



## **Continuing Education Policy**

South Central Regional Library Council (SCRLC) members consistently indicate through needs assessments, field visits, meetings, and conversations that continuing education is one of the most important services the Council offers; the Council has a very long history of offering relevant learning opportunities.

In January 1981, SCRLC's Board of Trustees passed a resolution stating,

"Continuing library education is a function which many libraries cannot provide adequately for their staffs. The Board of Trustees of South Central Research Library Council\* therefore affirms the value of continuing library education in the professional development of librarians in the region which in turn contributes to the improvement of regional library services. South Central Research Library Council Board of Trustees confirms continuing education as a major priority in the overall Council program."

As of 2025, continuing education continues to be a major priority for the Council.

Free or low-cost learning opportunities are an important benefit of SCRLC membership. Therefore, whenever possible SCRLC's program budgets, operating budget, and outside grants will be used to cover costs to participants in order to offer expert presenters.

Additionally, through the reciprocal and collegial partnerships SCRLC has built with the other Empire State Library Network (ESLN) Councils, the same free or low-cost continuing education will be extended to their members, and vice versa.

Archived webinars are made freely available to the library community whenever possible.

\*SCRLC's legal name in 1981.

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