

SOUTHEASTERN NEWS

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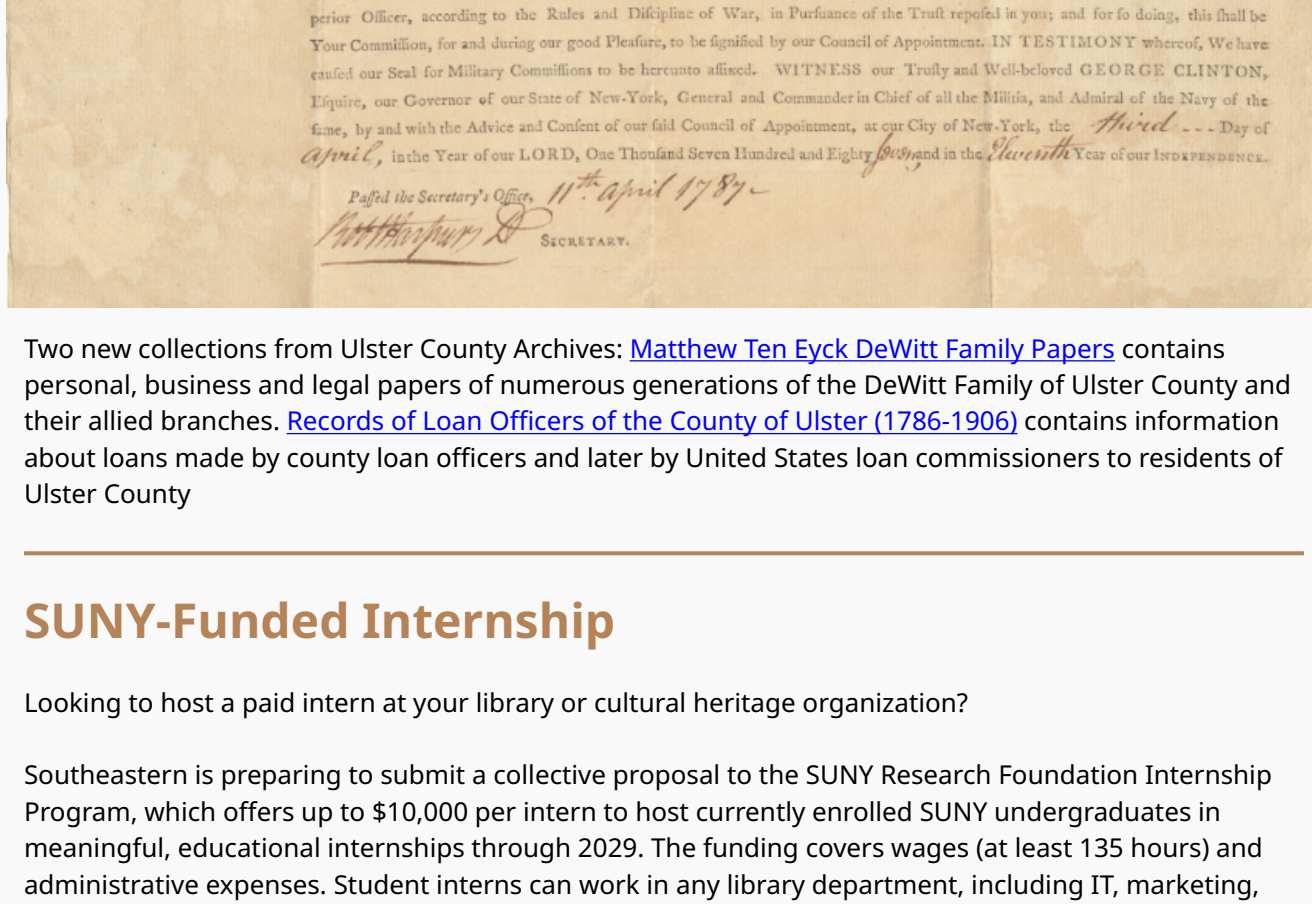
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It's the month for learning new things!

The kids going back to school this month aren't the only ones with ample opportunities to learn. This month's newsletter has plenty of new Special Interest Groups, trainings, and professional development opportunities from around the state. In addition to all that, this month we have:

- New Exhibit on HRVH
- SUNY-Funded Internship
- The SEAL Newsletter
- Employment Opportunities
- Ask The Lawyer
- Professional Development

New Exhibit on HRVH!



