

# SOUTHEASTERN NEWS

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If you missed our 58th Annual Meeting, you can view Tessa Killian's council update and Rebekkah Smith Aldrich's keynote presentation, [which are archived on our website](#). Newly elected trustees were announced at the meeting. We'd also like to congratulate them here!

**Kimberly A. Hooper**, School Library System Coordinator, Rockland BOCES School Library System

**Grace Riario**, Executive Director, Ramapo Catskill Library System

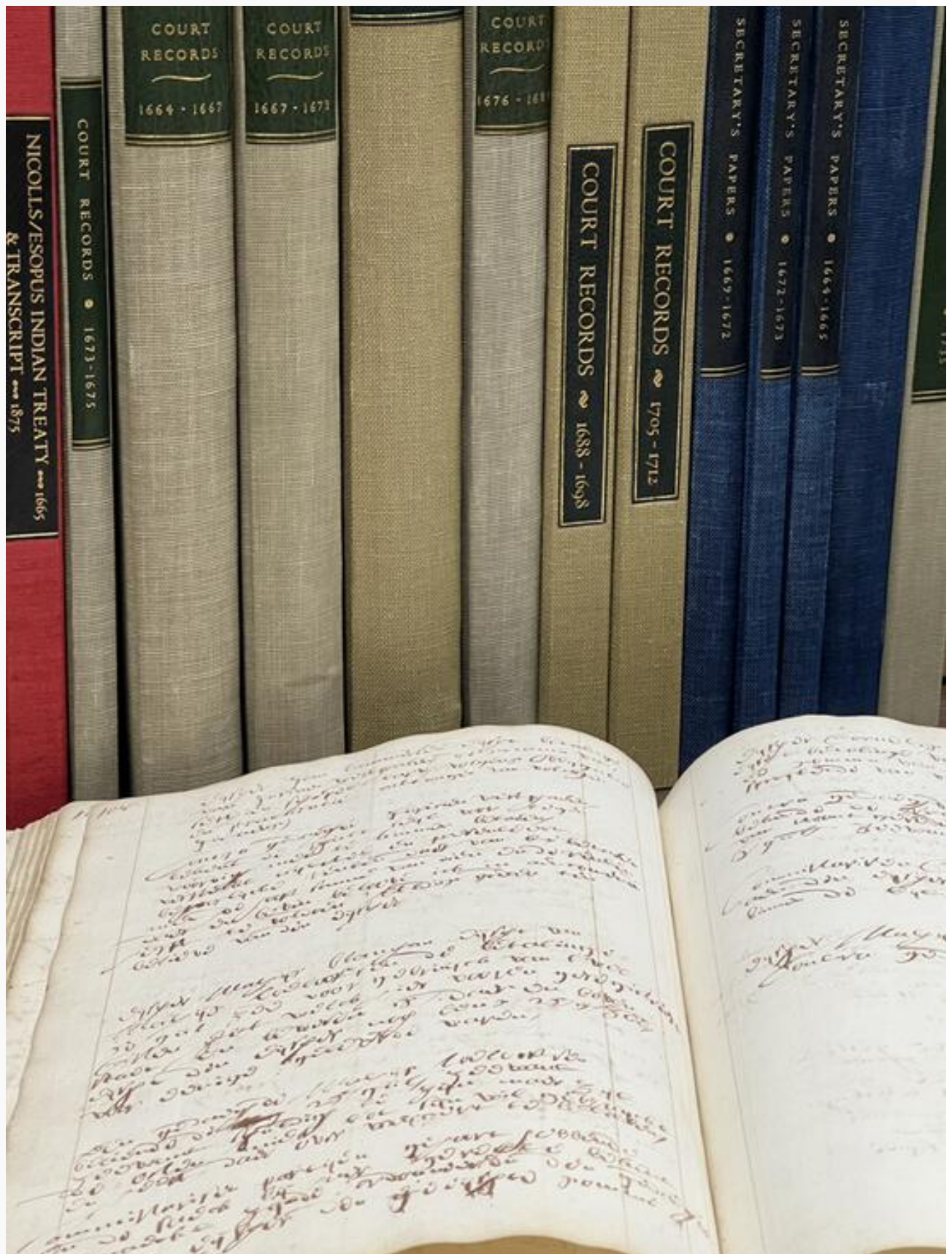
**Beth Zambito**, Assistant Director, Finkelstein Memorial Library

