



# The Southern Adirondack Library System

34 Libraries Serving Four Counties

# New York State Education Law requires State Library Aid of \$106.2M for FY 2023-2024.

## **Our Ask:**

**State Library Aid Budget Request: \$147.1M**

**Library Construction Aid Budget request: \$69.4M**

- ➔ Library Aid \$96.1 M--3.5M reduction from FY2023 Enacted Budget
- ➔ Library Construction \$14M--20M reduction from FY2023 Enacted Budget

## **Construction**

- ➔ Construction funding at 34 million meant SALS could disburse approximately a million dollars to its members.
- ➔ Funding at 14 million means it is reduced to approximately \$369,000.

## **Library Aid**

- ➔ The 3.5 million reduction in State aid will mean SALS will need to cut back on services.

## **Cost of business is going up.**

- ➔ 24% increase in the cost of providing delivery services to the member libraries and correctional institutions

# SALS

Connects & Coordinates services to 34 member libraries in four counties.

Strengthens local library services.

Provides economies of scale through resource sharing & shared services

700+  
people  
work in  
libraries

Libraries are economic engines

# Stillwater Public Library

Building for the Future *of our community...*



Investing in libraries keeps money in our communities





The Bancroft Public Library partnered with Books In Kids' Hands and the Salem Food Pantry during the Historic Salem Courthouse's Trunk or Treat Halloween celebration. "Halloween Treats" included free books for kids to take home, a healthy snack, and a Halloween kids' craft.

# Visits 2021 739,402

Total population: 369,655

Hamilton: 30,342

Saratoga: 449,034

Warren: 161,633

Washington: 98,393

# By the Numbers

+198%  
+130%



Complete source for peer-reviewed scholarly articles across all academic disciplines



Scholarly journals and periodicals across academic disciplines.



Articles on farming, horticulture, and agriculture-related fields

## Digital Title Circulation



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1 of 1 copies available



Audiobook loan  
2 holds on 4 copies



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2 holds on 1 copy



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6 holds on 2 copies



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1 of 3 copies available



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### Loans

CURRENT DAY  
**264**

CURRENT MONTH  
**20,956**

CURRENT YEAR  
**45,288**

ALL-TIME  
**2,006,659**

### Holds

CURRENT DAY  
**68**

CURRENT MONTH  
**7,311**

CURRENT YEAR  
**18,018**

ALL-TIME  
**816,648**

# We work with member libraries to:

Share & deliver materials among member libraries.

Purchase ebooks and digital content

Professional development & training for library staff and trustees

Support the latest technology

Provide outreach services for people with challenging conditions & life situations

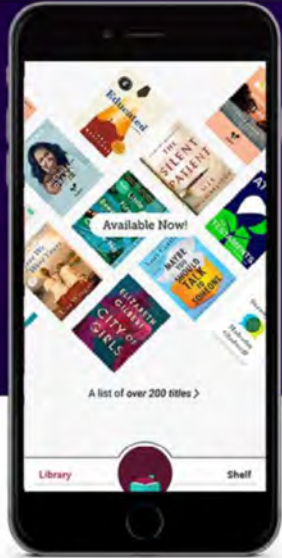
Access to & assistance with grants, e.g., Public Library Construction Aid



Working Together

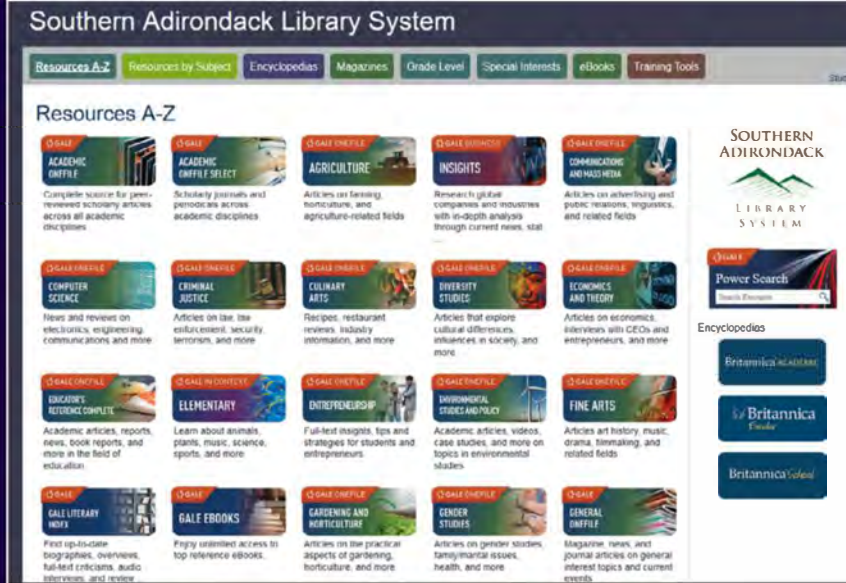


The digital library is **always open.**



OPEN  
24  
HOURS

**Libby.**  
The library reading app.



# Innovation

- eCards
- School Library Partnership -Sora
- Virtual -Hybrid Programming
- OATS
- Accessibility & Access
- Latest Trends in Information Science



From eBooks, research, to wifi--we are always here for the community



In 2022, we shared more than 35,000 lbs of food with 10,500 people through 13 small and rural libraries.

