2025, with a focus on how they will impact libraries and other 3R-member institutions.

Friday, February 28: [Innovations in Employee Benefits](#). Exploring unconventional benefits that libraries, museums, and other cultural organizations can offer to recruit, retain, and inspire employees.

Friday, March 28: [AI on the \(GLAM\) Job](#). A review of how the law impacts use of AI at work in libraries, museums, and other cultural institutions.

Friday, April 25: [Open Ask HR](#). This seminar is a chance to pose your "What ifs" "Whys" and "Howabouts" for employment practices in the future.



Digital Preservation SIG
Wednesday, December 18
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
online via Zoom

EDI SIG
Thursday, January 16
11:30 am - 12:30 am
online via Zoom

The DigPres SIG will focus on strategies, activities, and technologies relating to preserving digital content for the long-term. This month, the group will have an open agenda to talk about ongoing projects. If you have any questions or items you would like to share, bring them to the meeting.

Reflecting on where we have come from since starting this group in 2020, how we are coping, and where to go in 2025.

EDI Support Resources for Library Workers. The Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion SIG meets to discuss anti-racism and actions that library workers can take in order to create a more just library environment for all.

[Register Here](#)

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Tech-Talk Webinars

1-hour sessions on Wednesdays at 3pm

- Dec 4: [GOOGLE] Navigating Google Drive - A "Getting Started" Webinar.
- Dec 18: [GRAPHICS] Finding No-Cost Copyright-Free Images, Videos and Music
- Jan 8: [MOBILE] WhatsApp: Stay Connected with This NO-Cost Mobile App.
- Jan 22: [EXCEL/G-Sheets] 9 Powerful Chart Types to Tell Your Story

[Webinar Details & Register at this link](#)

NOTE: You'll need Southeastern's login info to register! Members can email Moshe Siegel at moshe@senyirc.org to request it if they don't have it.

Other Professional Development

Unlocking Data - Navigating the US Census Bureau's Resources for Library Advocacy

Produced by Central NY Library Resources Council

Tuesday, December 3: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

[More information and registration here](#)

Dyslexia-Friendly Libraries

Produced by South Central Regional Library Council

Tuesday, December 3: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Ask The Lawyer - Accommodations in the Library: Employee Edition

Produced by Empire State Library Network

Wednesday, December 4: 10:00 am - 11:30 am

[More information and registration here](#)

Applying Techniques: Designing Your Own Library Data Visualizations

Produced by METRO

Thursday, December 5: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Support For Early Career Librarians: Library School & The First Five Years

Produced by METRO

IN PERSON - Brooklyn Public Library

Friday, December 6: 10:00 am - 1:30 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Radical Book Buzz With Library Freedom Project And Library Futures!

IN PERSON - The Francis Kite Club, NYC

Sunday, December 8: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Addressing Disrespectful Behaviors

Produced by Capital District Library Council

Tuesday, December 10: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Critical Incident Stress

Produced by Central NY Library Resources Council

Tuesday, December 10: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

[More information and registration here](#)

Shiftwork, long hours of work, and fatigue

Produced by South Central NY Library Resources Council

Friday, December 13: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Case Studies In Critical Pedagogy

Produced by METRO

Friday, December 13: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Fundamentals of Human Resources

Produced by Central NY Library Resources Council

January 7: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

[More information and registration here](#)

Indoor air quality

Produced by South Central NY Library Resources Council

January 15: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Citizen Science Kits

Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM Region 7) has Citizen Science kits - for free! Libraries who are interested just have to apply. See more details on their website, or feel free to reach out to Southeastern's Hospital Library Services Program Manager, Sarah Holsted: sarah@senyirc.org, for more information.

Announcing Citizen Science Kits

NNLM R7 is excited to announce the availability of free Citizen Science Kits! Kits come with everything your community needs to participate in collecting real scientific data. And they make a great addition to library of things collections and family programming.



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