

# SOUTHEASTERN NEWS

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Later this week, we will be hosting our Annual Meeting, and we look forward to seeing many of you in person. In-person registration is now closed, but if you would like to catch up with us, we will be livestreaming the program from our website.

This is what else we have happening this June:

- Candid Foundation Directory
- Ask the Lawyer updates
- Employment
- The May SEAL Newsletter
- Turning the Page for Pollinators update
- Professional development

## Candid Foundation Directory

Beginning on July 1, 2025, Governing and HRVH member organizations can access the [Candid Foundation Directory](#), an online database that connects nonprofits with funding opportunities. Recognizing that nonprofit cultural organizations are facing fiscal uncertainty and potentially losing access to longstanding federal grant programs, the Empire State Library Network has negotiated remote access to the Foundation Directory. This best-in-class research tool helps nonprofits identify and connect with over 240,000 U.S. grant makers. **Each dues-paying member of Southeastern is eligible for a user login.**

While some public libraries offer public access to this resource, for your convenience, this partnership will provide direct access to the Foundation Directory for staff at Southeastern members. We hope to open onsite access for staff using your IP addresses; if you have an IP address that can only be accessed by staff and not the public, include it in the form below, and we will try to negotiate that for you. Otherwise, we will provide you with a username and password.

**Note: This tool is licensed only for library staff use and is not intended for library users or the general public.**

Submit this form by Friday, June 6, to sign up for access to the Candid Foundation Directory: <https://forms.gle/Rbd6UB4qd79DT5cs8>

Please direct questions to Tessa Killian. Thank you!

## 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 RAQ's on the website:

- [What every school librarian's union rep should know](#)
- [NYS Retirement and Public Libraries: FAQs and Myths](#)
- [Privacy concerns related to software monitoring of public school library records](#)
- [Art Show+! Copyright Considerations of Display and Use of Minor Student Work](#)

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.

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

## 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 [May SEAL newsletter](#). Check out information on:

- Southeastern Membership Survey (the survey is now closed.)
- How to Contact Southeastern
- Upcoming Resource Sharing SIG
- SEAL Fact Sheet
- 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](#)

## Turning the Page for Pollinators

Join Southeastern as we renovate our grounds for the [Turning the Page for Pollinators](#) project!

We held our first volunteer planting session in May, a great morning learning about pollinators and getting our hands in the dirt!

This month, we have two more opportunities to participate in this exciting project: on Thursday, June 12, come to our [Facilities Special Interest Group](#) and learn about wildflower meadows from Master Gardener **Richard Kilberg** and enjoy a tour of Southeastern's in-progress pollinator garden! Then, on the morning of Friday, June 20th, grab a shovel and come out to help us break ground on our wildflower meadow! Participants throughout the project will receive a packet of your very own wildflower seeds native to the Hudson Valley.

See photos of our progress, information about events, and access resources to get started on your pollinator gardens at our LibGuide and blog, here: <https://libguides.senylrc.org/pollinators>

## Professional Development

From Southeastern NY Library Resources Council

Reference Group	PILLARS Symposium
Tuesday, July 8 11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Friday, July 11 9:30 am - 3:30 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.	The PILLARS Symposium: Preparation, 21st Century 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](#) [Register Here](#)

**Resource Sharing SIG**  
 Wednesday, June 11  
 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.

**NYAC Watch Party**  
 Friday, June 13  
 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
 in person, Southeastern's Conference Room

RSVP To watch with us here: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeX049PoX5wQVVRlVj\\_ke5-rPIUD54g4NdlJpa-EC\\_s0SQq/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeX049PoX5wQVVRlVj_ke5-rPIUD54g4NdlJpa-EC_s0SQq/viewform)  
 The New York Archives Conference Board is excited to announce year two of a project to bring NYAC members together during the virtual conference: NYAC Watch Parties! The Regional Connections Committee is pleased to provide nine dedicated Watch Party locations where you can view the conference with others from your area, including time for networking and discussion on Friday, June 13, 2025.

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

- Jun 11: [GOOGLE] **Google Tabs: Use this New Feature to Boost Your Docs Organization.**
- Jun 25: [JOB SEEKING] **From Job Seeker to Hired: Empower Your Patrons with Indeed.**
- 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 Stegel at [moshe@senylrc.org](mailto:moshe@senylrc.org) to request it if they don't have it.

