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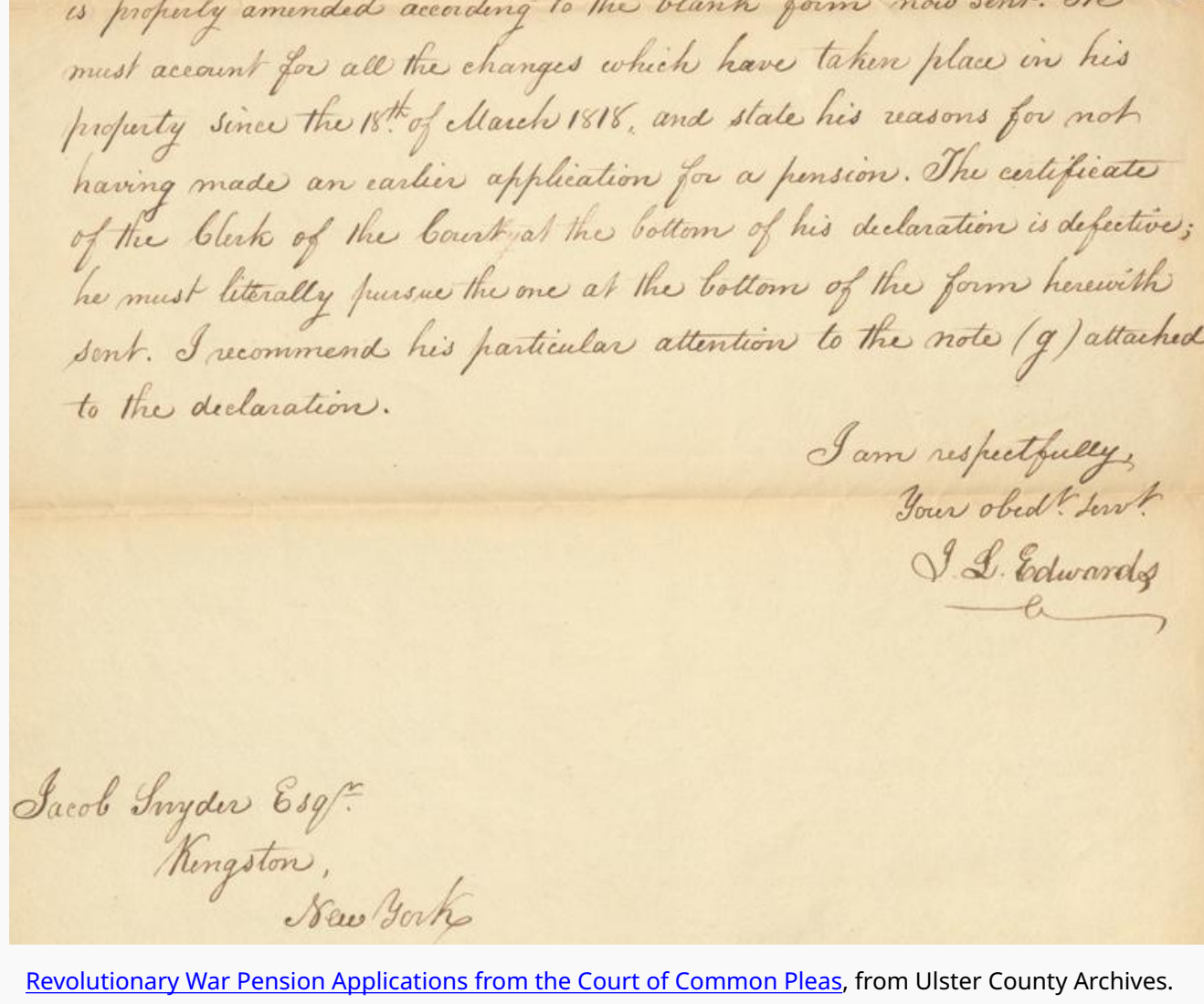
It's June, and that means that Friday is our Annual Meeting! We're looking forward to welcoming you at the Cornell Boathouse on the campus of Marist University. Registration for the in-person event is now closed. [You can sign up to view the livestream of the event here](#). Please contact us if you have questions about the event, and note that our office will be closed on Friday, June 5.

June also means that it is the last call for our [annual member survey](#). The 2026 annual survey is open to all library workers and information professionals and will be available until Friday, June 12, 2026. [We encourage you to take the survey and share it with your colleagues](#).

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

- New at New York Heritage
- The Shadow Program report
- The SEAL Newsletter
- Employment Opportunities
- Ask The Lawyer
- Professional Development (WOW! June is busting out with some solid regional continuing education opportunities.)

New at New York Heritage



[Revolutionary War Pension Applications from the Court of Common Pleas](#), from Ulster County Archives. This collection comprises a selection of applications by veterans attesting to service during the American Revolutionary War (1775-1783) in the various State lines of the Continental Army.

