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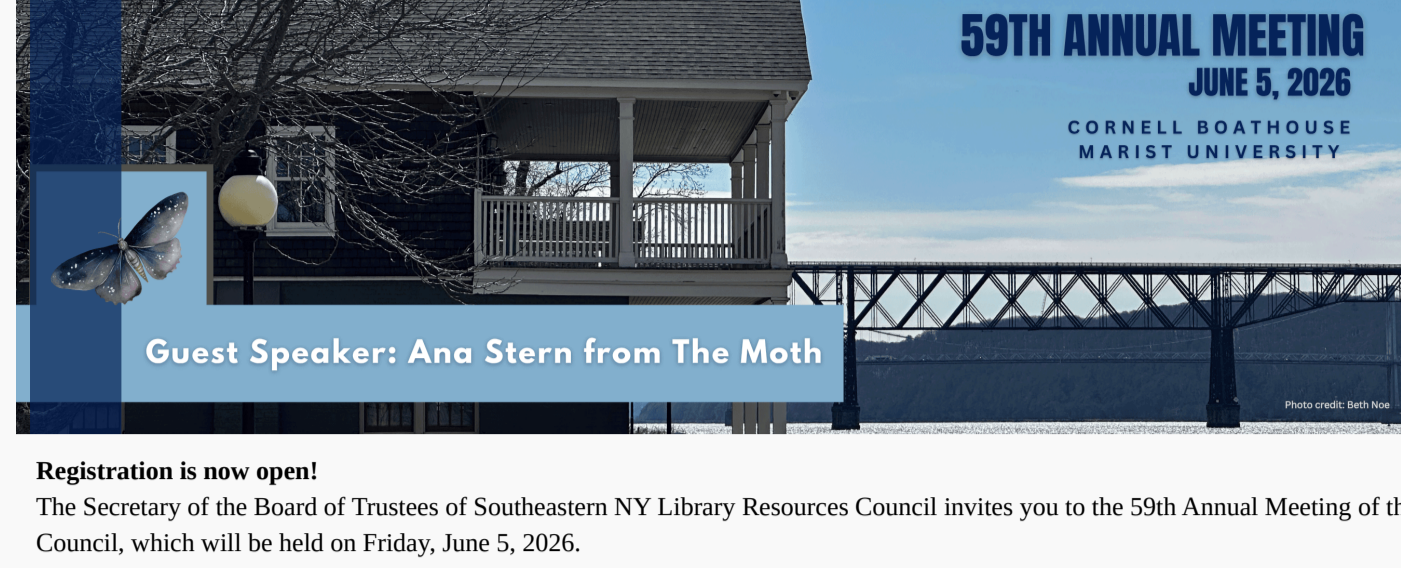
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It's that time of year again! We are excited to announce that registration is open for the Annual Meeting. This year's meeting will feature a keynote from **Ana Stern** of The Moth, and a presentation by our hosts at **Marist University**. See below for more details.

In addition to all that, this is what's in the newsletter this month:

- New at HRVH!
- Digital Navigators of the Hudson Valley
- Employment Opportunities
- Professional Development (so many new offerings!)
- A survey from the NYLA Developing Leaders program

59th Annual Meeting of the Council



Registration is now open!

The Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Southeastern NY Library Resources Council invites you to the 59th Annual Meeting of the Council, which will be held on Friday, June 5, 2026.

This year's event will be held at the Cornell Boathouse on the campus of **Marist University**. Our guest speaker will be **Ana Stern** from The Moth.

All the details are on our website here: <https://www.senyirc.org/event/2026-annual-meeting/>.

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We will also be presenting the Twila Snead Award for Excellence at the Annual Meeting.

Nominations are now open and are due on Friday, April 17. [Please see our website here for more information.](#)

New Exhibit at HRVH!



John Hasbrouck: "A Most Estimable Citizen", presented by Historic Huguenot Street, tells the story of an intelligent, industrious, and imaginative man, who overcame the challenges of growing up under gradual abolition to marry and raise a family, purchase land, and become one of the first African Americans eligible to vote in New Paltz, New York.

Digital Navigators of the Hudson Valley

Digital Navigators are trained, trusted guides who help with various technology needs. Navigators work in libraries and other community organizations. They assist anyone needing a device, secure free or low-cost internet service, and much more.

The next cohort of Digital Navigators is forming now! Training will begin in April, and the program will run through the end of July. See more information here: <https://www.senyirc.org/services/digitalnavigators/>

While we are working on plans to sustain and support Digital Navigators, **this is the last training cohort we have planned for now.**

Employment Opportunities

Local library jobs are listed on our employment page here: <https://www.senyirc.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@senyirc.org.

Professional Development

From Southeastern NY Library Resources Council

Professional Development



The 11th Annual SENYCON

Friday, April 10: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

SENYCon is an annual conference that highlights the unique talents and skills of library professionals in the Southeastern region. This event is made possible because of the dedication and participation of our members.

Please see our [LibGuide for the full program of events, as well as archives from](#) previous years.

Digital Accessibility for Everyone: An Overview of Accessibility Tools

Thursday, April 16: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

An ESLN webinar

[More information and registration here](#)

Learn how to make your library's digital resources accessible and user-friendly for all audiences! Join Shawn Lemieux, Associate Librarian/Director of the Talking Book and Braille Library, in this third webinar of ESLN's ADA Title II Compliance for Libraries series and learn about commonly utilized accessibility tools. This webinar will include an overview on both digital tools and handheld tools, from low cost options to high end devices.

