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Two member libraries, the **FDR Museum & Library** and the **West Point Library**, are either closed or have reduced services due to the federal government shutdown. An ongoing federal shutdown is likely to have wide-ranging impacts the longer it continues, and we will keep you updated if we see outcomes that could affect other members.

Aside from that, we have other pieces of news and information for you this month:

- New at New York Heritage
- Novel NY Expands
- Employment
- The September SEAL Newsletter
- Professional development

New at New York Heritage!



Gene Dauner Collection from Ulster County Archives. Gene Dauner is a regional historian, preservationist and photographer whose work has focused on documenting changes and transformation in the Hudson Valley and Catskill Mountains in the 1960s-1980s.

Image is of [Roundout - Demolishing building on corner of Ferry and Hasbrouck, 1967](#). This image is one of [several hundred](#) that record the Roundout area of Kingston before and during Urban Renewal.

NOVELny: Expanded New York Times

A message from the Division of Library Development:
Your NOVELny collection now offers an expanded *New York Times* resource, The New York Times Digital Collection, that includes the digital edition, Book Review, For Kids, and more. See information below about a webinar to learn more about this collection and how to update your access links to provide access for your users!

Gale has expanded the content available from *The New York Times* with the new *New York Times Digital Collection* offered via NOVELny. There are currently two databases available on NOVELny. *The New York Times* database includes *The New York Times*, *International New York Times* and *New York Times Upfront*. The new database, *New York Times Digital Collection*, contains all of these publications, as well as the Digital Edition and additional content.

After December 31, only the new database, *New York Times Digital Collection*, will be available.

Action Required: Update Your Access Links by December 31, 2025

To ensure uninterrupted access, please update your library's links to the *New York Times Digital Collection* before December 31, 2025, when the old links will expire.

Instructions:

1. Visit <https://support.gale.com/novelny>.
2. Select your library from the drop-down menu.
3. You'll find your geo-authenticated access URL for *The New York Times Digital Collection* at the bottom of the Gale resources list. Replace any links to the NOVELny-provided *New York Times* resource with this link.

Learn all about the expanded collection and how to update your access links at this webinar:

Discover the Latest New York Times Collection from NOVELny

Tuesday, October 21: 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

The New York State Library's services, programs, and collections are made possible by federal Library Service and Technology Act funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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

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

- SEAL News
- October Resource Sharing SIG
- Guest and Community Borrowing Libguide
- Inter-library Loan News

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From Southeastern NY Library Resources Council

Professional Development

EDI SIG
Thursday, October 16
11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Call for Presentations!
Fall Poster Session
Friday, November 14
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

We're back, and we're still talking about ways to support diversity in libraries. As long as our patrons come from different backgrounds and demographics, our job is to create programs and services that reflect the communities we serve. In this meeting, we will check in on how our efforts are going, support each other's challenges, and celebrate each other's joys.

This open house at Southeastern allows all members and affiliate members to share ideas and enjoy fall treats. All attendees will have the opportunity to interact and network with the presenters and other library workers.

We encourage first-time presenters to join us, so this is the place if you are a supervisor or manager who would like to give your staff experience. This event is now in its third year!

This month's meeting will be held via Zoom.

[Register Here](#)

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Resource Sharing SIG

Wednesday, October 15
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Location: Town of Ulster Library
[Register here](#)

Join us for the next Resource Sharing SIG, in-person at the Town of Ulster Library. In addition to a tour of the library, the agenda will be determined by the attendees. We will have plenty of time for open discussion on any and all resource sharing topics.

Reference SIG

Tuesday, October 21
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Facilitator: **Lara Sibley**, Goshen Public Library
[Register here](#)

This month's topic is: Reference Stats: Why we keep them, How we keep them, What we do with them! That will be our starting point for the conversation, and the details can be refined and amended by the participants as needed. Bring any stats you have handy!

Digital Preservation SIG

Wednesday, October 22
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
online via Zoom
[Register here](#)

The topic for this meeting will be Web Archiving. Kim Gianfrancesco, Vassar College will provide an introduction to Web Archiving, including services and software to support your web preservation goals.

Call For Proposals: 2026 Banned Books Symposium: Proactive, Reactive, Supportive

Saturday, May 16, 2026
Dutchess BOCES in Poughkeepsie, NY.

This half-day conference will feature presentations in all capacities of banned and challenged books and programs.

[If you are interested in presenting at this conference, please submit your proposal here.](#)

Sessions will be formatted in 50-minute blocks (including time for Q&A). Topic suggestions include, but are not limited to the following:

- Using challenged/banned books in the classroom
- Policies and procedures when a book is challenged
- Personal experiences with books being challenged/banned
- Programs surrounding banned books
- Other relevant topics

This Symposium is in partnership with Southeastern New York Library Resources Council, Ramapo Catskill Library System, Mid-Hudson Library System, Mount Saint Mary College, SUNY New Paltz and BOCES School Library Systems of Dutchess and Ulster.

Note: Presentation proposals accepted until November 15, 2025. Accepted proposals will receive notification by December 8, 2025.

Tech-Talk Webinars

1-hour sessions on Wednesdays at 3 pm

- October 8: [EXCEL - Advanced] **Tired of Drab Reports? Pivot Tables Will Change Everything.**
- October 22: [PRODUCTIVITY] **Meeting Mastery: Skills Every Leader Needs.**
- November 5: [EMAIL] **Organizing Email: Clear the Clutter, Stay in Control.**
- November 19: [INTERNET] **Internet Search Techniques: Search Smarter, Save Time.**
- December 3: [EXCEL] **Spreadsheet Storytelling: Interactive Features You Need.**
- December 17: [GRAPHICS] **GIF Animations for Images, Websites and Social Media.**

[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

UNYOC/MLA Virtual Annual Meeting

October 7-9
[More information and registration here](#)

Making Sense of MARC: A Practical Introduction for Library Staff

Produced by Western NY Library Resources Council
Thursday, October 9: 10:00 am - 11:30 am
[More information and registration here](#)

High School to College Interest Group: Citation Tools

Produced by Capital District Library Council
Tuesday, October 14: 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
[More information and registration here](#)

Supporting Higher Ed Students with Gale OneFile Periodical Resources from NOVELny

Produced by NYS Library
Thursday, October 16: 10:00 am - 11:00 am
[More information and registration here](#)

Libraries Transforming Communities: Enhancing Accessibility for People with Disabilities in Small and Rural Libraries

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

Managing Conflict in a Culturally Diverse Workplace

Produced by Long Island Library Resources Council
Friday, October 24: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
[More information and registration here](#)

That All May Read: An Overview of the NYS Talking Book and Braille Library

Produced by NYS Library
Thursday, October 30: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
[More information and registration here](#)

2025 NYLA Conference

November 6-8, 2025
Saratoga Springs, NY
[Register for the conference here](#)

Attend the ESLN luncheon "Well-Being for Human Beings (Not Human Doings)" on November 6 from 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Trivia Night Fundraiser from the Friends of the Blodgett Memorial Library!

[Thursday, October 9:](#) 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm @ Norma's, Wappingers Falls



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