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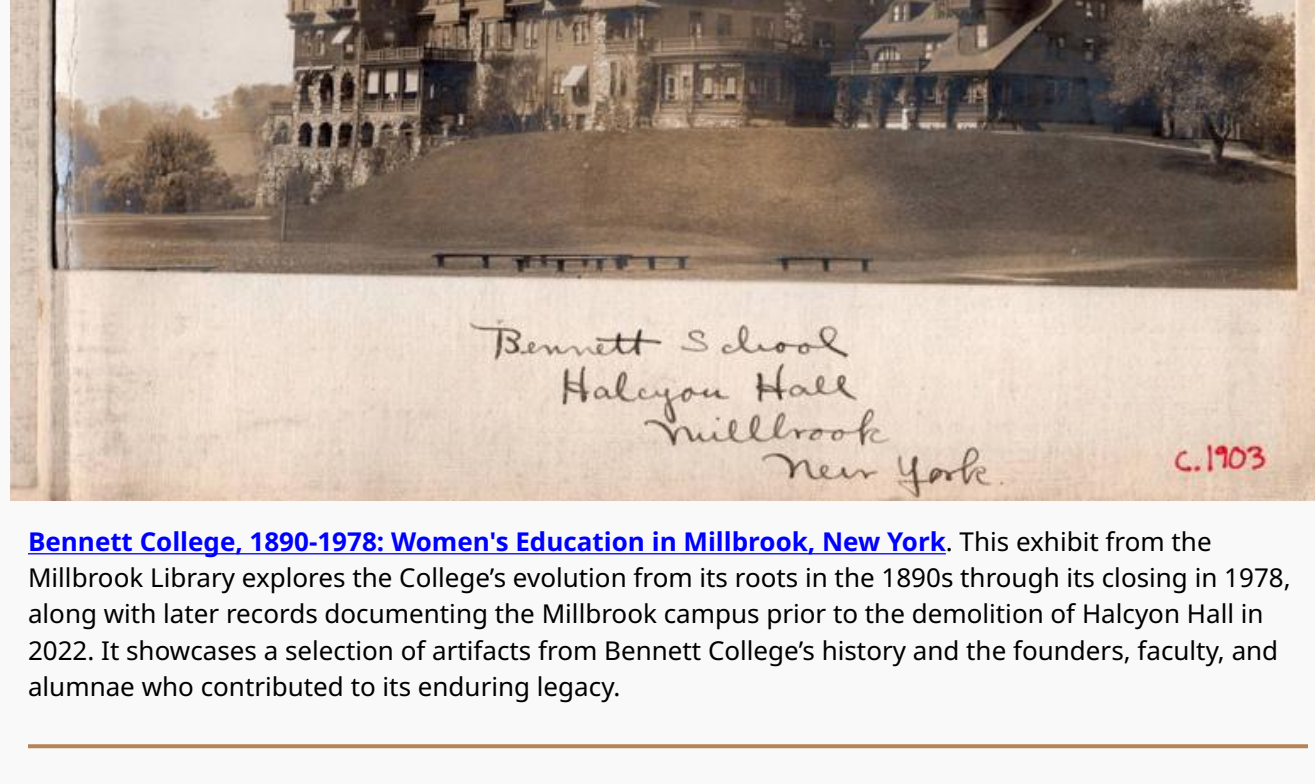
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August already?

The Southeastern staff met for a retreat yesterday to hash out the details of our upcoming Strategic Plan (as we mentioned in the July newsletter). Hence, this month's newsletter is coming out on a more relaxed summer schedule, four days into the new month. For those of you who haven't highailed it to some vacation destination, here's what's new this month:

- New Exhibit on HRVH
- The SEAL Newsletter
- Employment Opportunities
- Ask The Lawyer
- Professional Development

New Exhibit on HRVH!



Bennett College, 1890-1978: Women's Education in Millbrook, New York. This exhibit from the Millbrook Library explores the College's evolution from its roots in the 1890s through its closing in 1978, along with later records documenting the Millbrook campus prior to the demolition of Halcyon Hall in 2022. It showcases a selection of artifacts from Bennett College's history and the founders, faculty, and alumnae who contributed to its enduring legacy.

