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**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](http://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

within the library, their communities, or as part of a local strategic planning effort.

**REPORT:**

[www.solinet.net/emplibfile/ScenarioPlanningReport.pdf](http://www.solinet.net/emplibfile/ScenarioPlanningReport.pdf)

**SCENARIOS:**

[www.solinet.net/emplibfile/ACF1C65.pdf](http://www.solinet.net/emplibfile/ACF1C65.pdf)

**SOLINET Elects 2007/2008 Board, Officers, and OCLC Members Council Delegation**

Eligible SOLINET member institutions have elected four representatives to the Board of Directors and three delegates to the OCLC Members Council.

New SOLINET Board of Directors members are:

- **Rebecca Hamilton**, Director and State Librarian of the State Library of Louisiana
- **Elizabeth Hammond**, Dean of University Libraries at Mercer University in Georgia
- **Sol Hirsch**, Director of the Alachua County Library District in Florida
- **Richard Madaus**, Executive Director of the College Center for Library Automation in Florida.

The new Board of Directors elected these officers:

- *Chair:* **Carol Pitts Diedrichs**, Dean of Libraries at the University of Kentucky
- *Vice Chair:* **Willis Sheftall**, Professor of Economics at Morehouse College in Georgia

- *Treasurer:* **Bill Miller**, Dean of Libraries at Florida Atlantic University
- *Secretary:* **Laura Davidson**, Dean of Library Information Services at Meredith College in North Carolina

The following people have joined the SOLINET delegation to the OCLC Members Council:

- **Rosann Bazirjian**, University Librarian at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- **Loretta Parham**, CEO and Library Director of the Robert W. Woodruff Library of the Atlanta University Center in Georgia
- **John Szabo**, Director of the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System in Georgia.

**Librarians Form Council to Meet Needs of Public Libraries in the Southeast**

State librarians from twelve southeastern states have formed the Southern Council of State Library Agencies, Inc.

The purposes of the Southern Council are:

- to improve library services and further the development of library services
- to enunciate a position of members on regional and national issues of common interest
- to facilitate the sharing of ideas
- to provide a mechanism for cooperative activities

- to enhance staff development for members of the Southern Council of State Library Agencies.

Twelve state libraries are members of the Southern Council: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

The initial Board includes the following state librarians:

- **Carolyn Ashcraft**, Arkansas
- **Mary L. Boone**, North Carolina
- **David Goble**, South Carolina
- **Rebecca L. Hamilton**, Louisiana
- **Rebecca Mitchell**, Alabama
- **Wayne Onkst**, Kentucky
- **Judith Ring**, Florida
- **Sharman Bridges Smith**, Mississippi
- **Jeanne Sugg**, Tennessee
- **Lamar Veatch**, Georgia
- **J.D. Waggoner**, West Virginia
- **Nolan Yelich**, Virginia

The group recently met to adopt bylaws, elect officers, establish a dues structure, and determine the date, time, location and topics of discussion for the next meeting. In addition, they discussed possible collaborative projects including mentoring and common services. The Southern Council plans to meet at least three times a year, generally in conjunction with another meeting where all member institutions are represented. The next meeting is scheduled for October in Omaha where all state librarians gather for the annual Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA) meeting.

Cal Shepard, Manager of Consortial Outreach for SOLINET will act as the liaison between the group and SOLINET. SOLINET was instrumental in the establishment of this group and will provide ongoing assistance and support.

### **Library Journal Honors SOLINET Member Librarians as “Movers & Shakers”**

SOLINET congratulates 12 member librarians, recently recognized as 2007 “Movers & Shakers” by *Library Journal* (names are listed below, with links to the *Library Journal* feature). These individuals are the people shaping the future of libraries, and they will be honored during the American Library Association Conference in Washington, DC.

Please join SOLINET as we celebrate these individuals who are making a difference in the library profession.

- **Helene Blowers**, Public Services Technology Director, Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County, NC  
<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6423431.html>
- **Michael Casey**, Division Director, Technology Services, Gwinnett County Public Library, GA  
<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6423425.html>
- **Kelly Czarnecki**, Teen Librarian, ImaginOn, Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County, NC  
<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6423427.html>

