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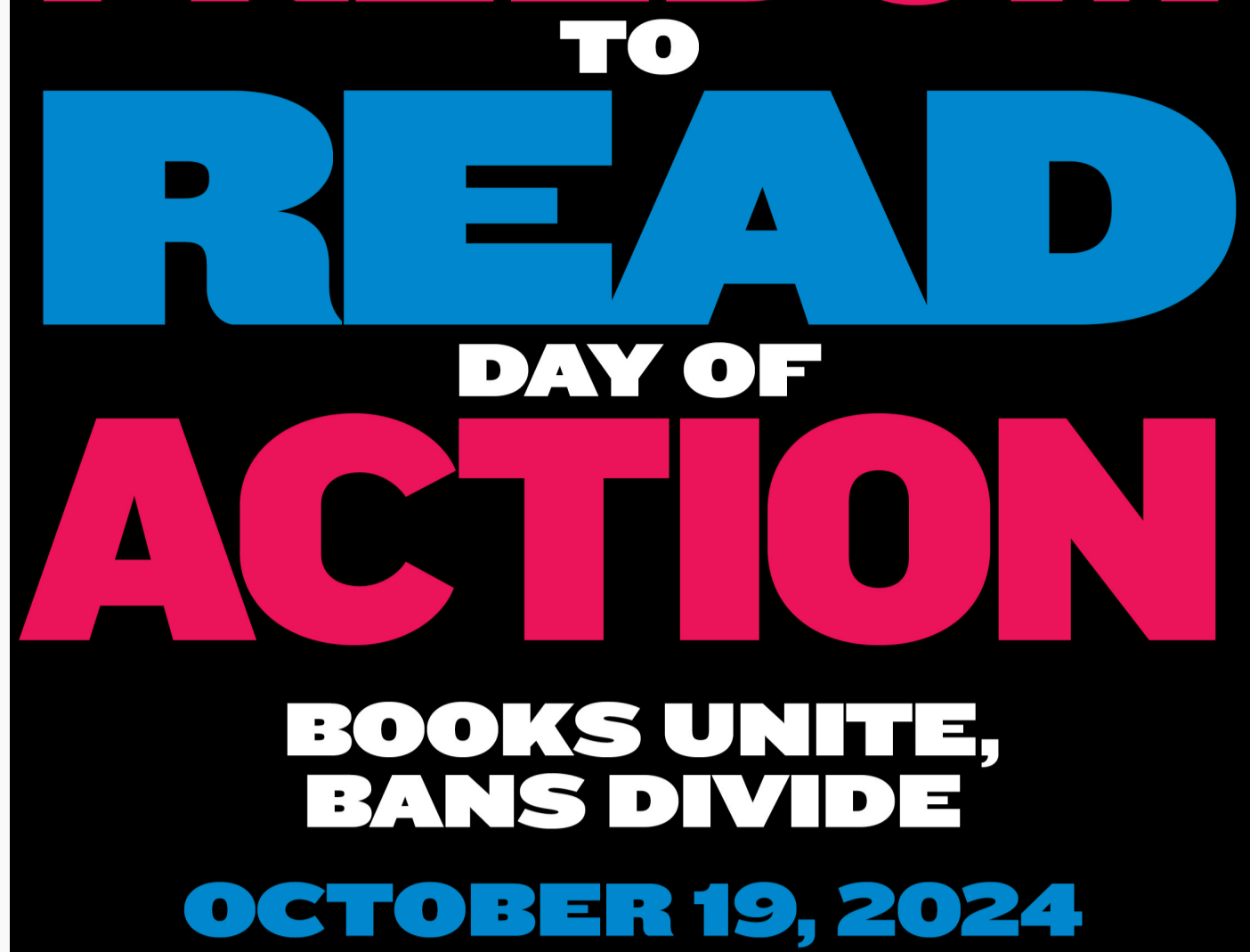
Hello October! It's the time of year that feels peak everything in the Hudson Valley. We hope that between apple picking, Halloween costuming, leaf peeping, and sweater wearing, you have time to sit with a good book. We're glad to be sending you one email that is not asking for your support or political donation, and we thank all of you who have made a plan to vote and registered a friend!

If you **only have time for one thing**, take a look at the registration for the Fall Poster Session and Apple Cider Donut open house. We're welcoming everyone to our office for a festive afternoon of networking and sharing. You don't need to bring a poster to participate!

