



## **Statement of Purpose**

### **Mission**

South Central Regional Library Council leads and advocates for member libraries by promoting learning, collaboration, and innovation.

South Central Regional Library Council is committed to serving the information and resource needs of the region's students, educators, lifelong learners, and residents. The Council welcomes membership from individual libraries/library systems and cultural organizations located within its fourteen-county region.

### **Vision**

South Central Regional Library Council envisions a future where New York State residents have equity of access to information and resources anywhere, anytime. In this environment:

- NYS students, educators, lifelong learners, and residents locate and obtain information and resources efficiently and cost-effectively.
- Library workers acquire necessary skills through affordable, relevant, and innovative SCRLC-sponsored learning opportunities.
- Members extend their funds and Return on Investment (ROI) through networking, shared technology, partnerships, and collaborative opportunities.
- NYS students, educators, lifelong learners, residents, and library workers are strong advocates for libraries and library systems.
- Residents have access to well-informed healthcare professionals.
- Member libraries and their users benefit from relevant and effective SCRLC-sponsored knowledge-based consulting services.

### **Guiding Principles**

South Central Regional Library Council's guiding principles are as follows:

- Programs and services of high-quality that are relevant, innovative, leading-edge, and effective.
- Professional development that is wide-ranging and offered in a variety of formats that increases accessibility and facilitates participation.
- Resource sharing that is supportive and includes leadership and assistance in digital content creation.
- Customer service that is exceptional, fair, helpful, positive, courteous, and efficient.
- Dynamic and participatory leadership on all levels that is flexible and responsive to current issues and trends.

- Diversity of ideas and opinions, types of libraries/library systems, and library workforce.
- Advocacy and efforts to increase visibility for all types of libraries and library systems, and their role & importance in our society.
- Collaboration with other libraries, library systems, and other organizations that supports and advances the ability of SCRLC member libraries to meet their users' needs.
- Healthy work environments that nourish the mind, body, and spirit.

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