Report: Spring Shadow Program

We have now wrapped up Southeastern's Shadow Program for 2026.

The program was facilitated by our Community Connections Intern, **Beth Noe** from Queens College. We had a great time hearing your feedback and tagging along on visits. If you would like to see some of the highlights and pictures from this year's program, you can check out the LibGuide Beth made here: <https://libguides.senylrc.org/ShadowProgram>

If you weren't able to sign up this year or would like to participate again, we hope to continue the Shadow Program next year. Keep an eye out for the newsletter announcement next Spring! Thank you to everyone who participated, we had a great turnout and truly enjoyed connecting our members.

SEAL Newsletter

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

- Managing SEAL during the summer
- ILL Request Hub on Southeastern's website
- SEAL Reminder: Responding to Requests
- Additional Updates

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.

ENY/ACRL Survey

ENY/ACRL (the Eastern New York ACRL chapter) is conducting a survey and would like to hear from you, your professional development preferences and priorities, and how the chapter can better serve your needs.

[The survey is now open here and will be available until September 30, 2026](#). It is open to all individuals working in academic or specialized research libraries, regardless of ENY/ACRL membership status. The survey is expected to take approximately 10 minutes to complete. No identifying information will be shared.

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.

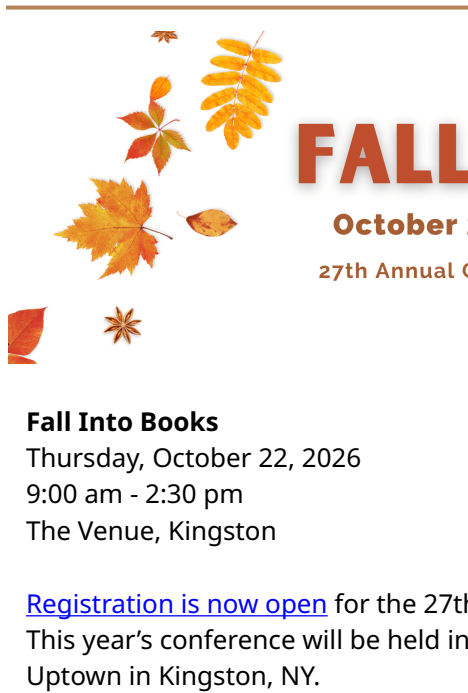
There are some new RAQs on the website from April:

- [Cooperative Library Systems and the April 24 WCAG Compliance Date](#)
- [Accessibility Compliance for Library System Contracts](#)
- [Paid Family Medical Leave Premiums and Taxes](#)
- [When Can a Trustee Term be "Held Over"?](#)
- [The Impact of Easements On Construction](#)
- [Can library employees be disciplined for personal social media?](#)
- [Some Fine Points of Employees Volunteering](#)
- [The Fate of Old Records After a Library Re-charters](#)
- [Volunteers Working Alone at the Library: Pros/Cons](#)

Please have a look at our resources page for a full list of recordings, links, and related materials.

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!

See the full RAQ here:

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

From Southeastern NY Library Resources Council

Professional Development

Information Literacy Instruction SIG

Monday, June 15

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Online via Zoom

Facilitators: **Lori Mullooly & Jennifer Chess**, United States Military Academy Library

[More information and registration here](#)

Topic: Join us to discuss how academic librarians are teaching information literacy instruction to include the use of generative AI tools.

The special interest group (SIG) meeting is open to you to share ideas, network, and re-connect. We will have a conversation between academic, public, and school librarians to talk about issues relating to how library instruction can help students transition and succeed in college.