Two new collections from Ulster County Archives: [Matthew Ten Eyck DeWitt Family Papers](#) contains personal, business and legal papers of numerous generations of the DeWitt Family of Ulster County and their allied branches. [Records of Loan Officers of the County of Ulster \(1786-1906\)](#) contains information about loans made by county loan officers and later by United States loan commissioners to residents of Ulster County

SUNY-Funded Internship

Looking to host a paid intern at your library or cultural heritage organization?

Southeastern is preparing to submit a collective proposal to the SUNY Research Foundation Internship Program, which offers up to \$10,000 per intern to host currently enrolled SUNY undergraduates in meaningful, educational internships through 2029. The funding covers wages (at least 135 hours) and administrative expenses. Student interns can work in any library department, including IT, marketing, and administration. We are currently waiting for the SUNY Research Foundation to reissue its official request for proposals. If your organization would like to be considered, please email Tessa Killian killian@senylrc.org to join our interest list, and we will send you a submission form when it becomes available.

SEAL Newsletter

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

- Upcoming Webinar: Exploring the SEAL Catalog
- Best Practices for ILL Recording
- SEAL Tip: Delivering to Schools
- 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.

NYLA Disaster Relief Fund

As extreme weather events, including flooding, become more frequent due to climate change, we want to remind NYLA members that financial assistance is available if your library is damaged by a disaster.

The Disaster Relief Fund provides funding to libraries in New York damaged or destroyed by natural or manmade disasters like flooding, hurricanes, fire, etc.

To learn more about the Disaster Relief Fund and other NYLA financial assistance funds, [view their website here](#).

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 FAQs on the website from June:

- [How to Respond to E-Mailed FOIL Requests for Records Already Available Online](#)
- [Can a Town Require a Library Board to Record Its Meetings?](#)

See the full FAQ here:

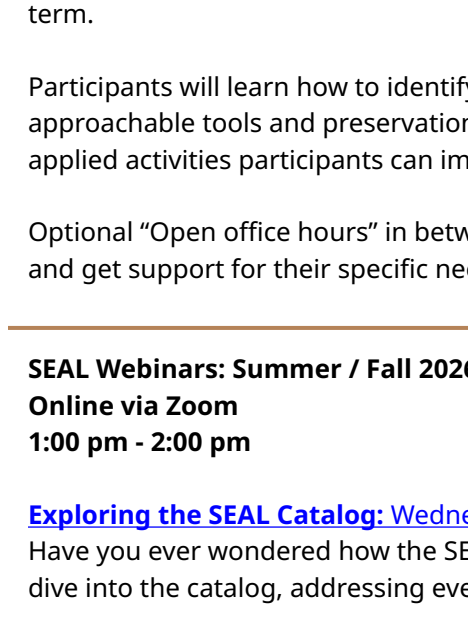
<https://wnylrc.org/services/atf/faqs>

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

<https://wnylrc.org/services/askservices/atf>

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!

From Southeastern NY Library Resources Council

Professional Development



September 16: Know Your Data
October 14: Package Your Data
November 18: Store Your Data
December 16: Manage Your Data

Four-part series
online via zoom 1:30-3:00 pm

Love Your Data: 4-part series
Dates: September 16, October 14, November 18, December 16
Time: 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
Location: online via Zoom
Facilitators: **Jen Palmentiero**, Southeastern; **Palash Bosgang**, Bard College; **Kim Gianfrancesco**, Vassar College

Do you have digital photos, videos, or files stored on your computers, hard drives, or in the cloud? Let's talk about how to care for valuable digital assets in this 4-part series, where we will explore and explain the tools and good practices to help organize, care for, and preserve digital files for the long-term.

Participants will learn how to identify, organize, package, store, and evaluate digital materials using approachable tools and preservation frameworks. Each session combines conceptual grounding with applied activities participants can immediately use in their own work.

Optional "Open office hours" in between sessions will be available for participants to ask questions and get support for their specific needs.

SEAL Webinars: Summer / Fall 2026

Online via Zoom

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

[Exploring the SEAL Catalog: Wednesday, September 23](#)

Have you ever wondered how the SEAL catalog works? This upcoming webinar will provide a deep dive into the catalog, addressing everything you ever wanted to know (and more!).

Book Repair Workshop

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Vassar College

[More information and registration here](#)

Visit the conservation workshop at Vassar College for a demonstration on how to cover materials and the main techniques for text block repair, hinge repair, and two methods of spine replacement on mostly cloth-covered books, with opportunities to practice on Vassar books.

If time allows, we will also cover creating a four-flap enclosure for books that are difficult to repair. Please bring one item from your collection that you would like to work on.

This event is free for all Southeastern members and affiliate members. Registration is limited to 15 individuals.