Additionally, we have news on:

- United Against Book Bans
- Jobs!
- Digital Navigators
- SEAL and the ILL Code update
- DHPSNY
- Digital Inclusion Week
- Professional Development picked just for you

Unite Against Book Bans



In 2023, book banning and censorship reached an all-time high, with a record 4,240 unique book titles targeted for removal, a 65% increase over the 2,571 unique titles targeted in 2022 and a staggering 120% increase over 2021 numbers. 47% of the books targeted for censorship were titles representing the voices and lived experiences of people of color and people who identify as LGBTQ+.

Coordinated censorship attempts continue to happen at an alarming rate, impacting schools and public libraries nationwide and threatening the First Amendment rights of all Americans.

Read more here at the [Unite Against Book Bans website](#).

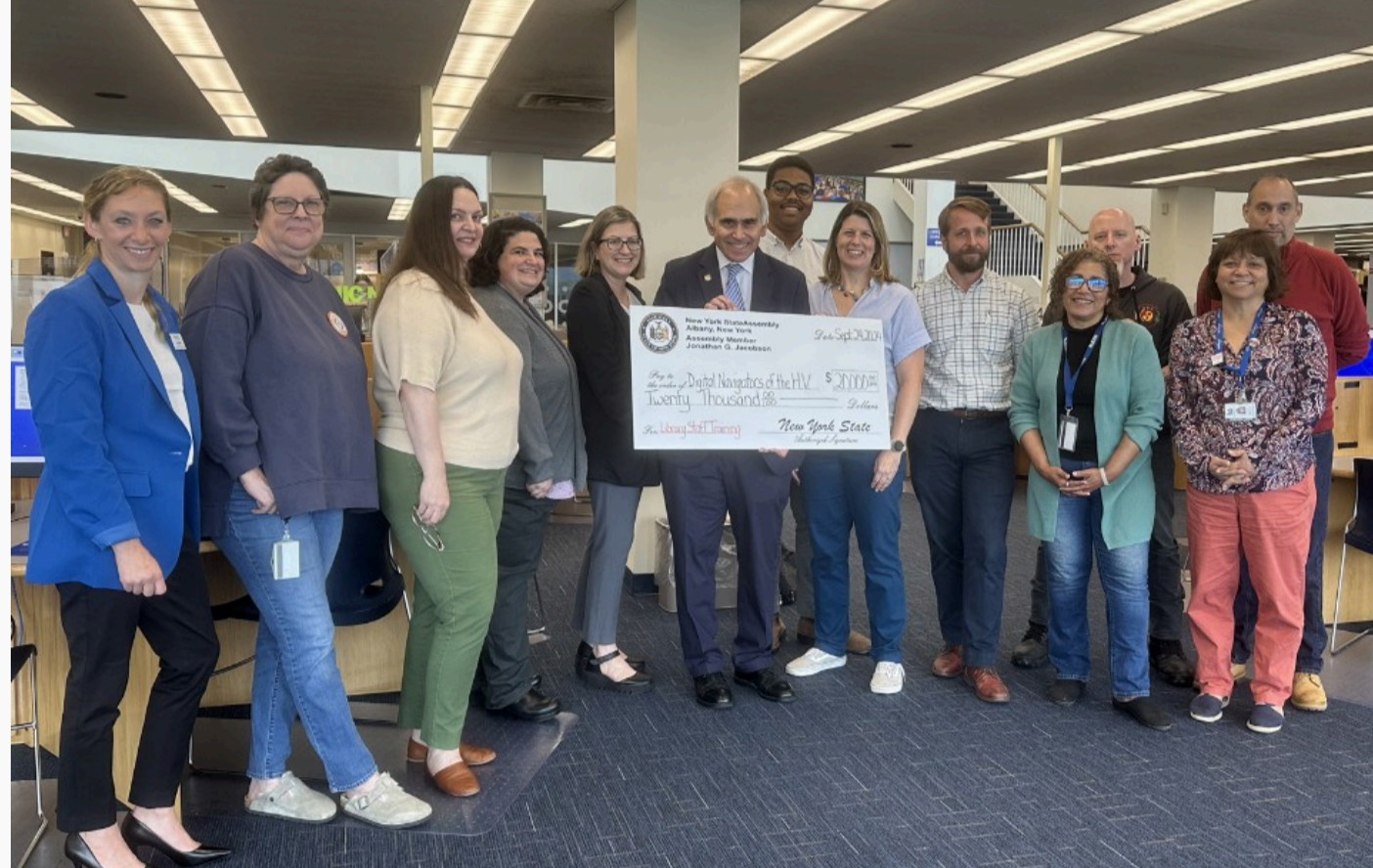
Public and school libraries should be safe havens of knowledge and community, offering access to diverse viewpoints and empowering students and the public to engage with the issues of our time. The Freedom to Read Community Day of Action will unite libraries and elevate the voices of readers nationwide. Stand with us against book bans on Saturday, October 19, 2024.

