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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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EBSCO is pleased to announce the launch of our new Web site, where a host of useful content about our products, services and partnerships awaits you.

From acquisition and budgeting tools that facilitate collection development and help simplify budget dollar allocation to complimentary Web-based training and online support, you'll find it all at ebsco.com.

More than mere brochureware, ebsco.com provides a myriad of tools and resources that can help ease the ever-complex intricacies of e-resource access and management.

- Supplement your ebsco.com experience with free trials, interactive training sessions and event networking opportunities.

- Learn about the latest news from EBSCO via RSS.

- Give yourself or a colleague the opportunity to attend a library conference through an [EBSCO Educational Sponsorship](#).

- Identify best practices from the academic realm and consider how to adapt them in your own institution through our Vantage Point literature series.

In addition to serving all types of libraries and research organizations worldwide, EBSCO upholds relationships with more than 79,000 publishers globally. Matching the content needs of information suppliers and consumers is one of EBSCO's core strengths, and we have developed a [wide range of proven solutions and services](#) to support this effort.

Through Partnership With WebFeat, EBSCO Announces WebFeat Express 3.0 and Other Product Enhancements

EBSCO is pleased to partner with WebFeat in providing a new series of federated search administration and authentication products. WebFeat will debut this new line of products, including WebFeat Express 3.0, June 23 at the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

The latest release of WebFeat's highly popular Express federated search engine, WebFeat Express 3.0, includes spell-check, as well as integrated Menu Manager and WebFeat Proxy. The WebFeat Express spell-checker joins the Library of Congress and MeSH thesauri already incorporated into the product. WebFeat's spell-checker supports multiple languages, as well as medical, pharmaceutical, legal, botanical, geographical and scientific/engineering specialty dictionaries. Integrated spell-check, thesauri, topical clustering, relevancy ranking and multiple sort options provide WebFeat users with unparalleled results sorting and search refining capabilities.

WebFeat Proxy(tm) enables single sign-on for all e-resources accessed through the WebFeat menu, regardless of whether accessed via the WebFeat federated search or through each resource's own native search interface. WebFeat Proxy is a hosted solution, eliminating the hardware and software expense and labor of locally hosted proxy solutions.

WebFeat Menu Manager(tm), a portal management system, enables the easy setup and maintenance of e-resource menus, including resource selection, subject category configuration, help text and user interface customization. Menu Manager may either be used in concert with the WebFeat Express federated search engine or purchased as an independent electronic resource manager.

WebFeat Enterprise Administration Manager(tm) debuts as the industry's first multi-library e-resource and federated search administration system. The Enterprise Administrative Console enables administrators to easily build an unlimited number of independent WebFeat profiles and import configuration settings from parent systems. Profiles can include different database configurations, subject category organization, catalogs, authentication and user interfaces. The Enterprise Administrative Console can be used with

multi-library networks or multi-branch library systems.

"WebFeat Express 3.0, Menu Manager, WebFeat Proxy and Enterprise Administrative Console collectively represent our most ambitious launch of new products and enhancements in the company's nine year history," said Todd Miller, President and Founder of WebFeat.

Winners Named for the 2007 EBSCO/MLA Annual Meeting Grants

EBSCO Information Services and the Medical Library Association (MLA) are pleased to announce the winners of the 2007 EBSCO/MLA Annual Meeting Grants.

They are:
- **Agnes Chikonzo***, College of Health Sciences Library, University of Zimbabwe, Avondale, Harare, Zimbabwe
- **Ladonna Guillot***, Baton Rouge Nursing Library, Southeastern Louisiana University, Baton Rouge, La.
- **Maureen Knapp***, John P. Isché Library, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans
- **Lauren Young***, Rowland Medical Library, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, Miss.

The grant, which subsidizes conference costs for first-time attendees, enables MLA members who are new to the profession to attend the association's annual meeting. The award provides up

to $1,000 for travel and conference-related expenses.

Applicants must be currently employed as health sciences librarians and have between two and five years' experience working in a health sciences library. For more information about this award, visit http://www.mlanet.org/awards/grants/index.html.

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Birmingham Public Library

The Birmingham Public Library received a grant for $15,000 to continue BPL @ Night. This is a series of monthly programs and concerts for adults held after hours in the library's atrium under the trees.

So far, programs have included a jazz concert by Eric Essex and his band, a performance by Umdabu - an African Dance Troupe, a performance by Muse of Fire - an alternative Shakespeare group, and an evening with Andy Offutt Irwin, Storyteller and Performer. This grant was made possible, in part, by the Jefferson County Commission through the Jefferson County Community Arts Fund administered by the Cultural Alliance of Greater Birmingham.

The Birmingham Public Library was selected-as one of twenty libraries nationwide-to demonstrate its community services to members of Congress on June 26 in Washington, D.C.

Along with the New York Public Library, the Georgia Public Library System, and