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SELA ACTIVITIES:

The new 2006 – 2008 Southeastern Library Association Officers are:

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Don't forget to mark your calendars for the 2008 joint conference with the Kentucky Library Association. The dates are October 1 – 4, 2008 at the Louisville Downtown Marriott.

SELA Membership and Mentoring Committee

The SELA Membership and Mentoring Committee is currently involved in the following projects and looking for volunteers:

- Conducting a logo contest to update the SELA logo
- Planning a Soiree at the 2008 SELA/KLA meeting
- Creating and implementing a mentoring program
- Writing a descriptive paragraph for the various SELA Committees
- Creating a new membership category (Corporate/For Profit).

The projects listed above will help create new opportunities and professional activities for SELA members and library science students. The individuals helping to complete these projects include Membership and Mentoring Committee members as well as other SELA members.

If you have any questions about the projects listed, or wish to volunteer for any of the activities above, please contact:

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John Cotton Dana Awards Celebrate 60 Years with Four Southeastern Library Winners

Six libraries were recipients of the 60th annual John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Awards. Four of the honorees were from the Southeast. The H.W. Wilson Company, The H.W. Wilson Foundation and the Library Administration and Management Association (LAMA) sponsor this yearly contest designed to encourage libraries to expand their public relations endeavors. A citation and a cash prize of \$3,000 were given to each winning institution to assist in furthering their exemplary library marketing efforts.

The 2006 honorees received accolades for their imaginative public relations programs combined with technical expertise in planning, presenting and evaluating their entries. Representatives from Charleston County Public Library (Charleston, SC), The James B. Duke Library - Furman University (Greenville, SC), The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County (Cincinnati, OH), Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County (Charlotte, NC), Calgary Public Library (Calgary, Alberta, Canada), and Loudoun County Public Library (Leesburg, VA) were in attendance.

William Stanton, President of The H.W. Wilson Foundation noted: "The Wilson Foundation is pleased to give further recognition to the importance of public relations in libraries and will continue to award a cash grant of \$3,000 to each John Cotton Dana winner. We know that

the financial support provided by The Foundation will ensure the continued viability and further growth of the oldest annual competition for excellence in library public relations."

One innovative award winner was the Charleston County Public Library in Charleston, SC for the project, "Remembering the Cooper River Bridges." The committee called it "an aggressive public relations effort... which dramatically increased the public's awareness of the significance of Charleston's bridges, and raised the library's public profile with nearly \$800,000 in free news coverage."

Jan Buvinger, Library Director said, "This was perhaps one of the most significant projects in the Library's history. With two landmark bridges in Charleston's harbor slated for demolition and a new, larger span under construction, we launched an effort to bring the community together to donate their photos and record their memories about the older bridges. This project ensured these memories will be preserved and placed the library in a position of leadership and partnership with groups we had not worked with in the past."

Jamie Thomas, the library's Public Relations and Marketing Manager added, "This was a historic project for Charleston, and it was unique for the Library to get so involved in a community event. We became

passionate about making it a success. This award gives us a vote of confidence to try new things and be creative."

National Diversity in Libraries Conference

The 2008 National Diversity in Libraries Conference (NDLC) will be held in conjunction with the Kentucky Library Association's and the Southeastern Library Association's joint conference in Louisville, Kentucky, at the Marriott-Downtown, October 1-4, 2008. Information about the 2008 National Diversity in Libraries Conference is available at <http://www.librarydiversity.org>.

Planning is still in progress and new information will be added to the web page periodically, so feel free to return often for the updates.

The 2008 combined conference is supported by the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), the libraries of the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville, and the University of Kentucky School of Library and Information Science.

Questions and comments may be sent to Reinette Jones: rjones@uky.edu

Art Libraries Society Of North America / Southeast Chapter

22nd LoPresti Awards for Excellence in Art Publishing 2006 (items with 2005 imprint)

The Southeast Chapter of ARLIS/NA is pleased to announce the winners of its 22nd Annual Mary Ellen LoPresti Awards for Excellence in Art Publishing

Competition for publications produced in 2005.