SEAL Newsletter

In case you missed it, here is the July SEAL newsletter. Check out information on:

- Upcoming Webinar: Best Practices for ILL
- SEAL 101 Recording
- General inter-library loan news

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.](#)

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.

Candid Directory

All Southeastern members have remote access to a leading grantfinding tool, Candid's Foundation Directory. Foundation Directory is a best-in-class research tool that helps nonprofits identify and connect with over 240,000 U.S. grantmakers. The tools available in the database are meant to reveal opportunities beyond published calls for proposals, which Candid claims make up less than 1% of total foundation funding.

If you are a Network member who has NOT yet signed up for access, you can click the Foundation Directory icon at <https://access.esln.org> and then "Create new account." Your account will need to be verified and then you will receive an email with instructions to access the resource.

Empire State Library Network will host an Introduction to Candid Foundation Directory webinar, designed for library staff, on August 12 at 10:00 am, led by Carol Kowalik-Happy, the Manager of System Adult Outreach Services for the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System. [More information and registration here.](#)

Candid also maintains a [regular schedule](#) of live webinars, as well as a [set of recorded videos](#) available on-demand to help us learn how to succeed in finding grant funding.

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 RAQs on the website from June:

- [Do libraries have to display the American flag?](#)
- [So Much Information About Prevailing Wage Rate](#)

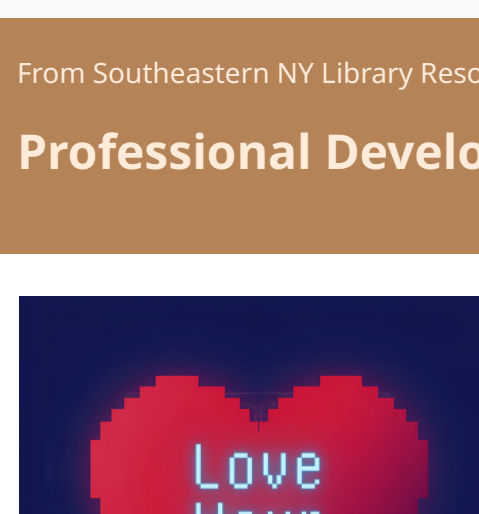
See the full RAQ here:

<https://wnylrc.org/services/atl/raqs>

Please have a look at our resources page for a full list of recordings, links, and related materials. <https://wnylrc.org/services/askservices/atl>

Have a question for the lawyer?

[Ask it here.](#)



Please keep in mind: the "Ask the Lawyer" service is not legal representation of your organization. Always alert officers at your institution if a lawsuit is threatened, or if a matter is so specific or critical that your own institution's attorney should be involved. And yes -- you can always "Ask the Lawyer," if you don't know if a particular issue hits that threshold!

From Southeastern NY Library Resources Council

Professional Development

September 16: Know Your Data
October 14: Package Your Data
November 18: Store Your Data
December 16: Manage Your Data

Four-part series
online via zoom 1:30-3:00 pm

Love Your Data: 4-part series

Dates: September 16, October 14, November 18, December 16

Time: 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Location: online via Zoom

Facilitators: **Jen Palmentiero**, Southeastern; **Palash Bosgang**, Bard College; **Kim Gianfrancesco**, Vassar College

Do you have digital photos, videos, or files stored on your computers, hard drives, or in the cloud? Let's talk about how to care for valuable digital assets in this 4-part series, where we will explore and explain the tools and good practices to help organize, care for, and preserve digital files for the long-term.

Participants will learn how to identify, organize, package, store, and evaluate digital materials using approachable tools and preservation frameworks. Each session combines conceptual grounding with applied activities participants can immediately use in their own work.

Optional "Open office hours" in between sessions will be available for participants to ask questions and get support for their specific needs.

7/22 SEAL 101	8/19 Best Practices for Inter-Library Loan	9/23 Exploring the SEAL Catalog
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Summer/Fall 2026

SEAL Webinars

Online via Zoom
1:00 pm

SEAL Webinars: Summer / Fall 2026

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Best Practices for Inter-Library Loan: Wednesday, August 19

Sometimes during inter-library loan tricky questions like the ones above can come up. Fortunately, Southeastern maintains a regional inter-library loan code and set of procedures that provide guidance on common ILL questions. This webinar will take a deeper look at these documents and share some best practices for ILL.