- **Jill Grogg**, Assistant Professor and Electronic Resources Librarian, University of Alabama Libraries; Adjunct Instructor, University of Alabama SLIS, Tuscaloosa  
<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6423410.html>
- **Melissa Johnston**, Media Specialist, Silver City Elementary, Cumming, GA  
<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6423412.html>
- **Leslie Jones**, Collection Development Manager, Pasco County Library System, New Port Richey, FL  
<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6423401.html>
- **Emily Lynema**, Systems Librarian for Digital Projects, North Carolina State University Libraries, Raleigh  
<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6423426.html>
- **Brian S. Mathews**, Information Services Librarian & Distance Learning Services Coordinator, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta  
<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6423439.html>  
<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6423393.html>
- **Sharon Morris**, Customer Service Coordinator, Broward County Library, Fort Lauderdale, FL  
<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6423436.html>
- **Ross Singer**, Application Developer, Georgia Tech Library and Information Center, Atlanta  
<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6423429.html>
- **Catherine Vanstone**, Assistant Director for Technology, Training, and Development, Southwest Georgia Regional Library, Bainbridge  
<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6423404.html>
- **Larry N. White**, Assistant Professor of Library Science and Coordinator, Library Science Program, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC  
<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6423434.html>

### Shaping Outcomes National Launch

Shaping Outcomes, a new online course in outcome based planning and evaluation (OBPE), is available to the museum and library professionals. Shaping Outcomes is a collaboration between the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis (IUPUI) to create an instructor mediated online short-course that trains participants to master and apply OBPE concepts to museum and library programming, and exhibition planning. Participants in Shaping Outcomes work at their own pace through five interactive modules over approximately five weeks. With the support of an instructor, they learn the vocabulary and methods of Operand they develop a logic model for a

program or project at their own institution.

Shaping Outcomes courses are being offered in the Summer and Fall of 2007, free of charge, for library and museum professionals nationwide. A special section for library and museum studies faculty, professional trainers, or others who might teach Shaping Outcomes or incorporate it in their own curriculum is being offered in October 2007. If you are interested in registering for one of these courses or learning more about these course offerings, please explore our website [www.shapingoutcomes.org](http://www.shapingoutcomes.org) or contact the project manager by email at [outcomes@iupui.edu](mailto:outcomes@iupui.edu) or through postal mail at:

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### **SOLINET Helps Coordinate Disaster Response Program**

Known for its expertise in preservation, SOLINET is assisting in the coordination of a disaster response program that will enable cultural organizations and local emergency personnel to efficiently respond to disasters that endanger the area's cultural and historical documents.

On February 8, 2007, SOLINET, in coordination with the Georgia Archives and the High Museum of Art, co-sponsored the Atlanta Alliance for Response Forum at the High Museum.

The forum brought together representatives from 80 cultural institutions, local emergency management agencies, and disaster recovery vendors to initiate a dialog between the groups, share best practices and resources for disaster planning, and explore how partnerships can improve local response efforts.

The morning panels included a discussion with first responders from the local, state and federal levels as well as a panel of administrators from cultural institutions focusing on major disasters in cultural institutions. The afternoon program focused on planning local and regional disaster planning networks and was followed by break-out sessions that examined ways in which the various institutions could collaborate with each other in future disaster planning and recovery efforts.

The forums are part of a national program on cultural heritage and disaster management sponsored by Heritage Preservation to bring together local emergency managers with the cultural heritage community. Knowing that first responders to any emergency will be local personnel, it is important for partnerships between cultural institutions and emergency personnel to be in place before disasters.

Other ideas that came out of the initial meeting include

- The need for a centralized site of recovery supplies
- Training for both cultural institution staff and emergency personnel regarding each other's needs

- Creating a comprehensive list of cultural institutions in the area including a website with disaster recovery information and links to other resources
- A mutual aid network to help in training and recovery
- The need for organizations to have up-to-date disaster plans stored in a safe place offsite
- Committing to share all types of resources (human, supplies, equipment) in case of a disaster
- Identification of experts in insurance underwriting, security, engineering, and appraisal to advise in case of a disaster.

Attendees complimented the Alliance for Response for giving them a chance to form relationships with others in the area who could help in an emergency. The program also emphasized the need for maintaining an up-to-date disaster response plan.

### **Gulf Coast Libraries Project Celebrates Reopening of First Libraries in Louisiana**

On Monday, February 26, 2007, an emotional ribbon-cutting ceremony was held to celebrate the first reopening of library branches in Louisiana.

Two temporary facilities, Cameron and Grand Chenier, are the first of 21 facilities that will reopen as part of the Southeastern Library Network's (SOLINET's) Gulf Coast Libraries Project. SOLINET administers the \$12.2 million grant-supported, three-year initiative, which is funded by the Bill &

Melinda Gates Foundation to support public libraries damaged by hurricanes in Louisiana and Mississippi in 2005.

