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SOUTHEASTERN NEWS

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Welcome!

Having just finished a January that felt exceptionally longer than most, we're easing into February. This month's newsletter has some repeated information from last month, and a ton of new events from our sibling ESLN councils.

If you only have time for one thing: Please take a look at the Advocacy Day information below. You have until tomorrow to catch the bus and join us in Albany. But even if you don't go, EVERYONE should be learning about the issues that matter and be contacting their elected officials. We're all in this together!

Additionally, we have news on:

- The Twila Snead Award for Excellence
- Computers in Libraries Discount
- Employment Opportunities
- SEAL Newsletter
- Funding from NNLM & UNYOC membership
- and as always, professional development opportunities

Advocacy Day 2024

Fund – Protect – Empower

New York Library Association (NYLA) Library Advocacy Day brings together library advocates from across New York State to converge on Albany to voice their support for funding and policies that benefit libraries. During the day, we will meet with NYS Assembly members and Senators for 30-minute meetings to share the importance of libraries. We'd like to join us for meetings with your NYS representatives to make the case that libraries should receive funding increases and support to meet the needs of our communities.

For more information about this year's message - which includes ALL LIBRARY TYPES - you can view Mid-Hudson Library System's website for helpful tips on what to say. Their Advocacy Day Briefing has helpful information about the current state of library aid, even if you cannot make it in person.

Date & Time: February 07, 2024
Location: Legislative Office Building, Empire State Plaza
198 State Street Albany 12210

There are two separate registrations:
1) If you are not part of MHLS or RCLS, Let us know you are coming by signing up with Southeastern here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScNcS8IqmYcvqVfofvFjtFFM9t2QJTWKwz6MQRsOwwX7Lq8cQ/viewform?usp=sf_link
We will sign you up for the meeting with the representatives covering your organization and any other meetings that interest you.

2) Don't drive: get on the bus for only $10.00! **The deadline is February 2!** Sign up here: https://rcls.libcal.com/event/11586096.
Bus Pick-Up Locations: West Nyack, Newburgh, Elmsford, Brewster, New Paltz, Kingston, Catskill

The Twila Snead Award for Excellence

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

Nominations for the 2024 award are now open and are being accepted until Friday, April 26, 2024.

Please take a look at the details on our website here.

Computers in Libraries Discount

Registration is now open for **Computers in Libraries 2024**, held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, VA from March 12-14. If you are receiving this email, you are eligible for a discount by using the code: **24SEN.**
Or, you can follow the link here and the code with discounts will be embedded.

With the code, the Gold Pass will be available for the discount rate of $679 (the regular rate is $929). The Full 3-Day Pass will be $399 (regular rate is $639).
In addition, a discounted price of $629 (regularly $779) on the Library Leaders Summit (includes all three days of CIL), is also available.

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.

SEAL Newsletter

The January 2024 SEAL Newsletter came out a few days ago. Check out information on:

- The SEAL Webinar series (see below for more as well)
- SEAL Manual Update
- The next Resource Sharing SIG
- New SEAL Feature: Bulk Actions

Funding Announcement from NNLM

The Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM) is offering a $10,000 Technology Improvement Award for Region 7 (2024-2025)

The award's primary aim is to focus on upgrading, replacing or adopting technologies that will increase access to health information, and/or strengthen communications and connectivity for health, i.e. infrastructure, and/or facilitate the acquisition of mobile technologies to assist health professionals in providing services at point of need. The programs are intended to help a variety of users, with a focus on minority and other underrepresented populations and the health professionals who serve them, make the most effective use of information and decision-support resources that hold the promise of promoting healthy behaviors, preventing costly and debilitating illness, and improving health outcomes when disease occurs.

For more details, see the link above or contact Sarah Holsted, Hospital Library Services Program Manager, at sarah@senylrc.org.

UNYOC membership

Do you provide library support to educational programs in the health sciences, or, do you work in a healthcare setting, or, are you a student considering a career in health sciences Librarianship? We invite you to join the Upstate New York/Ontario Chapter of the Medical Library Association (UNYOC).

Benefits of your $25/year membership fee ($15 for students) include:

- Professional development scholarships
- Continuing education courses
- Networking with chapter members
- Reduced registration rates for UNYOC's annual meeting
- Opportunities to volunteer for open positions on the UNYOC Executive Committee
- Opportunities to present to a collaborative and supportive group of colleagues

Joining for 2024 is easy; click here to get started.

Feel free to contact Elizabeth Mamo: ElizabethMamo@Rochesterregional.org with any questions about UNYOC membership.

