

# SOUTHEASTERN NEWS

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The heat has broken to start the month on this summer Friday. We'll keep it short and breezy for you this month. This is what we have for you this round:

- A new cohort of Digital Navigators
- Employment
- The August SEAL Newsletter
- 2025 NYLA Awards announcement
- Professional development (The usual offerings plus: Resources from PILLARS 2025, the Digital Preservation SIG, and an AI Showcase with Zack Spalding.)

## Digital Navigators Application Open!

Exciting news! A new cohort of Digital Navigators is forming now.

Training starts on Tuesday, August 12, and we will be taking applications until **Friday, August 8**, at noon. Applications are open to individuals who work at libraries and nonprofit organizations in the following counties: Columbia, Greene, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester. You must be currently employed or have regular volunteer hours and have the support of your institution.

For full details, please see our website here: <https://www.senylrc.org/services/digitalnavigators/>

## 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](mailto:jobposting@senylrc.org).

## SEAL Newsletter

In case you missed it, here is the [July SEAL newsletter](#). Check out information on:

- SEAL Tip: No Libraries to Request From
- Notes from July Resource Sharing SIG
- New SEAL Training Request Form
- Southeastern Resource Sharing Services
- Upcoming ILL Conferences

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## 2025 NYLA Awards

The deadline for nominations to the New York Library Association's annual awards has been extended to Monday, August 18th. [See their website here for information about the annual awards:](#)

- Mary Bobinski Innovative Public Library Director Award
- NYLA's Distinguished Achievement Award
- Librarian of the Year (Academic/Special)
- Librarian of the Year (Public)
- Librarian of the Year (School)

From Southeastern NY Library Resources Council

## Professional Development

**Reference Group**  
Tuesday, August 5  
11:00 am - 12:30 pm

**Webinar: We Have Always Been At War With Computers**  
Thursday, August 21  
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

This month's topic is: Promoting database selection and use in reference interactions  
We will discuss how we talk about and encourage specific databases while working with patrons. To take advantage of the in-person format, we will do a group activity so that everyone can participate. The meeting is open to library workers from all types.  
We will discuss issues relevant to both academic and public librarians.

Join **Jessamyn West** and **Ale Ruiz** for a conversation about computers: what they are, how we use them, and why we use them wrong. Also, why it's not our fault. The values supposedly imbued into technology are not the ones actually reflected back at technology users. We'll talk about how various dark patterns serve the goals of capitalism not community and what we can do about it.

[Register here](#)

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**Digital Preservation SIG**  
Wednesday, August 13  
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
online via Zoom

[Register here](#)

The Topic for this meeting is Archivematica, a powerful, standards-based Digital Preservation tool Southeastern uses as part of our Digital Dark Archive service. Following a brief overview of the software, Zack Spalding (Southeastern's Systems Manager) will demonstrate how he uses Archivematica to process and package files before sending them to long-term storage.

### Resources from PILLARS

On Friday, July 11, Empire State Library Network presented the PILLARS Symposium. (Preparation, Information Literacy, Libraries, Academic Resources, and 21st Century Skills for Transitioning from Secondary School to College)  
This year's theme was: *Is AI On The Test? A Symposium For Educators Who Weren't Ready For Robots.*  
In case you missed it, or only were able to catch part of the day, all of the resources from the event are now posted on our website here: <https://pillars.esln.org/>

[See the recordings, slides, and resources from PILLARS here](#)

### Tech-Talk Webinars

1-hour sessions on Wednesdays at 3 pm

- Aug 6: [CANVA] **Canva Power Ups: 10 Must Have Apps to Turbo Charge Your Designs.**
- Aug 13: [VIDEO] **Video Magic in 60 Seconds: Grab Attention, Spark Emotion, Get Results.**
- Sep 10: [EXCEL] **Formatting Secrets for Powerful Spreadsheets.**
- Sep 24: [GRAPHICS] **From Plain to Polished: How to Create Sharp Visuals in Office Tools.**

[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](mailto:moshe@senylrc.org) to request it if they don't have it.

## Other Professional Development

### NYLA Library Skills Academy

Produced by NYLA  
The registration deadline is August 5  
[More information and registration here](#)

### Webinar: Turning the Page - ADHD and Employee Policies

Produced by Central NY Library Resources Council  
Tuesday, August 12: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
[More information and registration here](#)

### Temple Grandin: How I Learned to Read

Produced by Long Island Library Resources Council  
Tuesday, August 19: 10:00 am - 11:00 am  
[More information and registration here](#)

### How to Effectively Manage Difficult Conversations and Personalities in the Workplace

Produced by Long Island Library Resources Council  
Friday, August 22: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
[More information and registration here](#)

### CDLC Sustainability Idea Swap

Produced by Capital District Library Council  
Wednesday, August 27: 10:30 am - 12:00 pm  
@Latham, New York  
[More information and registration here](#)

### Reproductive Health and the Reference Desk

Produced by Rochester Regional Library Council  
Wednesday, August 27: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
[More information and registration here](#)

### AI Solutions Showcase Series - with Southeastern's own Zack Spalding!

Produced by METRO  
Thursday, August 28: 10:30 am - 11:30 am  
[More information and registration here](#)

### NYS Coordinated Collection Development Aid (CCDA) Webinar

Produced by Empire State Library Network  
Tuesday, September 9: 10:00 am - 11:00 am  
[More information and registration here](#)

### RCLS Legislative Breakfast Annual Meeting & Awards Presentation

Produced by Ramapo Catskill Library System  
Friday, September 12: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm  
@Walkill Golf Club  
[More information and registration here](#)

### A Guide to Court Help on NYCourts.gov

Produced by Long Island Library Resources Council  
Wednesday, September 17: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
[More information and registration here](#)

### Beyond Access: Inclusive Programming in Libraries

Produced by the New York State Library  
Friday, September 19: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
[More information and registration here](#)



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