There were 37 entries: 19 monographs, 14 exhibition catalogues, 1 artist's books, 2 serials and 1 electronic publication.. Entries were submitted from 25 publishers: 7 university presses, 12 museums, 4 commercial publishers, and 2 in other categories. Among the eight states submitting entries were Alabama (2), Florida (3), Georgia (4), Louisiana (3), Mississippi (4), North Carolina (18), South Carolina (2), and Tennessee (1). This was the first year that there was an electronic publication submitted. The Outstanding Monograph award was given to *Phillip Collier's Missing New Orleans* by Phillip Collier, J. Richard Gruber, Jim Rapier, and Mary Beth Romig (The Ogden Museum of Southern Art, 2005 / 2d printing 2006 (with addendum) ISBN 0-988254-40-2 \$39.95). There was a tie for Outstanding Exhibition Catalog. The recipients were *The Potter's Eye: Art and Tradition in North Carolina Pottery* by Mark Hewitt and Nancy Sweezy (University of North Carolina Press, 2005. ISBN 0-8078-2992-7. \$39.95) and *Thornton Dial in the 21st Century* by William Arnett, et. al. (Tinwood Books, 2005 ISBN 0-9718104-3-X. \$65.00). Honorable mention in this category was given to *Pop-ups, Illustrated Books, and Graphic Designs of Czech Artist and Paper Engineer, Vojtech Kubasta (1914-1992)* by James A. Findlay and Ellen G.K. Rubin (Bienes Center for the Literary Arts, 2005 ISBN 0-9762267-0-7. \$35.00). The award for Outstanding Serial was given to *The Journal of Decorative and Propaganda Arts, Number 25: The American Hotel* by Molly W. Berger (guest editor), et al. (The Wolfsonian-Florida International

University, 2005 ISBN 1-930776-17-9. \$25.00).

The winners were announced by Pat Thompson, 2006 LoPresti Awards Chair, at the ARLIS/SE annual meeting in Atlanta on November 11.

Notices for nominations for the 2007 LoPresti Award for 2006 imprints will be forthcoming. For a complete list of award winners since 1985 is found at the ARLIS/Southeast website at <http://arlis-se.org/>. To inquire about submitting nominations, please message Stephen Patrick, LoPresti Awards Coordinator at East Tennessee State University Sherrod Library, PO Box 70665, Johnson City TN 37614 or by email, patrick@etsu.edu.

SOLINET PRODUCT NEWS

PALINET, Amigos, and SOLINET Unite in Promoting ScholarlyStats to their Combined Membership

Forging new territory, Amigos, PALINET, and SOLINET have signed an agreement with MPS Technologies to offer ScholarlyStats to their combined membership.

Previously, each consortium worked individually with prospective business partners. The new arrangement represents a bold cost- and time-saving move by three of the largest library consortia in the United States.

Negotiating on a united front, PALINET, Amigos, and SOLINET together obtained better terms from MPS Technologies than they would have been able to secure individually.

Founded in 1973, SOLINET is a non-profit membership organization serving more than 2,600 libraries of all types and sizes in 10 Southeastern states and the Caribbean. Primary programs are Member Services, OCLC Services, Preservation & Access, Electronic Resources, Library Products, Digital Services, Educational Services, and Consulting. Visit the SOLINET website at www.solinet.net.

PALINET, a member-owned and governed regional Library Network, was founded in 1936 and is one of the largest U.S. networks, serving 600+ members throughout the Mid-Atlantic region and beyond. PALINET trains over 1,400 people annually through its classroom and online distance education events, provides discounts on hundreds of library services from 75+ business partners through its group purchasing program, and is the region's provider of OCLC services. For the latest information on PALINET, visit www.palinet.org.

Amigos Library Services, Inc. is a nonprofit, membership-based organization dedicated to supporting resource sharing and information technology for libraries. The Amigos membership consists of over 700 libraries and cultural institutions located primarily in the southwestern United States. Amigos members share resources through collaborative programs and services, including cataloging, reference, collections, preservation, imaging, consulting, and training