## Other Professional Development

**Working to Increase Safe Spaces for the LGBTQ Community**  
 Produced by Long Island Library Resources Council  
 Friday, June 6: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm  
[More information and registration here](#)

**A Dangerous Experiment: Comics and Graphic Novels About Scientists!**  
 Produced by Long Island Library Resources Council  
 Tuesday, June 10: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
[More information and registration here](#)

**Articulating Value: Leveling Up Your Stakeholder Communications**  
 Produced by Rochester Regional Library Council  
 Wednesday, June 11: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
[More information and registration here](#)

**In the Form of a Question: Jeopardy! Champion and Author Amy Schneider**  
 Produced by Long Island Library Resources Council  
 Thursday, June 12: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
[More information and registration here](#)

**From Insight to Action: Trauma-Informed Approaches to Self-Care**  
 Produced by South Central Regional Library Council  
 Friday, June 13: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm  
[More information and registration here](#)

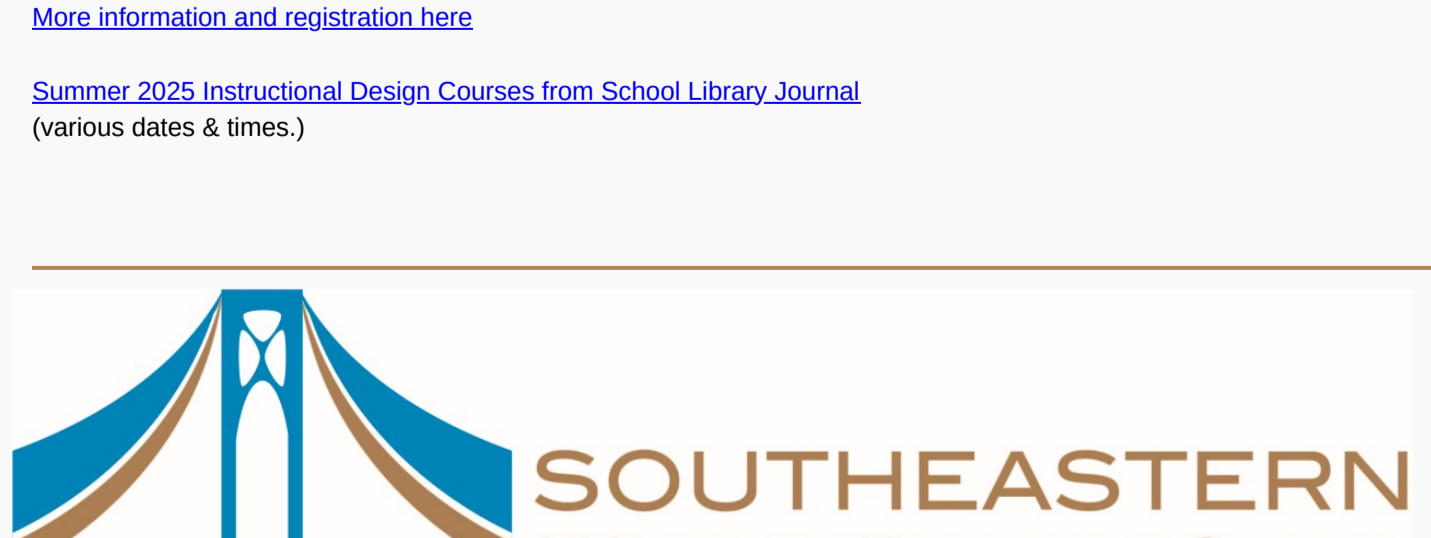
**New York Archives Conference**  
 Produced by NYAC  
 Friday, June 13  
[More information and registration here](#)

**SUNYLA 2025 - Climbing the Mountain: Fostering Collaboration and Building Community**  
 Produced by SUNYLA  
 @ SUNY Delhi, June 18-20  
[More information and registration here](#) <- Registration deadline is June 2!

**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](#)

**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](#)

[Summer 2025 Instructional Design Courses from School Library Journal](#)  
(various dates & times.)



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