



# 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 10,045 square miles. Together, the councils make up the [Empire State Library Network](#).

## WHAT WE PROVIDE



### LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

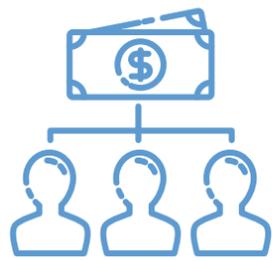
Keeping the skills of our workforce up to date as the information landscape changes is incredibly important. Collaboratively, the councils offer hundreds of learning opportunities for library workers every year. The learning opportunities are wide-ranging, based on the needs of our membership and include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

### ACCESS TO NYS HISTORY

64 contributors have added 37,591+ items (photos, yearbooks, diaries & more) to [New York Heritage](#). 219 newspapers from our region are now available on [NYS 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 Underground Railroad (forthcoming in 2026).



### GRANTS & FINANCIAL SUPPORT



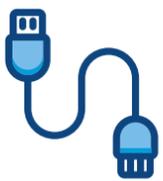
Our grants help fund digitization and resource-sharing projects. Plus, we support coordinated collection development for academic libraries to cooperatively and strategically purchase materials based on subject matter, expanding material available on specific topics and reducing duplication.

### EXPERT SERVICES

Services include [Ask the Lawyer](#), [Ask the Archivist](#) 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 Source.

### 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.



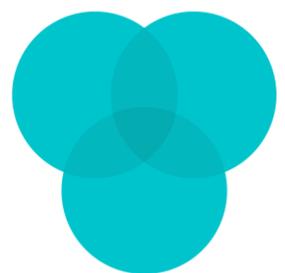
### EMPIRE LIBRARY DELIVERY



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

- \$181.3M FOR STATE LIBRARY AID (GOVERNOR'S BUDGET: \$104.67M).
- \$175M FOR LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION (GOVERNOR'S BUDGET: \$34M).
- \$11.33/PUPIL FOR LIBRARY MATERIALS AID (GOVERNOR'S BUDGET: \$6.25/PUPIL).
- NOVELNY: \$3.1M (GOVERNOR'S BUDGET: \$3M).
- OFFICE OF CULTURAL EDUCATION STABILIZATION: \$12M (GOVERNOR'S BUDGET: \$12M).

*Thank you!*

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

For more information, go to [scrlc.org](http://scrlc.org).