Exploring the SEAL Catalog: Wednesday, September 23

Have you ever wondered how the SEAL catalog works? This upcoming webinar will provide a deep dive into the catalog, addressing everything you ever wanted to know (and more!).

FALL INTO BOOKS

October 22, 2026 | The Venue, Kingston
27th Annual Children's & Teen's Literature Conference!

Fall Into Books

Thursday, October 22, 2026

9:00 am - 2:30 pm

The Venue, Kingston

[Registration is now open](#) for the 27th annual children's and teen literature conference Fall Into Books. This year's conference will be held in-person on October 22nd from 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM at The Venue Uptown in Kingston, NY.

This collaborative event for library staff serving youth features book discussion sessions led by your peers ranging from picture books to young adult and guest speakers. This year's morning speakers are **Hannah Schneewind** and **Jen Scoggin** co-authors of *Trusting Readers* and our author presentation will be given by **Katie Cicatelli-Kuc**.

Full details, including discussion groups and registration, can be found on the [Fall Into Books website](#). Registration closes on Wednesday, September 23, 2026.

Tech-Talk Webinars

1-hour sessions on Wednesdays at 3 pm

- August 5: [CYBER SECURITY] **Outsmart Scams: Everyday Cyber Protection**
- August 19: [POWERPOINT] **How to Use PowerPoint Sections & Table of Contents.**
- Sept 9: [EXCEL/G-SHEETS] **Take Pivot Tables to the Next Level with Advanced Techniques.**
- Sept 30: [SOCIAL MEDIA] **Build a YouTube Channel that Works as a Marketing Engine.**
- Oct 14: [WORD] **The Word Secrets Even Power Users Miss.**
- Oct 28: [GRAPHICS] **The Best Free Image Sources You've Never Used.**

[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

Highlight Your Local History with Fully Funded Historical Markers

Produced by Central NY Library Resources Council

Tuesday, August 4: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

VIRTUAL Library Skills Academy Eight-Week Virtual Online Program

Produced by NYLA

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, August 4

[More information and registration here](#)

Under Pressure: Values, Constraint, and the Strategy Gap in the 2025 US Library Survey

Produced by Empire State Library Network

Thursday, August 6: 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Libraries in Motion: Inspiring Communities to Ride

Produced by Mid-Hudson Library System

Monday, August 10: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

[More information and registration here](#)

Introduction to Candid Foundation Directory

Produced by Empire State Library Network

Wednesday, August 12: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

[More information and registration here](#)

Funding: New York State Conservation & Preservation (C/P) Grants

Produced by DHPS|NY

Wednesday, August 12: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

OPALS Users' Group 2026

Produced by Capital District Library Council

Thursday, August 13: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Tasting History at Your Library

Produced by the New York State Library

Wednesday, August 19: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

[More information and registration here](#)

Expert Voices Together: Basic Digital Safety for Library Staff

Produced by Ramapo Catskill Library System

Wednesday, August 26: 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

RCLS Legislative Breakfast Annual Meeting & Awards Presentation

Produced by Ramapo Catskill Library System

Friday, September 18: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Inclusive Emergency Preparedness

Produced by the New York State Library

Friday, September 18: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Quality Over Quantity: Reimagining Library Program Planning

Produced by Mid-Hudson Library System

Monday, September 21: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

An Introduction to NYS Historic Newspapers

Produced by Northern NY Library Network

Tuesday, September 30: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

[More information and registration here](#)

Beyond the Headlines: Advanced Features of NYS Historic Newspapers

Produced by Northern NY Library Network

Wednesday, October 13: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

[More information and registration here](#)

2026 GHNN Annual Conference

Hudson River Museum, Yonkers, NY

Tuesday, October 27: 9:00 am - 4:45 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Internet Librarian 2026

A Virtual Event

October 27 - 29

[More information and discounted registration here](#)



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