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SOLINET Product News

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Phoenix has more than 20 years of administrative experience at nonprofit organizations. She has a bachelors degree in business management from Savannah State University in Georgia and a masters of library and information science from Florida State University. She has extensive project management experience and strong leadership and organizational skills.

“The work of the HBCU Library Alliance and the needs identified by the Alliance were the impetus for me to get my library science degree,” Phoenix said. “The Alliance and SOLINET encouraged and supported me during this endeavor, and now, it’s my turn to use my skills, experience and education to support and develop the alliance.”

SOLINET PRODUCT NEWS

SOLINET Educational Services Goes Green

As part of SOLINET’s continuing initiative to save natural and financial resources, the Educational Services department has taken several “green” steps.

One of the most significant changes is beginning with Spring 2008, the quarterly class schedule is no longer being printed and mailed. Instead, the schedule will be available on the SOLINET website as a PDF, and the link will be emailed each quarter to people who have requested it. To request the email, please email Vanessa Richardson at richardson@solinet.net. In addition, instructors are encouraged to telecommute whenever possible, carpool, rent hybrid cars when traveling, use public transportation, and recycle

plastics and aluminum. Other ways the department is cutting down on paper is by creating only electronic versions of class handouts and class evaluations and sending contracts and letters to host sites electronically.

This is just one in a series of changes departments throughout SOLINET are making for conservation. Other actions include the emailing of invoices and billing statements rather than sending hard copies. In addition, most SOLINET member publications are distributed electronically. The weekly *SOLINET Update* is emailed to members, and the bimonthly *SOLINET Solutions* is available as a PDF on the SOLINET website.

SOLINET to Offer Atlas’ Aeon

SOLINET is pleased to offer Atlas’ Aeon, a workflow and circulation automation system for special collections libraries.

Aeon offers a customizable web interface for patron requesting, controlled access to class reserve materials, OpenURL linking with ILS and EAD finding aids, and other features.

For details about Aeon and the SOLINET offer regarding it, please see www.solinet.net/Aeon. Atlas is best-known for its development of ILLiad, an interlibrary loan management software.

SOLINET Elects 2008-2009 Board, Officers and Members Council Delegates

Eligible SOLINET members have elected two representatives to the Board

of Directors and two delegates to the OCLC Members Council.

New SOLINET Board members are:

- George Gaumont, University Librarian at Valdosta State University in Georgia
- Merrily Taylor, Professor and University Librarian at Washington & Lee University in Virginia.

The new Board of Directors elected these officers:

- Chair: Carol Pitts Diedrichs, Dean of Libraries at the University of Kentucky
- Vice Chair: Richard Madaus, Executive Director of the College Center for Library Automation in Florida
- Secretary: Laura Davidson, Dean of Library Information Services at Meredith College in North Carolina
- Treasurer: Sol Hirsch, Director of the Alachua County Library District in Florida.

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

- Barbara Dewey, Dean of Libraries at the University of Tennessee – Knoxville
- Lamar Veatch, Associate Vice Chancellor and State Librarian of the Georgia Public Library Service.

SOLINET's New Web Site Offers Added Value

SOLINET launched its new Web site at www.solinet.net, to offer added value to its members and other Web visitors.

SOLINET's new Web site is part of a series of innovative initiatives that the cooperative is undertaking to reinforce its strong foundation of member service.

Among the site's new features are:

- Full site search capability by keyword
- Enhanced search capability for classes and products
- New FAQ resource
- Expanded online product order capability
- More user-friendly navigation

As is customary for virtually all Web sites developed today, 1024 x 768 is the screen resolution that is best viewed. Along with the new Web site, SOLINET is also presenting its new corporate colors and stylized name.

SOLINET to Provide Training on Evergreen Software

SOLINET is pleased to announce a new partnership with Equinox Software, the support and development company for Evergreen integrated library system software, in use in hundreds of libraries. This agreement establishes SOLINET as Equinox's provider of choice for worldwide training on Evergreen software to libraries. Evergreen is an open-source Integrated Library System capable of supporting the workload of large library systems and consortia. SOLINET is Equinox's endorsed partner

to provide worldwide instruction on the Evergreen product.

Evergreen users will attend classes specially developed for them by SOLINET instructional staff. As the software changes and evolves, these classes will be updated to reflect those changes. SOLINET instructors will teach these classes using distance education software, giving the students the benefit of instructor-led classes without the expense and time of travel.

SOLINET Introduces Consortial Licensing Program

SOLINET has instituted a new program to benefit library consortia. The Consortial Licensing Program gives library consortia the opportunity to outsource their electronic resource licensing activities to SOLINET.

The program is open to anyone, not just consortial members of SOLINET or library consortia in the Southeast. The program is flexible, allowing customization based on each consortium's own needs and the needs of its members. Services available through the program include managing new offers, handling renewals, setting up a licensing program and administering the program. Specific activities include:

- Identifying member interests and needs
- Handling contract negotiations with vendors
- Creating and maintaining contact lists
- Billing and collecting payments
- Managing trials

To participate in the program or to get more information about it, please contact Ed McBride, SOLINET Chief Marketing

& Outreach Officer, at emcbride@solinet.net or Randy Bell, SOLINET Manager of Program Management & Development, at rbell@solinet.net. The phone number is 800-999-8558.

SOLINET PERSONNEL NEWS

Karen Brown Letarte Joins SOLINET's Reenergized Consulting Services Program

SOLINET is expanding its capabilities and adding new resources with the addition of Karen Brown Letarte as Consultant for Library Planning and Effectiveness.

Formerly serving as Head of Cataloging and Metadata at North Carolina State University Libraries, Ms. Letarte has more than twenty-five years of experience in the library field. Her areas of expertise include workflow analysis, library re-engineering, staff development and training, WorldCat Collection analysis, electronic resources management, fiscal management, collection development and acquisitions, and library diversity issues.

Other valued team members of the Consulting Services Program are Kate Nevins, Cal Shepard, Ed McBride, Heather Dray, Kate Vincent, Brenda Banks, Elaine Roegge and Kara McClurken. They provide expertise in consortia building, strategic planning, staff development, meeting facilitation, preservation issues, grant writing, citizen advocacy, ebook adoption, resource sharing, ILL workflow and other areas.