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*People, Libraries
and Agencies* **IN THE NEWS**

New directors named at four Georgia public library systems

Worth and Catoosa counties have each become a single-county public library system. Worth was previously part of the DeSoto Trail Regional Library, while Catoosa was part of the Northwest Georgia Regional Library.

Leigh Wiley has been named director of the new Worth County Library System, which will be based at the Margaret Jones Library in Sylvester.

Diana Tope, who retired as director of the LaFayette-based Cherokee Regional Library in 2007, has agreed to serve as interim director of the new Catoosa County Library in Ringgold.

In other systems around the state, Susan White has been named director of the Canton-based Sequoyah Regional Library, which serves Cherokee, Gilmer and Pickens



Tomlinson



Tope



White



Wiley

counties. White, who was previously assistant director, replaces Nick Fogarty, who retired in May.

Jeff Tomlinson has been named director of the Madison-based Uncle Remus Regional Library, which serves Greene, Hancock, Jasper, Morgan, Putnam and Walton counties. Previously assistant director, Tomlinson succeeds Steve Schaefer, who retired in June.

SOLIS wins Valdosta State outstanding student service award

The Student Organization of Library and Information Science (SOLIS) at Valdosta State University recently won a Student Organization Award for "Outstanding Service to Members." The award recognized the organization's commitment to encouraging the "scholastic and leadership potential of organization members at Valdosta State University." SOLIS President Christopher Baker and Faculty Adviser Elaine Yontz were presented with the award at VSU's annual Student Organization Awards Banquet held on April 2.

To be eligible for an award, student organizations at VSU must be nominated through an application supported by at least one letter of recommendation from a member. The application



Baker and Yontz

turned in on behalf of SOLIS detailed, among other things, its mission to "foster the development of the student toward his/her eventual professional role with its concomitant rights, responsibilities and ideals." The application also made mention that SOLIS was recently named an official Student Chapter of the American Library Association; with this achievement further supporting the overall mission of the organization. As well, SOLIS had the honor of receiving two letters of recommendation from its members. One first-year student and new SOLIS member wrote that the organization's "encouragement and interaction have turned into a very powerful force in [her] satisfaction with the [MLIS] program." »»