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## SOLINET Product News

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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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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

## **SOLINET to Offer New CQ Press Resources**

SOLINET has expanded its offerings of CQ Press products to include the new CQ Political Reference Suite of Online Editions and Congress and the Nation (one of the components of the Political Reference Suite) at preferred member pricing.

CQ Political Reference Suite online is the electronic version of some of CQ Press' most popular political reference titles. The resource includes Congress and the Nation, Historic Documents, Political Handbook of the World, CQ's Politics in America, the Supreme Court Yearbook, Vital Statistics on American Politics, and the Washington Information Directory.

Web-enhanced features of this popular resource include advanced search options, personalization options, links to external resources, and downloadable full citations. Details about CQ Political Reference Suite and the members-only special offer are available at [www.solinet.net/product\\_index/CQPRS](http://www.solinet.net/product_index/CQPRS).

SOLINET is also offering one component of the suite at preferred member pricing. Congress and the Nation makes the actions of the U.S. Congress understandable to any reader.

Details of Congress and the Nation are available on the SOLINET website at [www.solinet.net/product\\_index/CongNat](http://www.solinet.net/product_index/CongNat)

## **SOLINET Awards \$365,000 to 19 Academic Libraries in the Gulf Coast Region**

SOLINET has awarded grants totaling \$365,000 to 19 academic libraries in the Gulf Coast region affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The money for the grant funds originated from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, which awarded an \$896,000 grant to SOLINET to assist academic libraries in the Gulf Coast region with their recovery efforts.

The libraries will use the grant money to fund activities including the replacement of lost or damaged collections; the replacement of computers and equipment; providing staff; and addressing damage caused by mold.

The 19 academic libraries receiving grant funds include the Amistad Research Center at Tulane University; Delgado Community College; Dillard University; the Earl K. Long Library at the University of New Orleans; the Elaine P. Nunez Community College Library; Frazar Memorial Library at McNeese State University; the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory at the University of Southern Mississippi; Gunter Library at the University of Southern Mississippi; Howard-Tilton Memorial Library at Tulane University; the Law Library at Loyola University of New Orleans; Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans; Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College; Monroe Library at Loyola University in New Orleans; the Newcomb College Center for Research on Women at Tulane University; Notre Dame Seminary; Our Lady of Holy Cross College; Southern University at

New Orleans; SOWELA Technical Community College; and William Carey University.

### **The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation**

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation is a private foundation that makes grants on a selective basis in the areas of higher education, museums and art conservation, performing arts, and conservation and the environment. The grant to SOLINET brings to \$12.1 million the total support that the Foundation has provided for support of cultural and higher education institutions affected by the 2005 hurricanes. Information about the Foundation, including its annual reports, is available on its website, [www.mellon.org](http://www.mellon.org).

### **SOLINET, bLogistics to Help Members Manage Discards**

SOLINET and bLogistics are collaborating to help members manage materials that are no longer in circulation.

bLogistics accepts surplus books, CDs, and DVDs from libraries and then sells these items on e-commerce sites, such as Amazon, eBay, and Alibris. Sales revenue is shared between bLogistics and the library. Libraries use bLogistics' services to replace local book sales or to complement them by sending those items that do not sell in the library's bookshop.

The bLogistics program is also environmentally friendly. Items that do not sell are donated to nonprofit organizations, whenever possible. Those items that cannot be donated are recycled. Nothing sent to bLogistics ends up in landfills.

Details about SOLINET's partnership with bLogistics are available on the bLogistics product page on the SOLINET website, [www.solinet.net/bLogistics](http://www.solinet.net/bLogistics). A referral form is linked to the product page, allowing interested libraries to get involved.

### **Public Libraries Plan for Rebuilding Along Gulf Coast**

Library professionals, trustees and community leaders explored opportunities and shared rebuilding ideas when they convened in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on November 28-30, to discuss strategies to rebuild lost library facilities on the Gulf Coast.

Representatives from 14 public libraries in Louisiana and Mississippi affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita attended *Building Libraries, Building Community: A Summit on the Role of Public Libraries in Re-creating Community on the Gulf Coast*. The Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET) in partnership with the Mississippi Library Commission and the State Library of Louisiana, hosted the event as part of an initiative funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The three-day conference offered concepts of libraries as agents of community transformation. Dr. Eugenie Prime, former Manager of Corporate Libraries for the Hewlett-Packard Company, delivered an inspirational keynote address, while conference sessions featured presentations based on practical experience, research and trend analyses lead by local and national experts in the fields of economic impact; disaster recovery and business

development; community planning; technology; library planning and design; and library futures.

Local and national experts making presentations at the Summit included Dr. John C. Bertot, Steven Bingler, Leslie Burger, Steve Cisler, Fred Kent, Cynthia Nikitin, Pamela Pridgen, Raymond Santiago, Diantha Dow Schull, Loren C. Scott, Leland Speed and Nancy Tessman. A full agenda and program can be viewed on the [SOLINET Web site](#).

Summit attendees received proposal guidelines detailing non-competitive grants, averaging \$75,000, for each parish and county to develop rebuilding plans for new buildings as part of SOLINET's Gulf Coast Libraries Recovery Project. In addition to support for planning new buildings, the Project will provide temporary libraries and book/tech mobiles, technology, materials, and staffing for Louisiana parish libraries in Calcasieu, Cameron, Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, Terrebonne, Vermilion, and Washington. Libraries in Mississippi receiving support include the library systems in Hancock and Harrison counties as well as the Jackson-George Regional Library System and the Long Beach Municipal Public Library.

### **SOLINET PERSONNEL NEWS**

#### **SOLINET Hires Robert Aaron as Senior Membership and Services Librarian**

SOLINET has hired Robert Aaron as Senior Membership and Services Librarian, part of SOLINET's Member Outreach and Communications team. Aaron's role will be to help members

maximize their membership benefits by consulting with them regarding SOLINET services and products. He will work primarily with members in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Kentucky.

Aaron will discuss members' needs with them and advise them on resources that can improve workflow, better serve patrons' needs, make the most of budget dollars, provide additional training on library-related software, and extend the useful life of their collection and resources.

### **EBSCO PRODUCT NEWS**

#### **EBSCO Offers Individual Online Access to 1,300+ Top Elsevier Titles** *E-Select™: E-journals from Elsevier,* *Powered by ScienceDirect®*

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Specifically designed for individual-title online access, E-Select: E-journals from Elsevier provides full text access to more than 1,300 titles in the areas of social sciences and STM. It also includes access to a backfile of subscribed content dating back to January 1995. Additionally, researchers have the ability to search all articles available on the ScienceDirect® platform, including access to nearly eight million abstracts. They can also set up alerts to notify when new issues are available electronically (often prior to print). Individual password access is available