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SELA ACTIVITIES:

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SELA Membership and Mentoring Committee

Recently, SELA developed a mentoring program to serve its members (librarians, library science students and library paraprofessionals). The goals of the new mentoring program are to aid SELA

members in becoming familiar with the SELA organization, and to help understand librarianship by working with established library professionals. Some of the specific benefits one can gain from becoming involved in the mentoring program are networking with professionals, seeing how committees work, attending workshops, and developing leadership skills. The mentoring program will normally run for one year with the possibility of a second year.

To find out more information about the mentoring program, please contact Hal Mendelsohn, Chair, Membership and Mentoring Committee hmendels@mail.ucf.edu or Gordon Baker, Secretary, SELA gordonbaker@clayton.edu. If you are interested in signing up to be either a mentor or mentee, please contact Hal Mendelsohn or Gordon Baker.

SELA is in the process of upgrading its web site <http://sela.jsu.edu/>. Once the changes have been made, information about the Mentoring Program can be found under the "Membership" section.

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

**The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
Awards Additional Money to the
HBCU Library Alliance to Fund
Leadership Program**

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation awarded a second grant, an additional \$600,000, to the HBCU Library Alliance for the continuation of its Leadership Institute, which was held August 11-15 in Peachtree City, GA.

The primary objectives of the Leadership Institute are to provide theoretical and practical instruction and useful resources to encourage the development of leadership skills within the HBCU library community.

Eleven libraries will participate in the Leadership Institute. Those libraries are Hinds Community College in Mississippi; Jackson State University in Mississippi; Johnson C. Smith in North Carolina; Mississippi Valley State University; Morehouse School of Medicine in Georgia; North Carolina Central; Southern University in Louisiana; St. Augustine's College in North Carolina; Tougaloo College in Alabama; Tuskegee University in Alabama; and Wiley College in Texas.

The HBCU Library Alliance will also begin its inaugural mentor development pilot program. This program will be facilitated by The Human Resource Department – Atlanta. Six directors of HBCU libraries who have previously participated in the Leadership Institute will serve as mentors for the program during 2007-2008.

The mentors are:

- **Zenobia Blackmon**,
Trenholm State, Ala.
- **Mary Jo Fayoyin**, Savannah
State, Ga.
- **Marilyn Gibbs**, Claflin State,
SC
- **Laverne McLaughlin**,
Albany State, Ga.
- **Loretta Parham**, The Robert
W. Woodruff of the Atlanta
University Center, Ga.
- **Joan Williams**, Bennett
College, NC

**ASERL Elects New Board of
Directors**

The Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL) recently elected new members to its Board of Directors. The 2007-2008 ASERL Board includes:

- *President:*
Louis Pitschmann, Dean of
University Libraries, University
of Alabama
- *Past President:*
Lance Query, Dean of Libraries
& Academic Information
Resources, Tulane University,
LA

- *President-Elect:*
Bonnie MacEwan, Dean of Libraries, Auburn University, AL
- *Secretary-Treasurer:*
Sylverna Ford, Dean of Libraries, University of Memphis, TN
- *At-large members:*
Rosann Bazirjian, University Librarian, University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Deborah Jakubs, Vice Provost for Library Affairs, Duke University, NC
Julia Rholes, Dean of Libraries, University of Mississippi

In 2007-2008, ASERL will continue to focus on program development for the benefit of its member libraries. Included in ASERL's programmatic plan is the continuation of its training for non-librarian managers working in research libraries; hosting a "New Age of Discovery" institute to discuss the ongoing changes to library cataloging and resource discovery; the investigation of a cooperative government documents program; and exploring options for a cooperative digitization effort in coordination with the Open Content Alliance. ASERL will also continue to provide input on the development of the North American Storage Trust. The organization will also seek updated technology and functionality to enhance Kudzu, the association's shared catalog system.

Founded in 1956, ASERL is the largest regional academic library cooperative in the country, with 37 research libraries across ten states. ASERL was a founding member of the Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET) and established SOLINET's group licensing program.

For more information about ASERL's ongoing programs, please visit www.aserl.org.

SOLINET PRODUCT NEWS

SOLINET RELEASES RESULTS OF SCENARIO PLANNING DISCUSSIONS

The Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET) has released a 12-page report detailing results of recent discussions regarding the future of libraries.

The report, [now available online](#), comes after a series of 12 discussion groups SOLINET facilitated with its members throughout the Southeast, further exemplifying the organization's commitment to anticipating and adapting to changes in the library landscape. The discussions focused on three scenarios, developed by the Board of Directors, which depict libraries three to five years into the future. Participants debated what was likely, unlikely, and missing in each of the scenarios.

According to the report, the library environment for the next 3-5 years is focused on:

- New service models for libraries
- Changing role of collections
- Staff transformation
- Re-purposing buildings
- More assessment
- Keeping up with and in control of technology.

SOLINET encourages other libraries to use the scenarios to lead discussions