



STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Purpose

The purpose of SCRLC is to serve its Members by improving reference and research library services, and to promote interlibrary cooperation in the use of such resources (Charter §2). SCRLC was established through a provisional charter issued by the New York Board of Regents on May 25, 1967 and an absolute charter granted on May 22, 1972.

Vision

South Central Regional Library Council envisions a future where [all people](#) who live, work, and study in our communities have equitable and reliable access to information and sustainable resources available anywhere, anytime, and are competent in all literacies. To achieve this vision, our member organizations include and welcome [all people](#), and are valued and well-funded community partners, central to those they serve. In this envisioned future, environmental sustainability is central to our mission and practices.

Mission

South Central Regional Library Council empowers our members through advocacy, networking, resources, and professional development; and by supporting diversity, innovation, and collaboration to strengthen their ability to serve their communities and promote environmentally sustainable practices.

Values

- **Advocacy** that increases members' visibility and their role and importance in society.
- **Collaboration and networking** that supports and advances the ability of SCRLC members to meet their users' needs, and that engages all members in SCRLC leadership, collaborations, programs, services, and beyond.
- **Diversity, inclusion, and justice**, which recognizes that these are essential for equity for historically oppressed and marginalized groups of people, and that values anti-racist work and social movements that support equity for all.

- **Equity** that provides access to inclusive information (from historical materials to digital content), services, and spaces for all of our communities and healthy and diverse work environments that nourish the mind, body, and spirit for our members.
- **Innovation and future-forward thinking** that provides effective programs and services and continually identifies opportunities and uncertainties, imagining and co-creating our future in partnership with our members.
- **Learning** that is responsive, relevant, engaging, and transformational.

Strategic Directions

The *Strategic Directions* succinctly articulate our vision, mission, and values, which will lead to their realization. They are woven into our Program & Services *Goals, Activities, and Intended Results* that appear in the following pages:

South Central Regional Library Council:

1. advocates for its members.
2. cultivates learning.
3. serves as a catalyst for diversity, equity, inclusion, justice, and sustainability.
4. facilitates partnerships and collaboration.
5. encourages innovation and future-forward thinking.

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