Collection Development SIG

Thursday, October 29

10:00 am - 11:00 am

online via Zoom

[More information and registration here](#)

The Collections Development group will meet to discuss matters related to acquisition. This is the place to bring your questions and stories about topics such as: diversifying your collection, making choices on a small budget, and leveraging our resources to serve our communities.

This meeting will be the first meeting of the group since 2023, and we welcome library workers from all library types to join us and re-start the collection development conversation.

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.

Fall Poster Session / Apple Cider Donut Tasting

Friday, October 30, 2026

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Southeastern's Office, Highland, NY

[Submit your proposal & register here](#)

You are invited to join us for our fourth annual Fall Poster Presentation Session/apple cider donut taste test! The deadline to sign up for posters is Friday, October 16 at 12:00 pm.

About the event: This open house at Southeastern allows all members and affiliate members to share ideas and enjoy fall treats. All attendees will have the opportunity to interact and network with the presenters and other library workers. The event runs from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, with a dedicated time around 1:30 pm reserved for presenters to discuss their posters.

We will also be featuring some of our favorite apple cider donuts from farms around the region, along with other fall favorites.

Information Literacy Instruction SIG

Friday, November 13, 2026

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Online via Zoom

[More information and registration here](#)

Topic: AI, instruction, and ethics

This special interest group meeting serves as a follow-up to the previous Info Lit SIG focused on AI. Join us for another conversation about how you're approaching asynchronous and in-person info lit instruction with the prevalence of AI. Of specific interest for this session is how we might approach instruction and the ethical issues surrounding AI. Topics may include the environment, copyright and privacy, hype, and other related subjects. This SIG is open to librarians from all types of institutions, as we share resources and ideas.

Tech-Talk Webinars

1-hour sessions on Wednesdays at 3 pm

- Sept 9: [EXCEL/G-SHEETS] **Take Pivot Tables to the Next Level with Advanced Techniques**.
- Sept 30: [SOCIAL MEDIA] **Build a YouTube Channel that Works as a Marketing Engine**.
- Oct 14: [WORD] **The Word Secrets Even Power Users Miss**.
- Oct 28: [GRAPHICS] **The Best Free Image Sources You've Never Used**.
- Nov 11: [SHARED LEADERSHIP - Part 1] **Rethink How You Lead**.
- Nov 18: [SHARED LEADERSHIP - Part 2] **Seven Conversations That Increase Excellence**.

[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

ICE in Academic Libraries: Tips, Protocols, and Strategies for Protecting Campus Communities

Produced by Choice

Wednesday, September 2: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Reimagining Information Literacy

Produced by the New York State Library @ the Cultural Education Center in Albany, NY

Thursday, September 10: 8:45 am - 5:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

The potential and peril of generative AI

Produced by WebJunction

Thursday, September 10: 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

NY250: Collaboration Opportunities from New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

Produced by the New York State Library

Tuesday, September 15: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

News Access and Media Literacy in Public Libraries

Produced by Public Library Association

Wednesday, September 16: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Is This for Real? Understanding AI Scams

Produced by Central NY Library Resources Council

Wednesday, September 16: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Library E-Resources Health Issues: Identifying Causes, Diagnosing Symptoms, And Developing An Effective Treatment Plan

Produced by METRO

Thursday, September 17: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Quality Over Quantity: Reimagining Library Program Planning

Produced by Mid-Hudson Library System

Monday, September 21: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

How Gen Z use and don't use public libraries: New data and analysis

Produced by WebJunction

Tuesday, September 22: 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Beyond the Desk – Building Intentional Student Employee Programs

Produced by Central NY Library Resources Council

Wednesday, September 23: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

[More information and registration here](#)

Red Flag! Identifying Preservation Needs While Working with Collections

Produced by DHPSNY @ FDR Presidential Library & Museum (Hyde Park)

Monday, September 29: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

An Introduction to NYS Historic Newspapers

Produced by Northern NY Library Network

Tuesday, September 30: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

[More information and registration here](#)

Beyond the Headlines: Advanced Features of NYS Historic Newspapers

Produced by Northern NY Library Network

Wednesday, October 13: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

[More information and registration here](#)

Inclusive Emergency Preparedness

Produced by the New York State Library

Friday, October 23: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

2026 GHNN Annual Conference

Hudson River Museum, Yonkers, NY

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

[More information and registration here](#)

Grant Writing for Collections Preservation

Produced by Northeast Document Conservation Center

Tuesday, October 27: 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

[More information and registration here](#)

Internet Librarian 2026

A Virtual Event

October 27 - 29

[More information and discounted registration here](#)



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