

Our mission: to empower 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.

## Value for Hospitals

Advocacy. Joint efforts between SCRLC and New York library organizations result in increased state library aid. We advocate for all libraries.

Educational Services. Low-cost health information training and avails reduced or free MLA programs, special interest groups, networking events, and access to Empire State Library Network learning opportunities.

Electronic Resources. New England Journal of Medicine online, Ovid ejournal cost-share, EBSCO Consumer Health Complete, OCLC FirstSearch and AskUs 24/7 Virtual Reference Service.

Grants. Grant opportunities for information technology projects, digitization, and resource sharing. Special grants are provided to hospitals through Hospital Library Services Program (HLSP) funds.

Field Visits & Consultations. Customized visits to meet your needs. Request a visit.

Focus Groups. We can conduct low or no-cost focus groups for your organization.

## Resource Sharing.

- Medical Information Services Program (MISP) funds can pay for your health-related ILL fees incurred via DOCLINE or other
- You can use the Bibliographic and Referral Service (BARC), a free or low-cost last-resort interlibrary loan service. BARC also offers free Union List of Serials maintenance.
- Participate in general resource sharing meetings that provide training on topics such as new technology, services and products, best practices, and policies.

## **Digitization Services.**

- Join New York Heritage (NYH), a research portal for students, educators, historians, genealogists, and lifelong learners comprised of digitized historical materials about the people, places and institutions of New York State. There is always a place for the history of our region's medical institutions.
- Contribute newspapers to New York State Historic Newspapers and finding aids to the Empire Archival Discovery Cooperative for online accessibility.

Leadership Opportunities. Join the Board of Trustees, serve on one of our advisory committees, or organize a special interest group.

Stay up-to-date. We inform you of upcoming events, advocacy efforts, and additional news of professional interest through our bi-weekly newsletter, the HLSP Newsletter (for hospitals), and our LibGuides.

Physicians, Residents, and Nurses Need Hospital Library Services. Access to reliable health information is crucial to good patient outcomes. The Network of the National Library of Medicine survey of health professionals found that when provided with reliable, current information:

- 95% agreed that it contributed to higher quality of care
- 95% agreed that the information resulted in a better informed clinical decision
- 85% agreed that 'having the information saved me time'
- 75% handled some aspect of a clinical situation differently
- 48% reported a change in advice to patients
- 25% reported changes in diagnosis

SCRLC: Saving you time, money and adding value through consortial purchases, collaborative projects, and grant opportunities.



