

# SOUTHEASTERN NEWS

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This month, we are bringing you a newsletter filled to the brim with professional development offerings. Keep scrolling to see the webinars and events produced by Southeastern and ESLN, and then keep on going for more regional conferences, special events, and continuing education offerings from our partners.

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

- Southeastern's Shadow Program (sign up by tomorrow!)
  - Digital Navigators of the Hudson Valley
  - The 59th Annual Meeting of the Council
  - Employment Opportunities
  - SEAL Newsletter
  - Professional Development (so many new offerings!)
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## Last Call for the Shadow Program!



# SOUTHEASTERN'S SHADOW PROGRAM

DEADLINE EXTENDED  
TO MARCH 3RD

SIGN UP BY FEBRUARY 28TH!



The Southeastern Shadow Program matches staff from different libraries with each other so that you can experience a day in the life of another organization. This peer-sharing event offers an opportunity to see how other libraries operate. The outcomes include community connections, shared ideas, new resources, and firsthand experience with different aspects of librarianship.

The deadline to sign up is Tuesday, March 3! [See the Shadow Program page for more information.](#)

## 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.senylrc.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.**

## 59th Annual Meeting of the Council

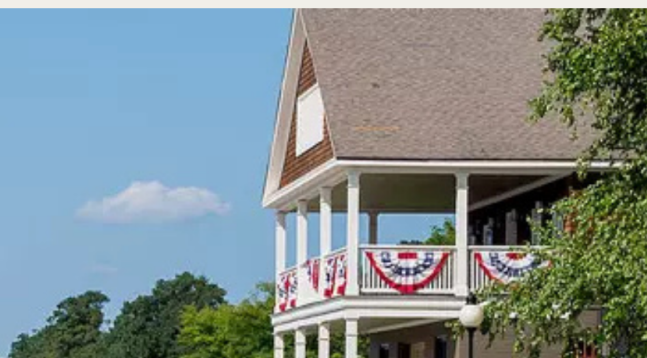
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**59TH ANNUAL MEETING**

2026

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# Professional Development

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

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

An ESLN Webinar

[More information and registration here](#)

Organizational stability and sustainability rely in part on effectively preparing for and shepherding leadership transitions for key employees, to smoothly fill critical vacancies, develop staff potential, preserve institutional knowledge, and support long-term success.

Join Kathy Parker and Kate Hall, authors of The Public Library Director's Toolkit and long-time library directors, for a session exploring effective leadership transitions. Parker and Hall will discuss the role of staffing analyses in assessing and planning for vacancies, staff leadership development, and tools and methods for documentation of knowledge, including special considerations for small or rural institutions.

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### **Resource Sharing SIG**

Wednesday, March 25, 2026: 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Location: Newburgh Free Library

[Register here](#)

Join us for the next Resource Sharing SIG, in-person at Newburgh Free Library! Matthew Thorenz, the Local History Librarian at Newburgh Free Library, will join us to give a presentation on utilizing newspaper databases to search for digitized newspapers and articles.

This SIG provides a friendly space for resource sharing professionals to meet, discuss workflows, and share resources. The Resource Sharing Special Interest Group (SIG) meets to discuss issues of Interlibrary Loan, delivery, union catalogs, and other related topics. The members of the group are a mix of full-time and part-time, degreed and non- degreed library staff, and come from all library types. Registration for this event is free and open to all.

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### **Digital Accessibility & Your Library: Practical First Steps**

Wednesday, March 25: 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

An ESLN webinar

[More information and registration here](#)

As the Title II deadline looms, many librarians are left asking: Where do I begin? How accessible is my library? Where are the barriers, gaps, and challenges? This structured "First Step" workshop helps you determine what your library is already doing and already has to support patrons with disabilities.

In this webinar, attendees will:

- Learn digital accessibility basic principles
- Discover and summarize accessibility strides and accomplishments
- Determine a library workflow for addressing accessibility barriers
- Create a list of gaps and challenges
- Outline a preliminary action plan for your library

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### **Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion SIG**

Friday, March 27: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Convener: **Carida Riore**, Valley Cottage Library

[More information and registration here](#)

We're back, and we're still talking about ways to support diversity in libraries. As long as our patrons come from different backgrounds and demographics, our job is to create programs and services that

## Other Professional Development

### **Interconnectedness: Indigenous Approaches to Information, Knowledge, Justice, and Belonging**

Produced by Bard College

March 9 & 10

[More information and registration here](#)

### **Trauma-Informed Care Is A Practice**

Produced by METRO

Tuesday, March 10: 1:00 pm - 2:00 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](#)

### **Guide to Crafting and Promulgating the Library Employee Handbook**

Produced by Long Island Regional Library Council

Friday, March 13: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

### **Neuro-Inclusive Libraries: Rethinking Access, Engagement, and Belonging**

Produced by the New York State Library

Friday, March 13: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

### **Are You a Librarian? The Untold Story of Black Librarians: Movie Screening**

Produced by Valley Cottage & Nyack Libraries

Saturday, March 14: 1:00 pm - 4:30 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](#)

### **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](#)

### **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



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