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Congratulations to ReINETTE F. Jones and the Kentucky Library Association for taking the lead in getting the American Library Association Council to pass a memorial resolution in honor of Reverend Thomas Fountain Blue. The Southeastern Library Association was a cosponsor for the resolution that was passed at the annual conference in Toronto. In a letter accompanying SELA's copy of the resolution, Keith Michael Fiels, ALA Executive Director, described Reverend Blue as follows:

"Throughout his career, he participated in all aspects of making the library an accessible, innovative, and interesting place to be and work. As the first African American to manage public libraries with an entire African American staff, he was a veteran in the dissemination of information and resources to African Americans. He was active in his community and worked toward fairness and justice for everyone. Through his professionalism and involvement he provided an invaluable service to the library profession."

We should all be very proud that we can claim such an outstanding person and librarian as a fellow southeasterner! If you would like to read a brief biography of Reverend Blue, you can go to the web page for the Louisville Free Public Library at <http://www.lfpl.org/western/htms/blue.htm>.

The Southeastern Library Association has recently taken a major step into the twenty-first century. Frank Allen received a request from H. W. Wilson Company that it be allowed to offer online access to the **Southeastern Librarian**. We have established an agreement to allow Wilson electronic publishing rights to the journal beginning with the third issue of the current volume (51). This will mean that the **Southeastern Librarian** will be available to scholars not only from the Southeastern Library Association web site but also via H. W. Wilson. I remember how excited I was the first time I went online in a national database to retrieve one of my articles, and I look forward to seeing authors published in the **Southeastern Librarian** being offered the same opportunity. Frank Allen will be sharing information about the forms that have been developed for author approval. They were fashioned after those in use by the American Library Association, and they were reviewed by Michael Seigler who is not only an active SELA member but also a lawyer. They seem to be effective for both the authors and the association.

There is also news from the North Carolina Library Association. The location of the 2004 Joint NCLA/SELA Conference will be Charlotte, and the **probable** dates will be in early November. We really appreciate all the hard work our colleagues from North Carolina have done to bring this conference closer to reality. Stay tuned to the SELA web page, SELA-L, and the **Southeastern Librarian** for more information as plans progress. The success of our conferences depends on both participation by vendors and contributions by program planners and presenters. Please encourage any vendor from whom you purchase anything for your library to consider encouraging her/his company to plan to exhibit at the conference. If you have an idea for a program, have a program in development or ready to go, or know someone within the library community who presents outstanding programs, please contact the appropriate division, section, or committee chair within SELA and let him/her know about that program opportunity.

-- Ann Hamilton