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SOLINET, AMIGOS, NELINET, NYLINK, AND PALINET LAUNCH THE NETWORK EDUCATION EXCHANGE

SOLINET, Amigos Library Services, Inc., NELINET, Nylink, and PALINET announce the launch of the Network Education Exchange, a cooperative training program that makes selected online courses available to the members of the five networks. The purpose of this new exchange program is to provide their memberships with expanded opportunities to develop skills and knowledge via online training and to provide more cost-effective services by leveraging time and resources among the networks' staff.

The five networks have agreed to provide member pricing to one another's members for selected online training programs. Students are expected to register directly with the providing network and are required to pay by credit card. The selected courses and descriptions are available on the five networks' Web sites.

"I'm thrilled that our members are able to participate in this important new online training initiative," said Susan Abell, Marketing Director, NELINET, Inc. "The Network Education Exchange is an effective way for each network to offer their members a wider range of program topics and ideas without the added costs associated with developing new programs."

Cal Shepard, Manager of SOLINET's Educational Services, concurred. "This is a huge benefit to all of our members, and it's a powerful example of the rewards of coordinating and sharing our resources. We all win!"

"As the networks have dedicated many resources to developing distance-learning programs, the Network Education Exchange is a perfect way for us to maximize those efforts to benefit all of our members," added Diana Bitting, Manager of the PALINET Educational Program.

The Network Education Exchange will offer library and technology-related programming on a wide variety of topics ranging from Internet searching and Web publishing to MARC basics and emerging metadata topics.

About SOLINET

Founded in 1973, SOLINET is a non-profit membership organization serving more than 2600 libraries of all types and sizes in ten Southeastern states and the Caribbean. Primary programs are Member Outreach, OCLC Services, Preservation & Access, Electronic Resources, Library Products, Digital Services, Educational Services, and Consulting. Visit SOLINET at www.solinet.net.

About Amigos

A non-profit, membership-based organization, Amigos is one of the largest library service networks in the nation. Amigos membership consists of over 650 libraries and cultural institutions, located primarily in Arizona, Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas, that utilize a comprehensive array of services including cataloging, reference, resource sharing, preservation, digital imaging, consulting, and training. Visit Amigos at www.amigos.org.

About NELINET

NELINET is a non-profit membership cooperative of nearly 700 academic, public, and special libraries in the six New England states. NELINET works collaboratively with members to shape the future of New England libraries in the evolving information environment. NELINET invites museums, archives, and historical societies to become members. Visit NELINET at www.nelinet.net.

About Nylink

Established in 1973, Nylink is a not-for-profit membership organization for all types of libraries and information organizations throughout New York State and surrounding areas. Nylink's goal is to assist and provide libraries and related organizations with the information, training and support they need, while maintaining a high level of service and commitment. Visit Nylink at www.nylink.org.

About PALINET

PALINET is a cooperative membership organization of hundreds of institutions that collect, preserve and provide access to the record of humankind. These institutions include libraries, information centers, museums, archives, and other similar organizations situated in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and neighboring states. Visit PALINET at www.palinet.org.

SOLINET MEMBERS SAVE 67% ON CCC TRANSACTIONAL REPORTING FEES

SOLINET member libraries using the Copyright Clearance Center's (CCC) Transactional Reporting Service (TRS) for interlibrary loan, document delivery, and print reserves can now save money by participating in the Volume Purchase Program (VPP). TRS, a popular and widely used CCC solution for academic users, provides internet access to permissions and prices for photocopying copyrighted material. VPP is a consortial discount program for TRS users that provides a 67% discount off the TRS processing fee.

A VPP-eligible consortium is a voluntary and expandable aggregate of TRS users whose collective annual payout on copyright permission was at least $10,000 the previous year. The SOLINET membership as a whole meets that requirement, making any SOLINET member using TRS eligible to participate. The greatest benefit will be experienced by libraries with more than 30 such transactions per year – in particular, mid-size libraries with smaller collections and a greater need for ILL.

Participation will be renewable annually with an $85 annual registration fee. CCC will continue to directly invoice the VPP libraries for TRS royalty and processing fees. The royalty fee, of course, goes