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.

Digital Navigators In The News



We recently met up with Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson at the Newburgh Free Library to thank him for supporting Digital Navigators of the Hudson Valley. You've probably heard us talking about it; please look below for more details.

The Internet does not come with an instruction manual. Applying for housing, paying bills, grocery shopping, accessing lab and medical results, and communicating with parents and teachers often occur online. As a result, people who have never been taught how to use the Internet are disadvantaged in managing many everyday tasks. That is why, since 2022, we have supported Digital Navigators of the Hudson Valley.

Digital Navigators are trained, trusted guides who work in local libraries or other community organizations. They assist anyone in need with using a device, securing free or low-cost internet service, and much more. This program is not just a solitary effort but a collaborative one, administered and funded by Southeastern New York Library Resources Council, Mid-Hudson Library System, Ramapo-Catskill Library System, and Westchester Library System. Additional state legislative grants have been secured thanks to the joint efforts of Senator Skoufis, Senator Michelle Hinchey, and Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson (pictured here).

[Read more about it in the Mid-Hudson News article here.](#)

SEAL Newsletter

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

- The Regional Inter-library Loan Code (see below!)
- Using Boolean Operators in SEAL Searches
- Notes from the Resource Sharing SIG
- A news round-up

Regional Inter-library Loan Code Update

Southeastern's Regional Inter-library Loan Committee (RIC) is proposing an update to our inter-library loan code. This code provides best practices for borrowing and lending materials in our region. It provides helpful information on how to deal with ILL issues such as lost books, damaged items, invoicing libraries, and paying fines.

RIC is inviting librarians and library staff in the region to review and comment on the proposed changes to our ILL code before they are formally adopted. [There is a page on Southeastern's website](#) where a draft of the updated code and a link to a comment form can be found. The comment period will run through **10/31/2024**. After the comment period has ended, RIC will meet to consider all comments and make changes to the document as appropriate. Then, RIC will ask for final approval of the code by all of our regional library systems.

Please contact kelsey@senylrc.org with any questions!

DHPSNY Planning & Assessment

Documentary Heritage & Preservation Services for New York (DHPSNY) has announced that applications are open for DHPSNY Planning & Assessment Services, and the next submission deadline is Friday, November 22, 2024. Offered to qualifying New York organizations at no cost, Planning & Assessment services pair accepted organizations with DHPSNY staff to discuss current practices and set recommendations and goals specific to your capacity and needs. Final reports can be utilized to obtain funding, increase the accessibility and use of your collections, and more.

DHPSNY is accepting applications for the following services for consideration in the fall 2024 review period:

- **Preservation Surveys:** a general evaluation of your institution's preservation needs, pinpointing areas of concern and recommendations for improvement.
- **Condition Surveys:** a valuable tool for institutions that have previously undergone a Preservation Survey (through DHPSNY or another program) and are now interested in evaluating the condition of collection materials on a more granular level.
- **Archival Needs Assessments:** an excellent way to examine your archival program holistically through an external lens.
- **Strategic Planning Assistance:** helps organizations think proactively about their future and shape a three-year plan to serve as a road map for future decision-making under a trained facilitator.

More information is on their website here: <https://dhpsny.org/planning-assessment>

For assistance, questions about eligibility, or additional information, contact info@dhpsny.org or 215-545-0613 ext. 337. Documentary Heritage and Preservation Services for New York (DHPSNY) is a program of the New York State Archives and New York State Library, with services provided by the Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts.

Digital Inclusion Week

Digital Inclusion Week (October 7-11, 2024) is an annual week of awareness, recognition, and celebration organized by the National Digital Inclusion Alliance (NDIA) and its 1,800+ affiliates nationwide. During this week, we work with them to raise awareness and promote action for digital equity solutions. Communities all across the country will highlight their efforts online and in person.

This year's theme, "**Stronger Together: Mobilizing Towards Sustainability**," highlights the power of collaboration in ensuring the longevity of the digital equity movement. We can sustain our movement towards long-term digital inclusion solutions by fostering a robust digital inclusion ecosystem that connects digital inclusion initiatives across our communities.

If you'd like to plan an event or join in, check out NDIA's resources on their website here: www.digitalinclusion.org/digital-inclusion-week-2024/

From Southeastern NY Library Resources Council

Professional Development

Open House at Southeastern

Fall Poster Session
Friday, November 15
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Location: Southeastern NY Library Resources Council office

The fall poster session is a chance to visit with colleagues, hear about ongoing projects, network, present about your work, and enjoy fall treats in a relaxed and welcoming environment. If you are interested in presenting, please register by noon on Wednesday, November 6. If you would like to participate in the event but not present, please use the same link to RSVP.

