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### Solinet Launches New Training Catalog

SOLINET has redesigned its print catalog so that it informs the readers of everything available to them – but in less space – and points them to the “Workshop” section of the SOLINET website for more detailed information. This launch is the first of SOLINET’s efforts to distribute information more affordably and with fewer consequences to the environment while retaining the familiarity and usefulness of print. For more information go to [http://www.solinet.net/workshops/workshops\\_home.cfm](http://www.solinet.net/workshops/workshops_home.cfm)

### ASERL, SOLINET, and HBCU Library Alliance Co-Host National Diversity Conference

The fourth National Diversity in Libraries Conference will be May 4 and 5, 2004, in Midtown Atlanta. This conference is co-sponsored by the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL), the Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET), the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Library Alliance, and the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), and will serve as a pre-conference for SOLINET’s 2004 Annual Conference. The Diversity Conference will feature speakers and discussions designed to foster improved diversity within a broad range of libraries, including large research libraries, small and mid-sized college libraries, and public libraries. The agenda will examine two main issues: how to promote diversity among library staffing, and how to develop collections that reflect the experiences of a diverse community.

More information about the conference can be found at [www.librarydiversity.org](http://www.librarydiversity.org)

### SOLINET and HBCU Receive Grant

SOLINET and the HBCU Library Alliance have received a \$160,000 grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation for a collaborative project to assess needs and develop a program to increase the effectiveness and visibility of libraries at the nation’s Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The 12-month project will promote the role of the librarian on each campus and advocate for total integration of libraries into campus programs for teaching and learning.

HBCU libraries serve as unique and indispensable gatekeepers for history, culture, and the African-American experience. Created by the deans and directors of these libraries after an historic meeting in October 2002, the Alliance seeks to ensure excellence in HBCU libraries through the development, coordination, and promotion of programs and activities to enhance members’ collections and services. The photo below was taken at this groundbreaking conference. Current Steering Committee members are Loretta O’Brien-Parham, Director of the Harvey Library at Hampton University, VA; Janice Franklin, Director of the Library and Learning Resource Center at Alabama State University; Tommy Holton, Dean of Libraries at Dillard University, LA; Emma Bradford Perry, Dean of Libraries at Southern University and A&M College, LA; and Elsie Stephens Weatherington, Dean of Library and Technology Services at Virginia State University.

### Are You Looking for the Perfect Venue to Present and Publish?

**New Voices** is an opportunity for new librarians to present their ideas and perspectives on current library issues. This program is sponsored by the University and College Library Section of the **Southeastern Library Association**.

**What:** Papers to be presented at the 2004 Southeastern Library Association conference, followed by publication in *The Southeastern Librarian*.

**Who:** Professionally employed librarians with less than 5 years of experience. Must be able to attend and present paper at the next SELA Conference.

**When:** November 9 - 13, 2004. **Where:** Westin Charlotte Hotel, Charlotte, N.C.

**Paper Submission Deadline: March 20, 2004**

Please submit your paper and/or questions to Sarah J. Hammill at [hammills@fiu.edu](mailto:hammills@fiu.edu)