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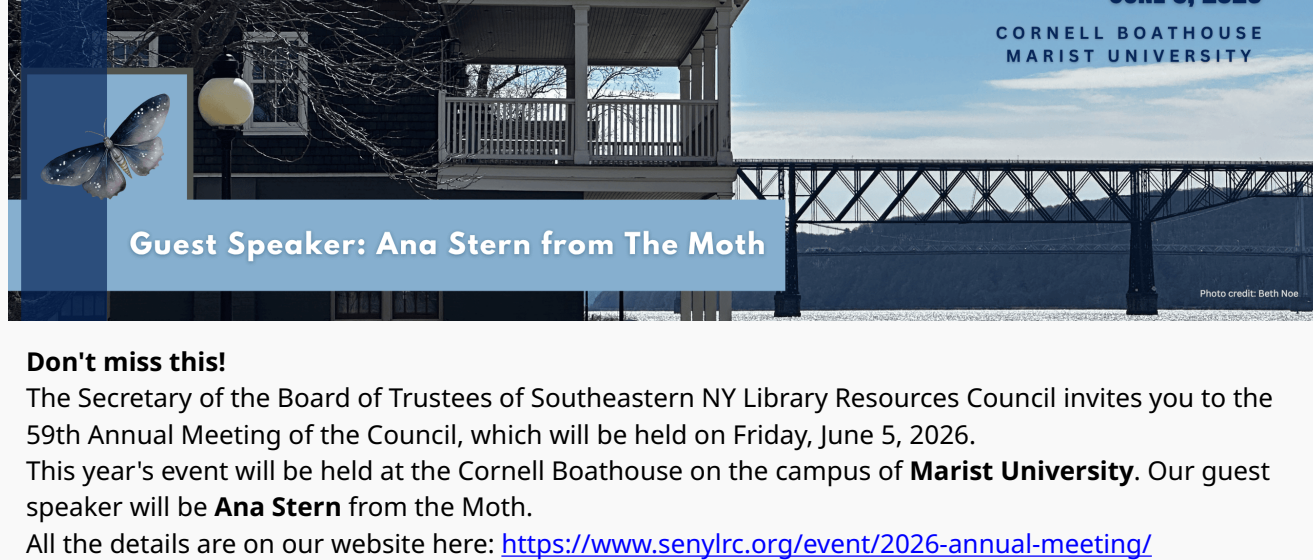
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Southeastern wants to hear from you! We are currently conducting our [annual member survey](#). We want to hear about your priorities and how we can serve you better. The 2026 annual survey is open to all library workers and information professionals 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:

- The Annual Meeting is coming up very soon!
- The SEAL Newsletter
- NYLA Meet-ups in the Hudson Valley
- Employment Opportunities
- Ask The Lawyer
- Professional Development

59th Annual Meeting of the Council



Don't miss this!

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.

All the details are on our website here: <https://www.senylrc.org/event/2026-annual-meeting/>

Registration closes on Thursday, May 28.

SEAL Newsletter

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

- SEAL Manual Update
- SEAL Website Accessibility Update
- Southeastern Membership Survey
- Upcoming ILL Conferences

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](#).

NYLA Meet-ups in the Hudson Valley

The [New York Library Association membership](#) renewal period is open! Now through the end of May, you can renew your NYLA membership or become a new member.

Want to learn more about NYLA, become more involved, or just want an excuse to meet up? You can join Kerstin Cruger, your friendly neighborhood MHLS staffer and NYLA President-Elect, to Hang Out in the Hudson Valley! [See here for more information about times and locations](#) for the meet ups and to RSVP. (Not required, but appreciated.)

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.

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.

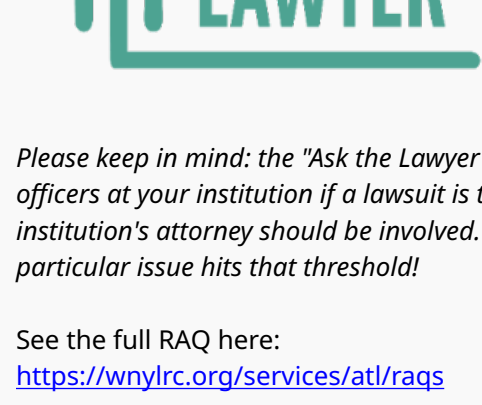
There are some new RAQs on the website from April:

- [Does the new election law end the use of paper ballots?](#)
- [Who can access school library user records?](#)
- [How association libraries and Friends of the Library groups can influence budget referendums](#)
- [Academia, AI, and Over the Garden Wall](#)
- [The Legalities of Patron Data on a Shared ILS](#)
- [Retention of Library Card Application Records](#)
- [Can use of AI impact ownership and citations in academic work?](#)
- [The Library Law of Lost & Found](#)

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/atl/raqs>

From Southeastern NY Library Resources Council

Professional Development



Love Your Data: Know Your Data.

Wednesday, May 6:

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Trainer: **Jen Palmentiero**, Southeastern NY Library Resources Council

[More information and registration here](#)

Registration for this event is open exclusively to Southeastern members.