Sign up here: <https://www.senylrc.org/event/donuts/>

Other Professional Development

<p>ESLN Academic Library Leadership Series</p> <p>EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION</p> <p>OCTOBER 16, 2024</p> <p>Empire State Library Network Discover. Connect. Engage.</p>	<p>ESLN Academic Library Leadership Series</p> <p>VISION, STRATEGY, AND PLANNING</p> <p>NOVEMBER 13, 2024</p> <p>Empire State Library Network Discover. Connect. Engage.</p>
<p>Effective Communication (ESLN Academic Leadership Series) Wednesday, October 16 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm online via Zoom</p>	<p>Vision, Strategy, and Planning (ESLN Academic Leadership Series) Wednesday, November 13 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm online via Zoom</p>

Join us for the second event in this new series, exploring Effective Communication! This discussion will focus on ways to effectively communicate with your campus to promote and advocate for the library.

Join us for the next event in this new series, exploring Vision, Strategy, and Planning! This discussion will focus on how to align the library with institutional strategic goals and objectives.

[Register Here](#) [Register Here](#)

Digital Preservation SIG

Wednesday, October 23, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Presenter: **Kim Gianfrancesco**
Facilitator: **Brittany Costa**, Marist College
Register here: <https://www.senylrc.org/event/digital-preservation-sig/>

The DigPres SIG will focus on strategies, activities and technologies relating to preserving digital content for the long-term. This meeting's topic: **Fixity and Checksums**. Description: After an introduction to the topic, Kim Gianfrancesco (Vassar College Digital Preservation Librarian) will provide a demo of Quick Hash GUI, the free tool she uses to incorporate fixity checking into her digital preservation workflow.

Leadership and Management SIG

Monday, October 28: 9:30 am - 11:30 am
Facilitator: **Crystal Middleton**, Eling Memorial Library
Register here: <https://www.senylrc.org/event/leadershipsig/>

This month we will be following up on "From DEI to IDEA: where have we been and where are we going (in libraries)." We will continue the conversation from the most recent meeting and hear from you about what kind of leadership training you want and need.

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!

Information Literacy Instruction / High School to College Transition

Tuesday, November 12: 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Facilitator: **Brittany Costa**, Marist College
Register here: <https://www.senylrc.org/event/infoilsig/>

The meeting is open to you to share ideas, network, and re-connect. We will have a conversation between academic, public, and school librarians to talk about issues relating to how library instruction can help students transition to college. You can view the notes from the previous meeting here: <https://libguides.senylrc.org/SIGs/Instruction>

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion SIG

Thursday, November 14: 10:30 am - 11:30 am
Facilitators: **Tracy Dunstan** & **Morgan Strand**, Nyack Library
Register here: <https://www.senylrc.org/event/edilsig/>

The topic for this meeting: 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.

Tech-Talk Webinars

- October 9: [WORD/Google Docs] **Mastering Document Templates and Formatting**
- October 23: [GRAPHICS] **Use AI Tips and Strategies to Solve Problems and Craft Perfect Text**
- November 6: [INTERNET] **Organizing Your Documents in Cloud Storage**

[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.

Lunch & Learn: Fall Vaccine Update: Covid and Flu

Produced by SCLRC
Wednesday, October 2: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
[More information and registration here](#)

Disaster Planning for Libraries

Produced by NNLYN
Friday, October 4: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
[More information and registration here](#)

Being the Change We Wish To See: Neurodiversity-Affirming Practices For Library Workers And Patrons

Produced by METRO
Tuesday, October 15: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
[More information and registration here](#)

Webinar: The Adult Programming Equation

Produced by CLRC
Thursday, October 17: 10:00 am - 11:00 am
[More information and registration here](#)

You Can't Teach Nice: Retail Management Strategies for Enhanced Library Customer Service

Produced by CDLC
Thursday, October 17: 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm
[More information and registration here](#)

Tackling Misinformation: What Information Professionals Need To Know About The Manosphere

Produced by METRO
Tuesday, October 29: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
[More information and registration here](#)

NYLA Annual Conference

SYRACUSE, NY
November 6 - 9
[More information and registration here](#)

Foundations Of Data Visualization: Theory And Techniques

Produced by METRO
Thursday, November 14: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
[More information and registration here](#)

Leaving The Door Open: A People-Centered Approach To Management

Produced by METRO
Tuesday, November 19: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
[More information and registration here](#)



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