## A Few of Our Partners

- ➔ OATS--Senior Planet, and AARP
- ➔ Summer Meals w/ CAPTAIN
- ➔ Tri-County Literacy Center
- ➔ NARCAN Boxes w/ Adirondack Health Institute
- ➔ WSWHE BOCES
- ➔ MVLS
- ➔ UHLS
- ➔ MHLS
- ➔ CDLC

# Partnerships Farm-2-Library

The Comfort Food Community  
and  
Capitol Roots

Reduce Food Waste  
Lessen Food Insecurity  
Improve Food Access

"Overhead a woman telling one of our staff that she is so thankful for this program. She lost her job last year and the free food has been a true blessing to her family. Her kids love the apples. She asked us to extend her gratitude to everyone involved."



# Adult Literacy

- Adult Basic Education
- High School Equivalency
- English Language Learners
- Citizenship Classes



Lake George Writing Workshop

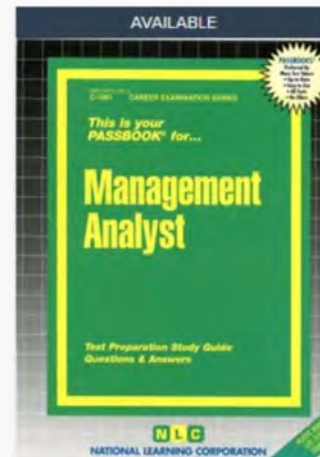
# Support Entrepreneurs & Small Business



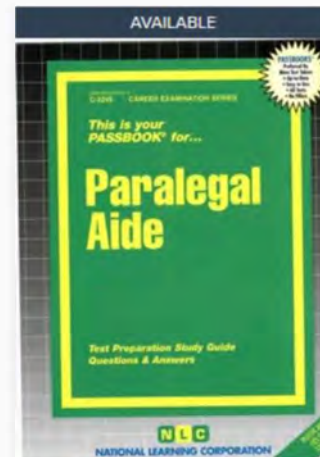
Train library staff as Notaries Public  
Build robust digital collection available 24/7  
Titles shared +1,900 times in 2022

## Libraries Mean Business

Thriving businesses are essential to our community's long-term sustainability. These resources support businesses and entrepreneurs. It is made possible by the New York State Library's Adult Literacy Library Services Program.



Management Analyst  
by National Learning Corpora...  
EBOOK  
BORROW



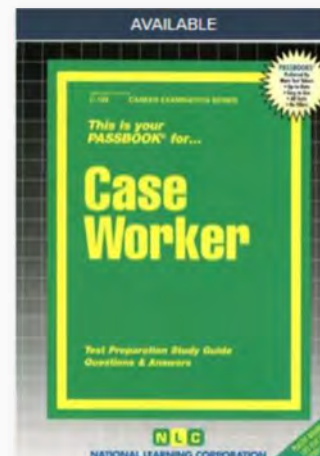
Paralegal Aide  
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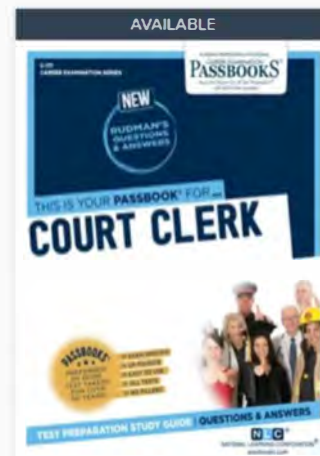
Court Officer  
by National Learning Corpora...  
EBOOK  
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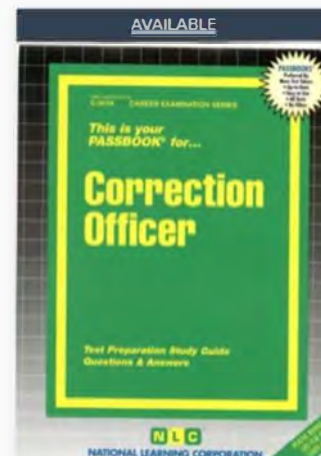
Legal Secretary  
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Case Worker  
by National Learning Corpora...



Court Clerk  
by National Learning Corpora...



