

# SOUTHEASTERN NEWS

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Although spring feels far away (we got the message, Groundhog!), we have some news of big things that will be coming your way sooner than later - look for some special editions between now and the newsletter because we will be announcing:

The return of the **Shadow Program!** We have a graduate student who has started the Community Connections Internship with us this month. The internship project will revive and administer this popular program in which library workers shadow one another for a day.

Registration for the **Annual Meeting on Friday, June 5, 2026**, will open soon. This year, it will be held at the Historic Cornell Boathouse at Marist University. Our keynote speaker will be **Ana Stern**, Senior Manager, Education Program, The Moth.

On May 13, 2026, we will be hosting a **Book Repair Workshop**. Space will be limited, so please look for an email to register that will arrive the week of February 9.

That's what's coming in the future. This is what's in the newsletter today:

- Advocacy Day - tomorrow!
  - The Candid Foundation Directory
  - Conservation and Preservation Grants
  - Employment Opportunities
  - New at HRVH
  - SEAL Newsletter
  - SENYCon 11
  - Professional Development
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## Advocacy Day 2026

On **Tuesday, February 3, 2026**, library workers from all over the state will be converging on Albany to talk directly with lawmakers about library funding and legislative requests.

We hope you can make it, but even if you won't be there in person, there is a lot you can do from your location to amplify the message. Please see the fantastic resources for local information from:

[Mid-Hudson Library System](#)  
[Ramapo Catskill Library System](#)  
and statewide information from:  
[New York Library Association](#)

**Thank you for being a library advocate!**

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## Candid Directory

All Southeastern members can access the Candid Foundation Directory, an online database designed to connect nonprofits with funding opportunities.

Recognizing that non-profit cultural organizations are facing fiscal uncertainty and potentially losing access to longstanding federal grant programs, ESLN has negotiated remote access to Foundation Directory. This best-in-class research tool helps nonprofits identify and connect with over 240,000 U.S. grantmakers.

What You Need to Know:

- Access is free for staff at all member organizations and institutions.
- This resource is for staff use only—not for the general public or library patrons.

Get started today! Register for a new account at [access.esln.org](https://access.esln.org).

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## Conservation and Preservation Grants

The New York State Discretionary Grant Program for the Conservation and Preservation of Library Research Materials was established in 1984 to encourage the proper care and accessibility of research materials in New York State, to promote the use and development of guidelines and standards for conservation and preservation work, and to support the growth of local and cooperative preservation programs.

For more information and to apply, see the State Library's website here: <https://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/cp/grantprogram>

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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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## New Exhibit on HRVH!



From Southeastern NY Library Resources Council

# Professional Development



# SENYCON 2026

Friday, April 10, 2026  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Call for Proposals!

Southeastern NY Library Resources Council

The 11th Annual SENYCon is happening on Friday, April 10, 2026! We are welcoming all back to our space to celebrate a decade of inspiring work from our members. Presentations will be in person, attendees can come in person or watch a livestream.

## [Send in your proposal here](#)

SENYCon is a collection of presentations from member library workers for member library workers. It is a place for you to showcase big and small ideas. In this forum, you can practice future presentations, deliver encore presentations, or share something you've learned on the job that will benefit others.

If you have a unique idea, clever work hack, best practice, or want to practice your presentation skills, we invite you to submit your proposal using the form linked above. Southeastern's Continuing Education Committee will review the submissions and decide which will be selected to be part of another diverse and engaging day.

The deadline for proposals is Friday, February 6, Anywhere On Earth

\*In the case of inclement weather or power outages, we may postpone the event to Friday, April 17, 2026

### **E-Accessibility, WCAG 2.1, Title II, and Your Library (in NY)**

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Presenter: **Stephanie "Cole" Adams**, The Law Offices of Stephanie Adams PLLC

Location: Online Via Zoom

[Register here](#)

A core function of any library is providing access to content, often through web-based platforms. April 26, 2026, and April 26, 2027, are two deadlines for public institutions to ensure web content and mobile apps comply with the U.S. Department of Justice's 2024 Final Rule on Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which requires all web content and mobile applications provided or made available by public libraries to be accessible to people with disabilities. This involves complying with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1, Level AA, with limited exceptions for certain kinds of content. But what if your library has or provides access to content that doesn't comply? This session will review the legal obligations, techniques for meeting the standards, and mitigating legal risk, while focusing on what's most important: library access for all.

Registrants will be able to submit questions in advance and during the session.

### **Beyond Post-it Notes: Passwords, Passkeys, and more**

Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026

Time: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

## Other Professional Development

### **Common Cents: Creating a Robust Programming Schedule on a Shoestring Budget**

Produced by Rochester Regional Library Council

Thursday, February 5: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

### **Effective Communication: Fostering a welcoming environment for our Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing patrons**

Produced by the New York State Library

Friday, February 6: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

### **SUNYLA Midwinter Virtual Conference**

Produced by SUNYLA

Friday, February 6: 10:00 am - 3:30 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

### **Webinar: Succession Planning to Build Future Leaders**

Produced by Central NY Library Resources Council

Thursday, February 12: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

[More information and registration here](#)

### **Trivia Event for Blodgett Memorial Library**

In person: Hudson Valley Brewery, Beacon, NY

Thursday, February 26: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

### **Leadership Transitions of Key Employees**

Produced by ESLN

Thursday, March 5: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

### **Webinar: Should It Stay or Should It Go?**

Produced by Central NY Library Resources Council

Wednesday, March 11: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

[More information and registration here](#)

### **Speaking Off the Cuff: Not Prepared to Speak? Try This Technique!**

Produced by Rochester Regional Library Council

Wednesday, March 11: 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

### **Webinar: We're Getting Evaluated**

Produced by Central NY Library Resources Council

Wednesday, March 18: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

[More information and registration here](#)

### **All Aboard! Practical Approaches to Effective Library Onboarding**

Produced by ESLN

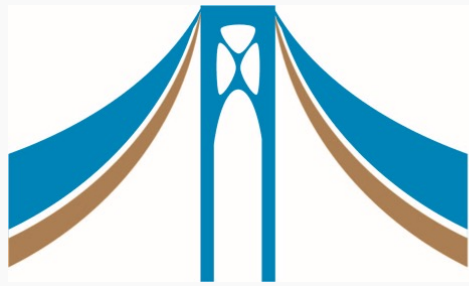
Thursday, April 9: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

### **New York Archives Conference Virtual Conference**

Friday, June 5, 2026

[Call for Proposals Due February 1, 2026](#)



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