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Welcome back to school! We're also back with a whole host of Special Interest Group meetings for you this fall. We also have new answers from the lawyer, and the return of the ever-popular Poster Presentations with apple cider donuts. See below for details!

- Ask the Lawyer
- Employment
- The August SEAL Newsletter
- Professional development

Ask the Lawyer

What is Ask The Lawyer? Ask The Lawyer focuses on issues pertinent to librarians including copyright, labor rights, safety plans, unions, employee rights, and most recently, book challenges. [Please check in on this resource regularly.](#)



There are some new RAQ's on the website for September:

- [Best practices for faxing sensitive documents](#)
- [Public Library Taxes: Does a 259 Automatically End a 414?](#)
- [2025 "First Amendment Auditor" in The Library Roundup](#)
- [Pushing Back on Problematic Terms in Subscription Contracts](#)
- [Is a Public Library Responsible for Patron Conduct Outside the Library?](#)
- [School District Public Library Building Permits](#)

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

Did you know? You can filter the database by the tags found on the right-hand side of the database page. Click Reset Filters to change back to the original view.

Missed a webinar? You can locate the archive of recordings and materials from [previous Ask The Lawyer webinars here.](#)

Your Feedback Requested

Western NY Library Resources Council (WNYLRC) organized a group of academic and hospital librarians to develop resources for pricing transparency and library-aligned values in E-resource contracts. As a result, the Ask The Lawyer team put together [A Librarian's Guide to Negotiating E-Resource Contracts in New York State.](#)

WNYLRC is requesting your [feedback on this resource](#), so we can continue to improve it with your input!

View the related RAQ (also linked in the Ask the Lawyer section) "[Pushing Back On Problematic Terms in Subscription Contracts.](#)"

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

- SEAL News
- October Resource Sharing SIG
- SEAL Tip: Delivering to Schools
- Inter-library Loan Tools

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](#)

From Southeastern NY Library Resources Council

Professional Development

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

SEAL User's Group
Wednesday, October 1
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

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!

At the end of October, the SEAL website will be moving web platforms from Drupal to WordPress. The site will function the same, so there should be no interruptions to SEAL service.

However, there will be some minor changes in the site's appearance, and users will need to reset their passwords once we move to the new site. In this meeting, you will learn how to reset passwords. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask any questions they might have about the website platform migration.

[Register here](#)

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Webinar: The Ultimate AI Policy for Your (Public, Academic, Museum, etc.) Library with **Stephanie "Cole" Adams**
Thursday, September 11, 2025
10:00 am – 11:30 am
[Register here](#)

Artificial Intelligence is on the rise, and it is impacting everything from information science to disability accommodations. As centers of information access and media literacy, libraries must be places where trustworthy AI is used with confidence. But how does a library evaluate, monitor, and continually re-assess AI tools? Join us for an interactive session where we will review the reasons, risks, priorities, and a template policy for using AI tools at your library.

Leadership and Management Skills SIG
Thursday, September 18
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Facilitator: **Laura Wolven**, Finkelstein Memorial Library
Location: Southeastern NY Library Resources Council
Topic: Leadership and Trauma Recovery
[Register here](#)

In a new iteration of this group, we will talk about working in post-traumatic situations. Whether a traumatic situation was experienced by the collected staff or individually, on the job, or after hours, we can learn ways to adapt our management style to lead. At a time of turmoil and threats to libraries, leadership can feel lonelier than ever. This meeting is an opportunity to share collective experiences and brainstorm about solutions.

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.

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

- Sep 10: [EXCEL] **Formatting Secrets for Powerful Spreadsheets.**
- Sep 24: [GRAPHICS] **From Plain to Polished: How to Create Sharp Visuals in Office Tools.**
- 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.**

[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

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](#)

Conservation and Preservation Grant Writing Workshop
Produced by New York State Library's Division of Library Development
Wednesday, September 10: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
[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](#)

Emotional Labor and Burnout, a Library Works webinar
Produced by Capital District Library Council
Thursday, September 18: 2:00 pm - 3:00 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](#)

Strengthening Internship Pathways: Best Practices for Libraries, Archives, and Information Agencies
Produced by Capital District Library Council
Tuesday, September 23: 10:00 am - 11:30 am
[More information and registration here](#)

"It's an Art, Not a Science:" How to Build a Practice of Slow Librarianship
Produced by South Central Regional Library Council
Tuesday, September 23: 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
[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](#)

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

Two Trivia Night Fundraisers from the Friends of the Blodgett Memorial Library!

[Thursday, September 18:](#) 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm @ Blue Collar Brewery, Poughkeepsie
[Thursday, October 9:](#) 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm @ Norma's, Wappingers Falls



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