



South Central Regional Library Council

WHO WE ARE

We are 1 of 9 state-funded library councils in NYS that connect academic, public, school, hospital, museum, and other special libraries, as well as historical societies. SCRLC covers 14 counties and 10,044 square miles. Together, the councils make up the [Empire State Library Network](#).

WHAT WE PROVIDE



LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

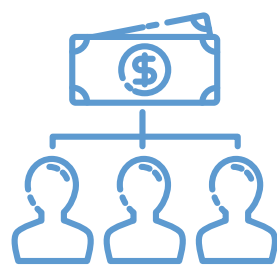
Keeping the skills of our workforce up to date as the information landscape changes is incredibly important. Collaboratively, the councils offer hundreds of learning opportunities for library workers every year. The learning opportunities are wide-ranging, based on the needs of our membership and include both hard and soft skills.

ACCESS TO NY HISTORY

57+ members have contributed 16,000+ items (photos, yearbooks, diaries & more) to [New York Heritage](#). 200 newspapers from our region are now available on [New York Historic Newspapers](#). The councils built and support these free, inter-institutional platforms. We also have exhibits that travel to member organizations on topics like [The Hurricane Agnes Flood of 1972 in South Central New York State](#) (also online).



GRANTS & FINANCIAL SUPPORT



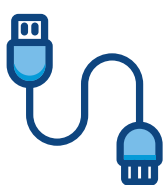
Our grants help fund digitization and resource-sharing projects. Plus, we support coordinated collection development for academic libraries to cooperatively and strategically purchase materials based on subject matter, expanding material available on specific topics and reducing duplication.

EXPERT SERVICES

Services include [Ask the Lawyer](#), [Ask the Archivist](#) (new!) and Career Coaching for help with resumes, cover letters & interview practice. Ask the Lawyer remains popular and has answered dozens of questions related to book challenges and more.



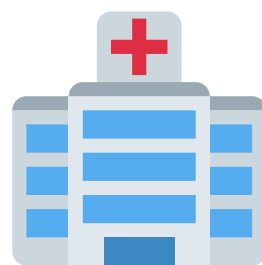
ELECTRONIC RESOURCES



Members have access to electronic resources including OCLC FirstSearch & EBSCO Literary Reference Center.

HOSPITAL LIBRARY SERVICES

Hospitals in our region without librarians can use our circuit librarian. Member hospitals have access to the New England Journal of Medicine and other ejournals. Access to timely and accurate health-related information for the region's healthcare professionals, directly impacts patient care and outcomes.



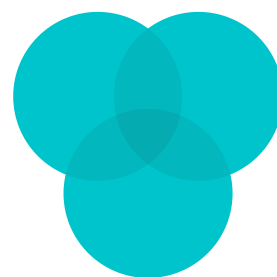
EMPIRE LIBRARY DELIVERY



Empire Library Delivery moves 350,000 books a year among institutions, which makes interlibrary loans and shared resources cost-effective, and ensures that library materials get to the people that need them. 10 of our academic libraries participate.

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Our strength is bringing together different types of libraries and organizations to share our successes, challenges and ideas. This has been crucial to better support diversity, equity inclusion, and accessibility in our [member organizations](#).



WHAT YOU CAN DO FUND.PROTECT.EMPOWER

FUND. NYS LIBRARY OPERATING AID: \$147.1M
PROTECT. NYS LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION AID: \$69.4M.
EMPOWER. SUPPORT THE FREEDOM TO READ ACT ([S6350B/A6873B](#)) & THE PROTECTION IN PUBLIC LIBRARIES BILLS [S7677 \(MAY\)](#) / [A7843A \(KELLES\)](#).

Thank you!

FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO TO SUPPORT SCRLC, OUR LIBRARIES, AND OUR COMMUNITIES!

For more information, go to scrlc.org.