

# SOUTHEASTERN NEWS

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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

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## Ask the Lawyer

**What is Ask The Lawyer?** Ask The Lawyer focuses on issues pertinent to libraries 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](#)

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.

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

**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.](#)"

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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 [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](#)

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From Southeastern NY Library Resources Council

## Professional Development



### Call for Presentations!

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

### SEAL User's Group

Wednesday, October 1  
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

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.

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**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.

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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.

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**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!

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**Digital Preservation SIG**

Wednesday, October 22

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

online via Zoom

[Register here](#)

## 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



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