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SELA Activities

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her look too hard. Let her know that you want to serve SELA and make it and our profession better. It can be a lot of work, but it can also be a fun, learning experience. And you meet the best people. I've met some amazing people through my work with SELA and I wouldn't give that up for the world.

So get involved – share your ideas and thoughts with me and let Kathleen know what you'll do to help SELA in the next two years. You won't believe what a great time you'll have.

Don't forget that the conference will be here before you know it. Keep an eye on our website <http://sela.jsu.edu/> and on the KLA website <http://www.kylibasn.org/conferences620.cfm> for updates. You can even reserve your room. I hope to see you in Louisville in October!

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SELA ACTIVITIES:

The 2006 – 2008 Southeastern Library Association Officers are:

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SELA Mentoring Program

- Are you interested in developing your skills as a librarian or library associate?
- Are you interested in helping someone to develop their skills as a librarian or library associate?
- Are you interested in learning about SELA and how it functions?

- Are you interested in becoming more involved in SELA, possibly participating in a leadership position?

The SELA Mentoring Program was developed to match SELA members who are experienced library professionals (librarian or library associate) with members who are seeking direction and help in their library careers. The mentoring program will assist those who participate in the program to succeed, empower themselves to make decisions, enhance self-awareness, and promote a sense of belonging by learning necessary professional skills and how the SELA organization functions. Check out the mentoring program on the SELA Web Page under the Membership link <http://sela.jsu.edu/membership/index.htm>.

If you have any questions about the SELA Mentoring Program, contact Hal Mendelsohn, Chair, Membership and Mentoring Committee at hmendels@mail.ucf.edu.

At the KLA/SELA Conference in October 1-4, 2008, Louisville, KY, the SELA Membership and Mentoring Committee will have a poster session and a panel discussion on mentoring and specifically the SELA Mentoring Program. Please stop by either the poster session or the panel discussion and inquire as to how you can participate.

**SELA University and College Library
Section
2008 New Voices Call for Papers**

Are you looking for the perfect venue to present and publish? If you answered yes, then **New Voices** wants to hear from you. This is a great opportunity for new

librarians with less than 5 years of experience!

New Voices is an opportunity for new librarians to present their ideas and perspectives on current library issues. This program is sponsored by the University and College Library Section of the Southeastern Library Association.

What: Papers to be presented at the 2008 KLA/KSMA/SELA/ARL National Diversity in Libraries Conference (NDLC), "Spectrum of the Future." The selected paper will also be considered for publication in the *Southeastern Librarian*.

Theme: Papers should focus on diversity.

Who: Professionally employed librarians with less than 5 years of experience. Recipients **must** be able to attend and present paper at the 2008 SELA Conference.

When: October 1-4, 2008

Where: Louisville, Kentucky at the Louisville Marriott Downtown

Deadline for submission: May 1, 2008

Please submit your paper and/or questions to Rose Davis at Rose.Davis@wku.edu.

Mark your Calendars. 2008 is right around the corner! See you in Kentucky!

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HBCU NEWS

HBCU Library Alliance Holds its Second Leadership Institute

The HBCU Library Alliance held its second Leadership Institute, August 10-15, 2007, at the Aberdeen Woods Conference Center in Peachtree City, Ga.

The 2007-2008 Institute, facilitated by KTA Global Partners, was kicked off by opening speaker Kate Nevins, Executive Director of the Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET). Speakers such as Charles Greene, from the White House Initiative on HBCUs, also participated in the six-day event.

“Hosting the leadership institute is one of the major activities for the Alliance,” said Lillian Lewis, HBCU Library Alliance. “Our goal is to address the impending shortage of library directors by preparing trained leaders to deal with the complex issues facing libraries. The participants are also better able to advance a vision for the library as a valued partner in the teaching mission of their institution.”

Funded by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the Leadership Institute was established to provide

theoretical and practical instruction and useful resources to encourage the development of leadership skills within the HBCU library community.

Eleven libraries participated in this year’s Leadership Institute. Those libraries were **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.

HBCU Library Alliance Begins Mentor Development Program at Leadership Institute

The HBCU Library Alliance debuted an innovative program to develop mentors at its second Leadership Institute. The Mentor Development Program is part of a larger initiative, funded by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, to foster and develop leadership within libraries at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

Mentoring was a critical factor in the success of the HBCU Library Alliance’s first Leadership Institute, providing a support network for participants during the Institute and beyond. The Mentor Development Program seeks to strengthen coaching and mentoring skills for selected participants in the first Leadership Institute, and provides a practical opportunity for using coaching and mentoring within the context of the second Leadership Institute.