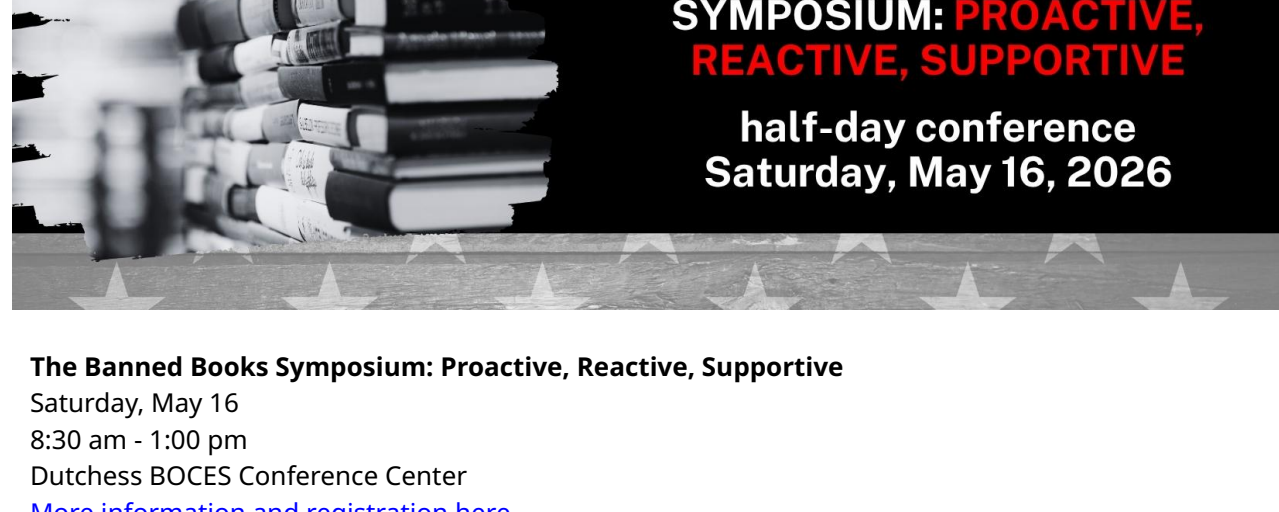
Not sure if you are a member? Please contact Jen to confirm.

Love Your Data: An interactive co-working instructional series to help organizations practice digital preservation and sustainability!

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

Session 1: Know your Data

Let's work together to identify our digital landscape: file types, sizes, and storage locations. This is the first step in preserving our data and will form the foundation for next steps!



The Banned Books Symposium: Proactive, Reactive, Supportive

Saturday, May 16

8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Dutchess BOCES Conference Center

[More information and registration here](#)

This half-day conference will feature presentations from various perspectives on programs and books that have been challenged. This Symposium is in partnership with Southeastern New York Library Resources Council, Ramapo Catskill Library System, Mid-Hudson Library System, Mount Saint Mary College, SUNY New Paltz and BOCES School Library Systems of Dutchess and Ulster.

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.

Book Repair Workshop

Wednesday, May 13

NOTE: As of 3/19/2026: This event is filled to capacity with a deep wait list. We are no longer accepting registrations.

If you registered and cannot attend, please email carolyn@senylrc.org today to cancel your slot so we can give it to the next person.

We will try to hold a similar workshop again in the future.

Tech-Talk Webinars

1-hour sessions on Wednesdays at 3 pm

- 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.**
- 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.**

[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

Collaborative Social Media Marketing

Produced by Capital District Library Council

Wednesday, May 6: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Library Accessibility 101: Because People with Disabilities Need Libraries

Produced by the New York State Library

Friday, May 8: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

[More information and registration here](#)

A Guide to Disaster Preparedness and Creating an Emergency Response Plan

Produced by Long Island Library Resources Council

Tuesday, May 12: 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

How Health Misinformation Is Harming the Medical System and What To Do About It

Produced by Central NY Library Resources Council

Thursday, May 14: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

ENY/ACRL 2026 Annual Conference

Tools & Techniques for Today: Shared Challenges, Practical Strategies

Produced by Eastern NY/Association of College and Research Libraries

Thursday, May 21, 2026: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Albany, NY

[More information and registration here](#)

New York Archives Conference

Friday, June 5, 2026

[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](#)

SUNYLA 2026 Annual Conference

Produced by SUNYLA

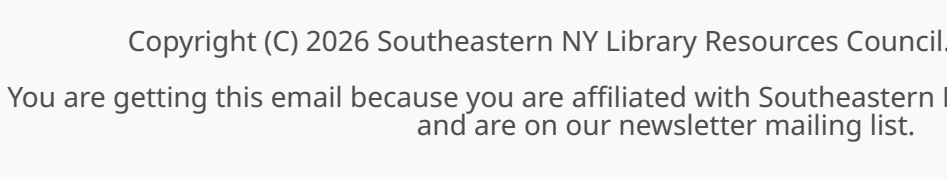
June 16-18, 2026

[Information here](#)

Don't go yet!

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

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