From Southeastern NY Library Resources Council

Professional Development

Spring 2024 SEAL Webinars

SEAL 101: Tuesday, March 12, 2024: 1pm-2pm
Best Practices for Inter-Library Loan: Tuesday, April 16, 2024: 1pm-2pm
Exploring the SEAL Catalog: Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 1pm-2pm

SEAL is Southeastern's resource-sharing platform. SEAL connects libraries of all types in the Southeastern N.Y. region and allows them to easily share books, DVDs, and other resources. It is available at no cost to all libraries in the region. This webinar series will introduce you to how to use the service in your library and demonstrate best practices for finding and loaning materials.

Archives Special Interest Group
Tuesday, February 27
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
online via Zoom

The Archives Special Interest Group meets to talk about the art and craft of working with archival materials. Individuals from libraries, archives, cultural heritage institutions, and other places with historic documents are welcome to join the conversation.

Register Here

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Special Interest Group
Tuesday, February 29
11:30 am - 12:30pm
online via Zoom

Facilitators: **Tracy Dunstan** & **Morgan Strand**, Nyack Library
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

Leadership and Management Skills Special Interest Group
Monday, March 4: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Facilitator: **Geralynn Demarest**, Columbia-Greene Community College
Register here: https://www.senylrc.org/event/leadershipsig/
Meeting topic: Leading the way in EDI

This group is for library workers of all library types who handle administrative tasks and are becoming leaders in the field. If you aspire to or are currently working as, a: director, assistant director, manager, program manager, trustee, or serve in a leadership role within a professional organization, this meeting is for you!

Resource Sharing Special Interest Group
Thursday, March 21, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Facilitator: **Kelsey Milner**, Southeastern NY Library Resources Council
Register here: https://www.senylrc.org/event/resource-sharing-sig/
Meeting topic: Cross-Training for ILL

The Resource Sharing Special Interest Group (SIG) meets to discuss issues of Interlibrary Loan, delivery, union catalogs, and other related topics. The members of the group are a mix of full-time and part-time, degreed and non-degreed librarians, and come from all library types.

This time, we will be meeting in person on location at Southeastern NY Library Resources Council.

SENYCon 2024
Friday, April 12, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
SAVE THE DATE

The slate has been chosen and registration will open soon!

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

- February 14: [PPT/G-SLIDES] **Make Your Presentations Sizzle!**
- February 28: [DESKTOP] **Desktop Organization: Simplify Your Computer Life**
- March 13: [CANVA] **Create Concept/Mind Maps to Visually Plan Complex Topics**
- March 27: [EXCEL] **Use Simple Excel & Access Databases to Organize Storytelling Resources**

Webinar Details & Register at this link

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

Other Professional Development

In the Shadows: The Wonder, Beauty, and Science of Eclipses
Produced by South Central Library Resources Council
Wednesday, February 5: 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
More information and registration here

Webinar: Free and Low-Cost Library Programming
Produced by Central NY Library Resources Council
Tuesday, February 6: 10:00 am - 11:00 am
More information and registration here

Prevention in Action: Hate Crimes, De-Escalation, and Bystander Intervention
Produced by Rochester Regional Library Council
Thursday, February 8: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
More information and registration here

A Sustainability Discussion with Claudia Depkin, Co-Creator of the Sustainable Libraries Initiative
Produced by Central NY Library Resources Council
Friday, February 9: 10:00 am - 11:00 am
More information and registration here

Lunch & Learn: Health Disparities
Produced by South Central Library Resources Council
Wednesday, February 14: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
More information and registration here

Repatriating the Red Jacket Peace Medal and Cultivating Museum Partnerships
Produced by Western NY Library Resources Council
Thursday, February 15: 2:00 pm - 300 pm
More information and registration here

New York History Primary Sources & More through New York State Archives
Produced by Western NY Library Resources Council
Tuesday, February 20: 10:00 am - 11:00 am
More information and registration here

Robert's Rules of Order Training
Produced by Central NY Library Resources Council
Thursday, February 28: 10:00 am - 11:00 am
More information and registration here

Homeschoolers and the Public Library
Produced by Western NY Library Resources Council
Friday, February 29: 10:00 am - 11:00 am
More information and registration here

Know the Path, Avoid the Pitfalls: Arranging Contracts for E-Resources
Produced by Empire State Library Network
Thursday, March 7: 10:00 am - 11:00 am
More information and registration here

Trauma and Censorship in the Library
Produced by Central NY Library Resources Council
Thursday, March 14: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
More information and registration here

The Book Doctor Is In
Produced by Dutchess County BOCES
Thursday, May 30: 4:15 pm - 7:15 pm
More information and registration here

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