Reference / EDI SIG

Thursday, July 9, 2026

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

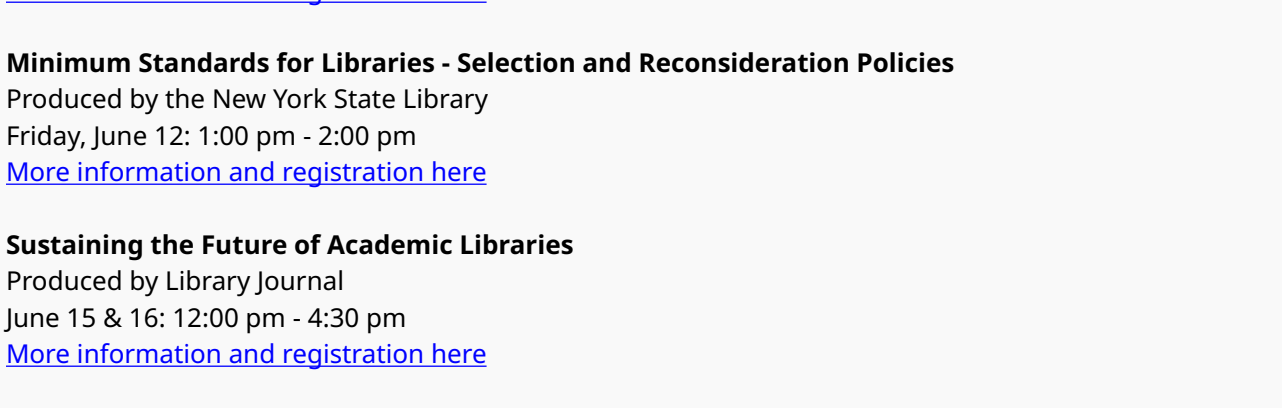
online via Zoom

Facilitators: **Maggie Leung**, Dominican University, and **Carida Ridoré**, Valley Cottage Library

[More information and registration here](#)

Topic: "The Myth of Professionalism"

This month, the Reference SIG will follow up their discussion from last time and delve into the topic of what it means to be a "professional" in the library workplace. We will talk about both spoken and unspoken practices that could be the cause unforeseen problems for you or your colleagues. With that in mind, we're joining forces with the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion SIG for this special crossover event!



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

- June 10: [EXCEL] **Power BI Demystified: Do You Really Need It?**.
- June 24: [MEDIA] **Add Audio & Video to Presentations Like a Pro**.
- July 8: [AI] **Stop the Noise: Turn Off Unwanted AI Today**.
- July 22: [WINDOWS] **Organize Your Digital Life... Reduce Stress**.
- August 5: [CYBER SECURITY] **Outsmart Scams: Everyday Cyber Protection**
- August 19: [POWERPOINT] **How to Use PowerPoint Sections & Table of Contents**.

[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

The State of E-Rate: June Edition

Produced by the New York State Library

Tuesday, June 2: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Future-Proofed Resource Sharing: Libraries of Things

Produced by South Central Regional Library Council & Central NY Library Resources Council

Wednesday, June 3: 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

We the Dead: Preserving Data at the End of the World

Produced by the New York State Library

Thursday, June 4: 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Supporting Community Mental Health in Libraries

Produced by National Library of Medicine

June 4: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

New York Archives Conference

Friday, June 5, 2026

[More information and registration here](#)

How to Create Paid Social Campaigns (without breaking the bank!)

Produced by Ramapo Catskill Library System

Tuesday, June 9: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Resisting Generative AI in Libraries: Navigating the Landscape in 2026

Produced by Library Juice

Wednesday, June 10: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

How to Lead an Effective Meeting

Produced by Rochester Regional Library Network

Wednesday, June 10: 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

NOVELny - Gale Resources: For Higher Ed Users

Produced by the New York State Library

Thursday, June 11: 11:00 am - 11:45 am

[More information and registration here](#)

Know Your Value: The Future of Our Library Field

Produced by Long Island Library Resources Council

Friday, June 12: 10:00 am - 11:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Universal Design - It's Not Only About Accessibility

Produced by the New York State Library

Friday, June 12: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Minimum Standards for Libraries - Selection and Reconsideration Policies

Produced by the New York State Library

Friday, June 12: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Sustaining the Future of Academic Libraries

Produced by Library Journal

June 15 & 16: 12:00 pm - 4:30 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

You Can Go Your Own Way - Leaves Pursuant to Civil Service Law and the Disciplinary Process

Produced by Long Island Library Resources Council

Tuesday, June 16: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

[More information and registration here](#)

Introduction to Risk Assessment for Collecting Institutions

Produced by DHPS|NY

Tuesday, June 16: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

SUNYLA 2026 Annual Conference

Produced by SUNYLA

June 16-18, 2026

[Information here](#)

Minimum Standards for Libraries - Codes of Conduct

Produced by the New York State Library

Wednesday, June 17: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

[More information and registration here](#)

Webinar: Freedom 2027 - Preparing for New York's Abolition Bicentennial

Produced by Central NY Library Resources Council

Thursday, June 18: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

An Introduction to DHPSNY Services

Produced by Northern New York Library Network

Wednesday, June 24: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

[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](#)

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](#)

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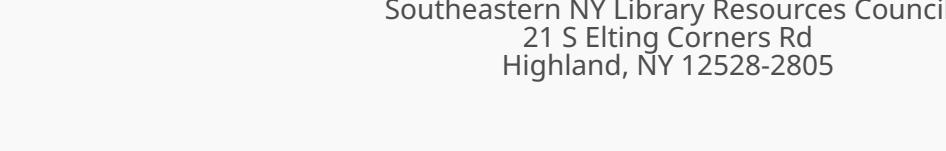
Tuesday, October 27: 9:00 am - 4:45 pm

[Call for Presenters](#)

Don't go yet!

[We still want you to take our Annual Membership Survey!](#)

Thank you so much for helping us continue to provide you with programs and services that meet your needs.



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