**Anne Deutsch**, Director of the Library, Dutchess Community College.

This is what else we have happening this July:

- New at New York Heritage
  - Ask the Lawyer updates
  - Employment
  - Digital Navigators of the Hudson Valley make national news!
  - Library Leadership & Management Certificate
  - The June SEAL Newsletter
  - Books Unbanned Programming Funding
  - Professional development
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## New At New York Heritage



Now available on our website are some of the oldest artifacts on New York Heritage, and they're from this region! Part of the [Dutch Records of Kingston](#) (1658-1683), these holdings are the earliest written records of the community at Kingston. This is a fantastic collection for the serious researcher. Included in the collection are a finding aid spreadsheet and a three-volume set of translations.

**Ask the Lawyer**

The council retains an attorney to offer Southeastern and its members timely input on human resources, intellectual property, digital rights management, vendor contracts, First Amendment, civil rights, employment law, and other legal issues that can impact library operations.



There are some new RAQs on the website:

- [Libraries, Fax Machines, and Data Security Obligations](#)
- [Academic Libraries Remediating "Born PDFs"](#)
- [Does work at a library system or council "count" for Civil Service?](#)
- [Compelling reasons to use an automated payroll system](#)

Early 2025 also changed the stability of specific federal programs, funding, and governance. This instability is creating concern about access to grants, federal programs, and legal frameworks. The [Ask the Lawyer Resources Page](#) has been updated with recent information.

Got a question for the lawyer?  
[Ask it here.](#)

Additionally, see below for information on Stephanie "Cole" Anderson's Ask the HR Expert webinar series, which has now concluded.

<https://www.senylrc.org/ask-the-hr-expert-webinars/>

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## Digital Navigators in the News

In June, Digital Navigators of the Hudson Valley's program was highlighted on the National Digital Inclusion Alliance blog. The post was titled [In Hudson Valley, Scaling a Digital Navigator Model with a Regional Approach Is Key to Success](#).

From the article:

More than 1,000 residents have been helped by digital navigators in the region, often teaching tech skills essential to daily tasks. But the stories are powerful.

- One patron learned how to email attachments for the first time—essential for keeping up with housing paperwork.
- One stroke survivor worked with a navigator to relearn computer basics, later sharing, “I’m just so satisfied to be a part of the digital community again.”
- A shelter resident learned how to upload documents and send emails. He enrolled in college and started classes that fall.
- A woman wanted to share photos of baby birds with her daughter in England. A digital navigator helped her attach and send the images—something she never thought she’d do on her own.

Congratulations to all our hard-working Digital Navigators and partner systems! We are currently wrapping up our spring cohort and will announce a new round of training for the upcoming year. Watch this space if you're interested in getting involved.

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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](mailto:jobposting@senylrc.org).

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## SEAL Newsletter

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

- Summer Reminders for SEAL
- Upcoming Resource Sharing SIG
- Filter Own System feature
- Additional Updates

Would you like this newsletter delivered straight to your inbox the day it is published? The wait is over - [sign up to receive the SEAL Newsletter here](#)

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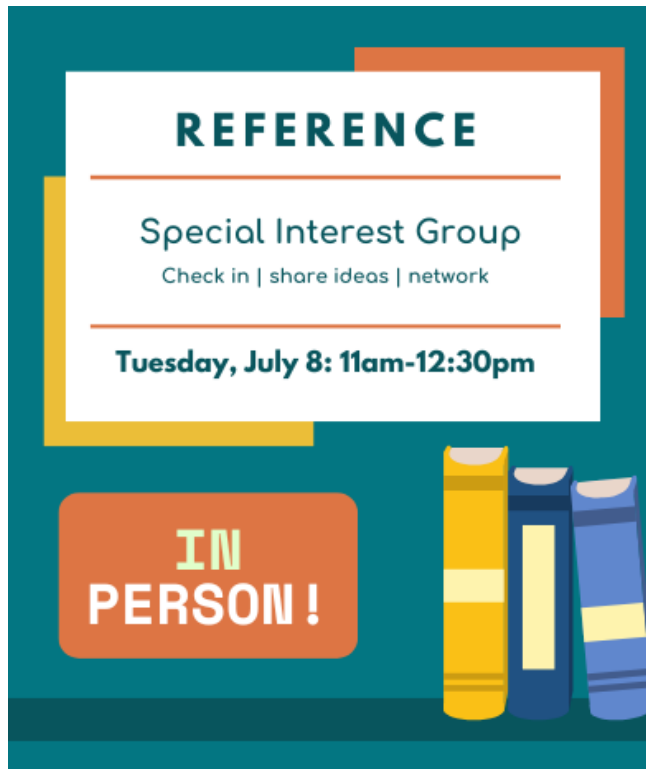
## Library Leadership and Management

