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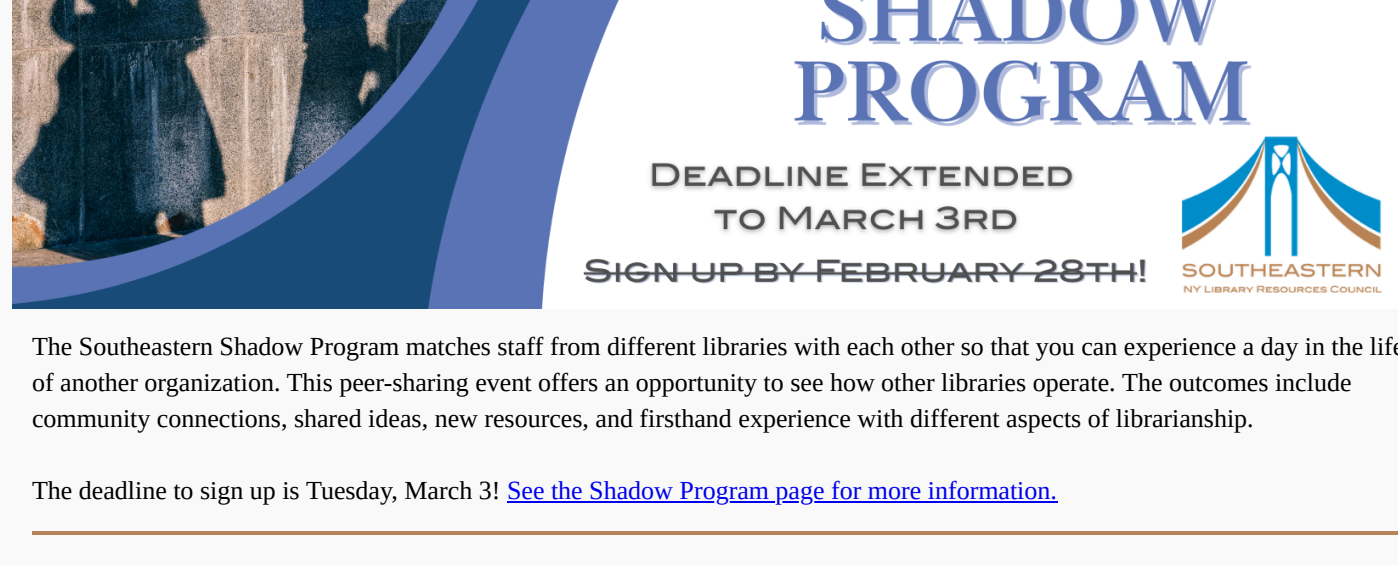
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This month, we are bringing you a newsletter filled to the brim with professional development offerings. Keep scrolling to see the webinars and events produced by Southeastern and ESLN, and then keep on going for more regional conferences, special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

Last Call for the Shadow Program!



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 31! [See the Shadow Program page for more information.](#)

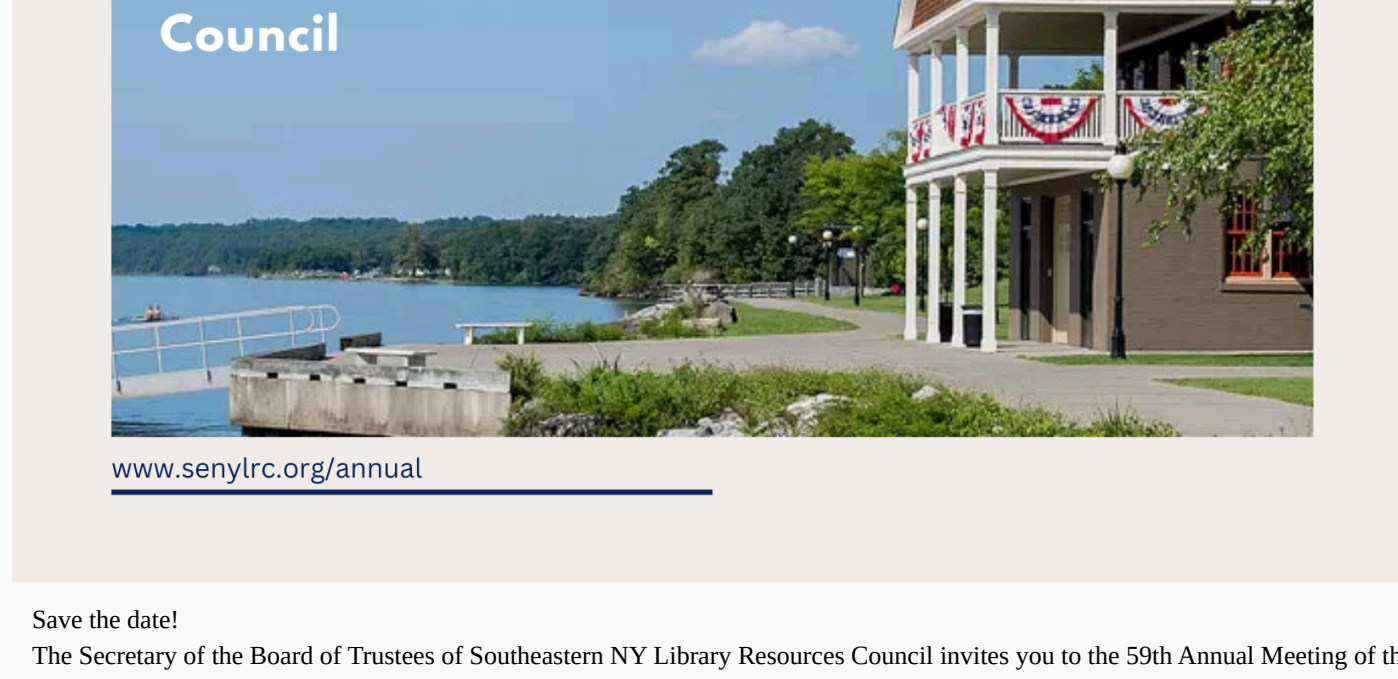
Digital Navigators of the Hudson Valley

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



Save the date!

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.

Stay tuned for information about registration and other details about the day coming later this month.

We will also be presenting the Twila Snead Award for Excellence, and nominations are now open. and due on Friday, April 17. [Please see our website here for more information.](#)

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.

SEAL Newsletter

In case you missed it, here is the [February SEAL newsletter](#). Check out information on:

- Library Quick Links
- Upcoming Resource Sharing SIG
- ESLN Title II Compliance Series
- 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](#)

From Southeastern NY Library Resources Council

Professional Development

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.

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.

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

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 reflect the communities we serve. In this meeting, we will check in on how our efforts are going, support each other's challenges, and celebrate each other's joys.

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

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.

Tech-Talk Webinars

1-hour sessions on Wednesdays at 3 pm

- March 11: [WEB AUTHORING] **Webpage Accessibility That Actually Works for Libraries, WCAG 2.1 Explained.**
- March 25: [WORD] **Using Word's Page Breaks, Tabs & Sections for Polished Documents.**
- 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.**

[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

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](#)

Transitive 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](#)

ENVACRL Conference

In-person at CDLC, Latham, NY

Thursday, May 21, 2026

[Call for Proposals Due March 27, 2026](#)

New York Archives Conference Virtual Conference

Friday, June 5, 2026

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

Sustaining the Future of Academic Libraries: An Online Conference

Produced by Library Journal

June 15-16, 2026

[Call for Proposals Due March 2, 2026](#)

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](#)



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