Correction Officer  
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Electrician  
by National Learning Corpora...

# Summer Reading

+5,000 Registered  
+1,700,000 Minutes Read

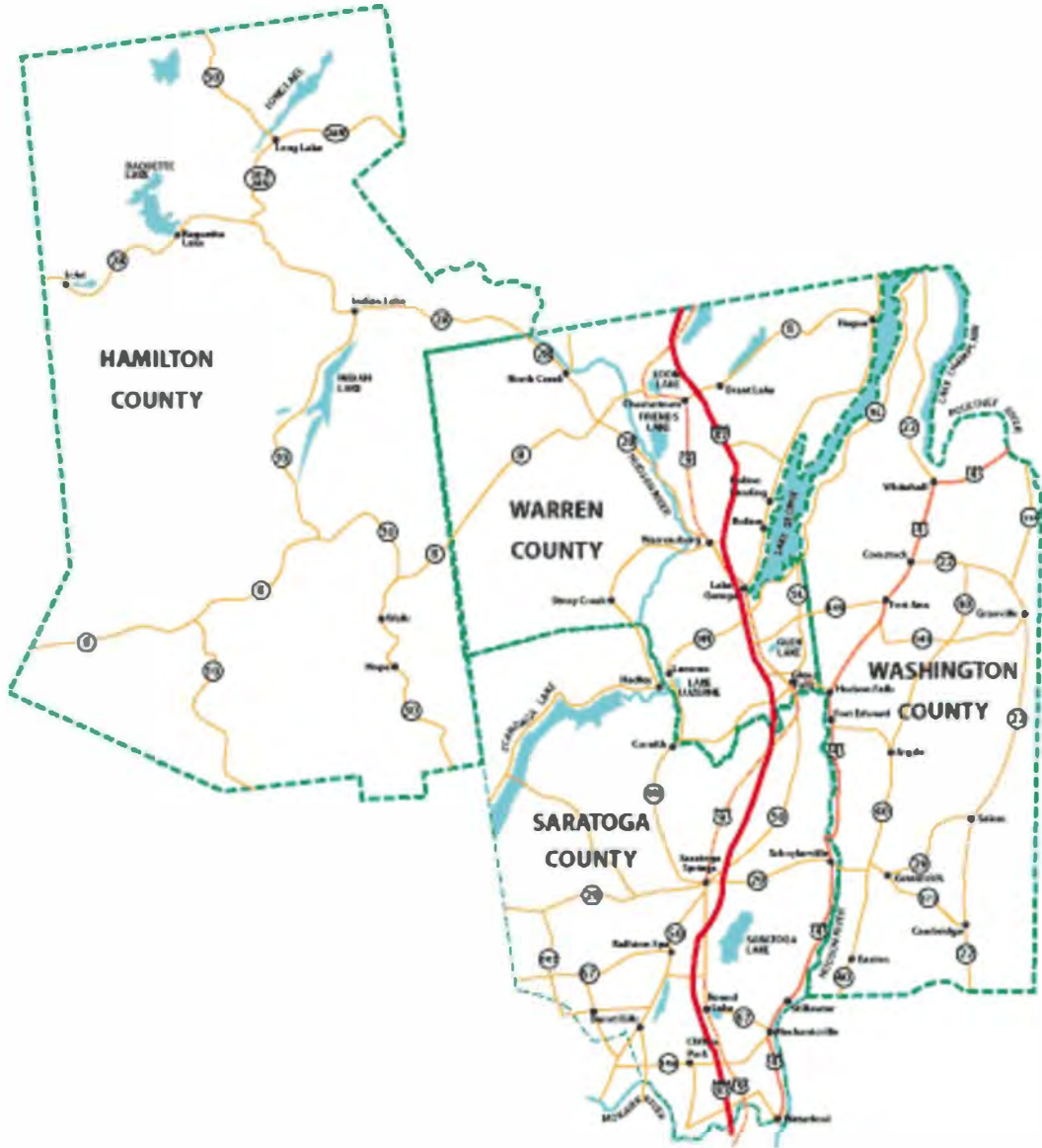


"Today when I called the raffle winner a father answered ecstatically! He told us that his kid struggles with reading and never reads--to the point that it affects other parts of his life. When he saw the nerf raffle prize though, it gave him motivation and he read 11 books over two weeks in the hopes of winning. The father thanked us repeatedly for giving his son that motivation."



# We believe

- Books are tools for understanding complex issues.
- Individuals should be trusted to make their own decisions about what to read.
- Libraries are economic engines
- Libraries support community health & vitality
- Libraries help people become better readers
- Libraries connect people to a world of resources & ideas
- Every New Yorker deserves access to a fully funded library
- We believe an increase in State Aid will benefit all New Yorkers



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