State and local leaders attending the event included Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu, U.S. Rep. Charles Boustany (R-La.), State Librarian Rebecca Hamilton, Library Board President Cyndi Sellers, Library Director Charlotte Trosclair and SOLINET Project Manager Mary Ellin Santiago. All are very enthusiastic about the project and excited about the reopening and the significance of this project milestone.

The Cameron Parish libraries suffered extreme damage from Hurricane Rita. Cameron Parish Library was not able to salvage a stick from its building, or a book from its card catalog. The only thing remaining from the two library locations was a few bits of metal left in the trees behind the Grand Chenier branch.

Cameron Parish is one of nine library systems to receive funds from the Gulf Coast Libraries Project. They received two furnished temporary buildings with computers and Internet service, materials, and funding for staff to operate the facilities for 36 months. In addition, the parish will receive a high-tech mobile library later this year. The grant will cover the operating expenses in Cameron that will enable the community to utilize local funds to begin the process of planning and rebuilding a permanent public library as soon as possible.

### **Gulf Coast Libraries Project Marks First Library Reopening in Mississippi**

On Wednesday, March 7, 2007, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held to celebrate the first reopening of a library branch in Hancock County, Mississippi.

The Waveland Public Library is the first facility in Mississippi, and the third of 21 facilities that will reopen as part of the Southeastern Library Network's (SOLINET's) Gulf Coast Libraries Project. SOLINET administers the \$12.2 million grant-supported, three-year initiative, which is funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to support public libraries damaged by hurricanes in Louisiana and Mississippi in 2005.

Civic leaders attending the event included Waveland Mayor John Thomas Longo; Sharman Smith, Executive Director, Mississippi Library Commission; David Woodburn, Executive Director, Hancock County Library System; Kate Nevins, Executive Director, SOLINET; and Mary Ellin Santiago, Project Manager, SOLINET. All are very enthusiastic about the project and excited about the reopening and the significance of this project milestone for the state of Mississippi.

The Waveland library suffered extreme damage from Hurricane Katrina. Even though the library had undergone a renovation and expansion two years prior to the storm, the 33-foot storm surge and 145 mph winds meant that everything was lost.

The Hancock County Library System is one of nine library systems to receive funds from the Gulf Coast Libraries

Project. They received a furnished temporary building with computers and Internet service, materials, and funding for staff to operate the facilities for 36 months. The grant will cover the operating expenses in Waveland that will enable the community to utilize local funds to begin the process of planning and rebuilding a permanent public library as soon as possible.

### **SOLINET Awarded Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services**

The Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET) has been awarded a grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), which will be used to bolster the Gulf Coast Libraries Project, a three-year initiative to re-establish public libraries in Louisiana and Mississippi.

The \$866,284 grant, part of the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program, will create staff capacity and strengthen staff skills in 16 public library systems in Louisiana and Mississippi that suffered severe damage and destruction from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005. SOLINET, in partnership with the affected libraries, will provide staff to operate temporary library facilities in communities while permanent libraries are planned and rebuilt, as well as continuing education to build knowledgeable, skilled library staff to support these communities as they rebuild and recover.

The two-year Staffing Gulf Coast Libraries Project will work in synergy with a multi-year project funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The Gates Foundation project supports

recovery of public libraries in Louisiana and Mississippi by providing and operating temporary library facilities where services are currently unavailable due to building loss, assisting libraries with planning for rebuilding, and replacing all lost public access computers. In August 2006, SOLINET received a \$12.2 million grant from the Gates Foundation to support the Gulf Coast Libraries Project.

**SOLINET and Emerald Group  
Publishing Limited Announce  
Winners of Emerald Management  
Xtra College Awards**

In celebration of Emerald Group Publishing Limited 40th year in publishing, SOLINET and Emerald created the Emerald Management Xtra College awards. The Emerald Management Xtra College awards provide an opportunity for SOLINET members to win one of five free 12-month online subscriptions to Emerald Management Xtra College.

SOLINET and Emerald are pleased to announce the following five institutions as winners of the Emerald Management Xtra College Awards:

- Central Piedmont Community College in North Carolina
- Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Mississippi
- Cleveland Community College in North Carolina
- Piedmont Community College in North Carolina
- Wake Technical Community College in North Carolina

To be eligible to win the Emerald Management Xtra College Awards, an institution had to be a SOLINET community college member that requested a free trial of Emerald Management Xtra College. After the trial, the member was required to complete an online questionnaire about how their college could benefit from a free 12-month subscription to Emerald Management Xtra College. The joint venture between Emerald and SOLINET to create this contest was the first of its kind.

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