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SOLINET Announces Winners of the Fourth Annual Outstanding Library Programs Awards

SOLINET's Outstanding Library Programs Awards recognize library accomplishments that illustrate the benefits of library collaboration, serve as models of effectiveness, and/or advance the development of innovative programs. The awards are given in three categories. In the fourth year of the awards program, a committee of judges from SOLINET member libraries named the following winners, who were recognized May 2nd at the SOLINET Annual Membership Meeting in Atlanta.

- **Continuing Education and Staff Development** Awarded to the **Orange County (FL) Library System**, for their Spectrum Program, which offers new managers seeking a flexible learning experience the chance to rotate through management support positions in different departments and branches. The participating staff spend three months at each site and learn more about their skills and abilities under a variety of circumstances, gaining a system-wide perspective, and emerging better prepared for further management challenges.
- **Multitype Library Cooperation** Awarded to the **Pulaski County (Virginia) Library System**, in conjunction with the Pulaski County Public Library & School System, for their development of the "Virtual Library Card" to provide all county residents with access to a wealth of databases and other electronic reference materials provided by the Library of Virginia. The card was issued to all students in the county system, along with instructions for use and a brochure detailing its benefits. Costs of the program are offset by multiple uses of the card, including student identification. A model of the well-received program has been created that can easily be replicated by other public library and school systems. For information on the "Virtual Library Card," see www.pclibs.org/virtual_library.htm.
- **Preservation and Electronic Information** Awarded to the **Virtual Library of Virginia (VIVA)** for their "Virginia Heritage Project."

initiated in 1997, it provides access to 400 years of African American history in Virginia, encompassing the Colonial era, the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, Reconstruction, and important events in the 20th and 21st centuries. With funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities plus matching funds from participating institutions, the project has created a searchable web-based union database of encoded finding aids to more than 3,300 individual archival collections housed at 19 separate libraries. The project has also developed a model for the statewide dissemination of training in Encoded Archival Description, an emerging international standard. The "Virginia Heritage Project" is accessible at www.lib.virginia.edu/vhp

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SOLINET Elects New Board and OCLC Member Council Delegates

At its Annual Membership Meeting in Atlanta in May, SOLINET member libraries elected the following:

Board of Directors

- Amy Dykeman, University Librarian, University of North Carolina – Charlotte
- Althea H. Jenkins, Director of University Libraries, Florida State University
- Pat Matthes, Director of Library Services, Mississippi University for Women
- Elsie Stephens Weatherington, Dean of Library and Media Services, Virginia State University

Delegation to OCLC Members Council

- Cynthia N. Cobb, Director, Lee County Library System, FL
- Donna D. Nicely, Director, Nashville Public Library, TN
- Emma Bradford Perry, Dean of Libraries, Southern University, LA

The Board of Directors elected the following officers:

- Chair, Raymond Santiago, Director, Miami-Dade Public Library System, FL
- Vice Chair: Janis M. Bandelin, Director of Libraries, Furman University, SC

- Treasurer: John E. Ulmschneider, University Librarian, Virginia Commonwealth University Libraries
- Secretary: James A. Nelson, State Librarian and Commissioner, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives.

required to pay annual membership dues and cannot participate in the governance of the Association. For more information contact John Burger, ASERL Executive Director, at jburger@solinet.net.

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ASERL Elects New Board of Directors

On May 1st, ASERL members elected the following persons to serve on the Board of Directors for 2003-04:

- President: Derrie Perez, Interim Dean of Libraries, University of South Florida
- President-Elect: Barbara Dewey, Dean of Libraries, University of Tennessee – Knoxville
- Secretary-Treasurer: Sylverna Ford, Dean of Libraries, University of Memphis
- Past President: Connie McCarthy, Dean of University Libraries, College of William and Mary, VA
- At-Large Members: Barry Baker, Director of Libraries, University of Central Florida; Eileen Hitchingham, Dean of University Libraries, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University; Paul Willis, Dean of Libraries, University of South Carolina

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ASERL Creates Program Options for Non-Member Libraries

Members of the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL) have voted to allow non-member research libraries to participate in ASERL programming. The new program category, called "ASERL Program Affiliates," allows research libraries anywhere to join ASERL's shared catalog, document delivery system, implementation of competencies for research librarians, and upcoming cooperative virtual reference and journal storage efforts. ASERL Program Affiliates pay an equal share of program expenses as ASERL member libraries plus an administrative fee to cover overhead costs. Program Affiliates are not, however, members of ASERL and therefore are not