Are you an entry-level or mid-level library staff member or librarian, a library chair or director? You may be interested in this certificate program, which is available to all SUNY campuses and welcomes participants from outside SUNY. Library staff and librarians in all different areas such as public services, technical services, collections, administration, etc. are encouraged to participate.

The SUNY Center for Professional Development and the SUNY Office of Library and Information Services have developed the framework for a [Library Leadership and Management Certificate](#) Program.

From Southeastern NY Library Resources Council

## Professional Development



**REFERENCE**

Special Interest Group  
Check in | share ideas | network

**Tuesday, July 8: 11am-12:30pm**

**IN PERSON!**

The graphic features a teal background with a white box containing the text. Below the box are three books (yellow, blue, and blue) and an orange rounded rectangle with the text 'IN PERSON!'.

### Reference Group

Tuesday, July 8  
11:00 am - 12:30 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.

[Register here](#)



**2025 PILLARS SYMPOSIUM**

Is AI On the Test?  
A Symposium For Educators Who Weren't Ready For Robots

**Friday, July 11, 2025  
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
Online via Zoom**

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### PILLARS Symposium

Friday, July 11  
9:30 am - 3:30 pm

The PILLARS Symposium: Preparation, Information Literacy, Libraries, Academic Resources, and 21st Century Skills for Transitioning from Secondary School to College.

This is a virtual one-day symposium that will bring educators and librarians together to share knowledge on the topic of student readiness for college and beyond.

[Register Here](#)

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### **Resource Sharing SIG**

Wednesday, July 9

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

in person, Sojourner Truth Library, SUNY New Paltz

[Register here](#)

Join us for the next Resource Sharing SIG, in-person at the Sojourner Truth Library at SUNY New Paltz. Our topic for this SIG will be inter-library loan policies. We will touch on some of the elements that are common in ILL policies for both library patrons and borrowing libraries. We will also have plenty of time for open discussion on other resource sharing topics.

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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.

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### **Tech-Talk Webinars**

1-hour sessions on Wednesdays at 3 pm

- July 9: [PHOTO ORGANIZING] **Your Photo Mess, Solved: Smart Organizing with Google Photos**
- July 23: [AI & COMMUNICATIONS] **Using ChatGPT to Handle Challenging People with Confidence**
- 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.**

[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

## **Intro to Proposal Writing**

Produced by the New York State Library

Tuesday, July 8: 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

## **Safe Labeling and Marking of Archival Materials 2025**

Produced by Long Island Library Resources Council

Wednesday, July 9: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

## **Room for Everyone: A Library Accessibility Day of Learning**

Produced by the New York State Library

in-person at the NYS Museum

Wednesday, July 9: 10:00 am - 3:30 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

## **Green Cleaning Principles and Alternatives**

Produced by Rochester Regional Library Council

Thursday, July 10: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

## **Climate Resilience & Sustainability: Collections Care for the Future**

Produced by DHPSNY

Tuesday, July 15: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

## **Introduction to Foundation Directory**

Produced by Candid

Tuesday, July 15: 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

## **Building Psychological Safety and Supportive Cultures in Teams**

Produced by South Central Regional Library Council

Thursday, July 17: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

## **Shift Work, Long Hours, and Fatigue**

Produced by Rochester Regional Library Council

Thursday, July 31: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

## **NYLA Library Skills Academy**

Produced by NYLA

The registration deadline is August 5

[More information and registration here](#)

[Summer 2025 Instructional Design Courses from School Library Journal](#)

(various dates & times.)



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