For the majority of the session, we'll explore digital tools that are accessible for a broad range of library types, including:

- Native accessibility features in Microsoft
- NVDA
- Fusion
- Smartphone accessibility features, such as iPhone and Android
- Screen readers and screen enlargers

Archives SIG

Wednesday, April 22: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Facilitator: **John Ansley**, Director, Archives & Special Collections, Marist University

Topic: Balancing researcher needs with limited staff time.

[More information and registration here](#)

The Archives Special Interest Group meets to talk about the art and craft of working with archival materials. Individuals from libraries, archives, cultural heritage institutions, and other places with historic documents are welcome to join the conversation.

Reference Special Interest Group

Tuesday, April 28: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Facilitator: **Maggie Leung**, Dominican University

[More information and registration here](#)

The Reference Special Interest Group is open to library workers who provide reference services or want to learn more about it. The group is not limited by library type and comprises academic, special, public, school, and hospital library staff. You do not need to be a degree-holding librarian to attend. The facilitator will bring an agenda, and attendees are welcome to share their thoughts, ideas, experiences, and questions.

This month's topic is: Working with neurodiverse patrons & colleagues

Leadership and Management SIG

Thursday, April 30: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Facilitator: **Laura Wolven**, Finkelstein Memorial Library

[More information and registration here](#)

In a new iteration of this group, we will continue our ongoing conversation 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.

Love Your Data: Know Your Data.

Wednesday, May 6: 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Facilitator: Trainer: **Jen Palmentiero**, Southeastern NY Library Resources Council

[More information and registration here](#)

Registration for this event is open exclusively to Southeastern members.

Not sure if you are a member? Please contact Jen to confirm.

Love Your Data: An interactive co-working instructional series to help organizations practice digital preservation and sustainability!

Do you have digital photos, videos, or files stored on your computer, hard drive, or in the cloud? Let's talk about how to care for valuable digital assets in this instructional co-working series, where we will explore and explain step-by-step tools and good practices to help you organize, care for, and preserve your digital files for the long term.

Session 1: Know your Data

Let's work together to identify our digital landscape: file types, sizes, and storage locations. This is the first step in preserving our data and will form the foundation for next steps!

Book Repair Workshop

Wednesday, May 13

NOTE: As of 3/19/2026: This event is filled to capacity with a deep wait list. We are no longer accepting registrations.

If you registered and cannot attend, please email carolyn@senyirc.org today to cancel your slot so we can give it to the next person. We will try to hold a similar workshop again in the future.

Tech-Talk Webinars

1-hour sessions on Wednesdays at 3 pm

- April 8: [GRAPHICS] Unlocking Canva Features Without the Overwhelm.
- April 22: [WORD] The Secret Productivity Tool in Creating a Table of Contents.
- May 6: [GRAPHICS] Scrub Your Name from the Web: How to Reduce Your Digital Footprint.
- May 20: [WORD] Discovering AI Resources: What to Know, What to Use, What to Avoid.
- June 10: [EXCEL] Power BI Demystified: Do You Really Need It?.
- June 24: [MEDIA] Add Audio & Video to Presentations Like a Pro.

[Webinar Details & Register at this link](#)

NOTE: You'll need Southeastern's login info to register! Members can email Moshe Siegel at moshe@senyirc.org to request it if they don't have it.

Other Professional Development

Crisis management and emergency planning webinar

Produced by South Central Regional Library Council

Wednesday, April 8: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

All Aboard! Practical Approaches to Effective Library Onboarding

Produced by ESLN

Thursday, April 9: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Understanding the New College Freshman: Supporting Gen Z Learners in Academic Libraries

Produced by Long Island Library Resources Council, in-person, Garden City, NY

Friday, April 10: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Copyright 101 for Librarians

Produced by Capital District Library Council

Tuesday, April 14: 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

From Selection to Separation: Hiring and Parting Ways Respectfully

Produced by Empire State Library Network

Tuesday, April 21: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Universal Design and Libraries for All

Produced by the New York State Library

Wednesday, April 22: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Web Accessibility Learning Circle

Produced by South Central Regional Library Council

Thursday, April 23: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

[More information and registration here](#)

2026 ALLLUNY Spring Institute

Produced by Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York

Friday, April 24: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Transformative Power of Play Conference: Combating Depression, Anxiety and Isolation in a Digital Age

Produced by Disconnect2Reconnect, in-person, Ossining, NY

Monday, April 27: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Beyond the Headlines: Advanced Features of NYS Historic Newspapers

Produced by New York Library Network

Tuesday, April 28: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Build the Skills to Ace Your Next Job Interview

Produced by Rochester Regional Library Council

Wednesday, April 29: 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

SUNYLA 2026 Annual Conference

Produced by SUNYLA

June 16-18, 2026

[Information here](#)

Institute for Liberal Arts Digital Scholarship

Produced by ILIADS, in-person at Vassar College

July 26-31, 2026

[Call for Proposals due April 3, 2026](#)

Developing Leaders Survey

Public Library Staff Experience in Serving Complex Community Needs

[This anonymous survey is part of a capstone project being conducted by a group of public library professionals participating in the NYLA Developing Leaders program.](#)

The project focuses on developing a toolkit to help libraries sustainably support patrons navigating housing instability, economic hardship, and complex social service needs.

The goal is to better understand staff experiences across library systems and identify gaps between expectations and available supports.

Staff feedback will play an important role in shaping the toolkit and ensuring it reflects real challenges and needs in library settings.

Findings from this assessment will directly inform the development of a practical, systems-focused toolkit designed to strengthen organizational structures and better support staff in this work.

Thank you for sharing your experience and insight. [Fill out the survey here.](#)



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