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The Network Education Exchange will offer library and technology-related programming on a wide variety of topics ranging from Internet searching and Web publishing to MARC basics and emerging metadata topics.

About SOLINET

Founded in 1973, SOLINET is a non-profit membership organization serving more than 2600 libraries of all types and sizes in ten Southeastern states and the Caribbean. Primary programs are Member Outreach, OCLC Services, Preservation & Access, Electronic Resources, Library Products, Digital Services, Educational Services, and Consulting. Visit SOLINET at www.solinet.net.

About Amigos

A non-profit, membership-based organization, Amigos is one of the largest library service networks in the nation. Amigos membership consists of over 650 libraries and cultural institutions, located primarily in Arizona, Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas, that utilize a comprehensive array of services including cataloging, reference, resource sharing, preservation, digital imaging, consulting, and training. Visit Amigos at www.amigos.org.

About NELINET

NELINET is a non-profit membership cooperative of nearly 700 academic, public, and special libraries in the six New England states. NELINET works collaboratively with members to shape the future of New England libraries in the evolving information environment. NELINET invites museums, archives, and historical societies to become members. Visit NELINET at www.nelinet.net.

About Nylink

Established in 1973, Nylink is a not-for-profit membership organization for all types of libraries and information organizations throughout New York State and surrounding areas. Nylink's goal is to assist and provide libraries and related organizations with the information, training and support they need, while maintaining a high level of service and commitment. Visit Nylink at www.nylink.org.

About PALINET

PALINET is a cooperative membership organization of hundreds of institutions that collect, preserve and provide access to the record of humankind. These institutions include libraries, information centers, museums, archives, and other similar organizations situated in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and neighboring states. Visit PALINET at www.palinet.org.

SOLINET MEMBERS SAVE 67% ON CCC TRANSACTIONAL REPORTING FEES

SOLINET member libraries using the Copyright Clearance Center's (CCC) Transactional Reporting Service (TRS) for interlibrary loan, document delivery, and print reserves can now save money by participating in the Volume Purchase Program (VPP). TRS, a popular and widely used CCC solution for academic users, provides internet access to permissions and prices for photocopying copyrighted material. VPP is a consortial discount program for TRS users that provides a 67% discount off the TRS processing fee.

A VPP-eligible consortium is a voluntary and expandable aggregate of TRS users whose collective annual payout on copyright permission was at least \$10,000 the previous year. The SOLINET membership as a whole meets that requirement, making any SOLINET member using TRS eligible to participate. The greatest benefit will be experienced by libraries with more than 30 such transactions per year – in particular, mid-size libraries with smaller collections and a greater need for ILL.

Participation will be renewable annually with an \$85 annual registration fee. CCC will continue to directly invoice the VPP libraries for TRS royalty and processing fees. The royalty fee, of course, goes

to the copyright holder. The processing fee is where the VPP discount takes place. At 67%, the regular \$3.00 processing fee becomes only \$1.00, a significant savings for volume users. Members can expect to receive the discount within ten business days of registering. SOLINET will submit registrations to CCC weekly through March 31, then monthly, with the discount becoming effective by the first of the next month.

Details of the program are available at www.solinet.net/library_products/ccc. For registration information, please contact the [SOLINET Member Services Help Desk](#) by email or 1-800-999-8558. For all other questions and requests, you may contact the [Copyright Clearance Center](#) by email or at 978-646-2600.

SOLINET AND THE HBCU LIBRARY ALLIANCE PUBLISH *THE STATE OF LIBRARIES AT HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES*

The Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET) and the HBCU Library Alliance recently completed and published an assessment of the state of libraries at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Produced with support from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, *The State of Libraries at Historically Black Colleges and Universities* uses data collected by the National Center for Education Statistics through its biennial Academic Libraries Survey.

The statistical study describes levels of support for and services from HBCU libraries and compares it to that for other, peer academic libraries in the U.S. It offers a baseline for future comparison among HBCUs and of HBCUs with non-HBCUs. It also provides data that can be used to strengthen libraries at HBCUs, individually and as a group. The report is available on SOLINET's website at www.solinet.net/resources/HBCUStats and on the HBCU Library Alliance website at www.hbculibraries.org.

Created by the deans and directors of HBCU libraries in 2002, the HBCU Library Alliance is a consortium that supports the collaboration of information professionals dedicated to strengthening Historically Black Colleges and Universities and their constituents. The purpose of the HBCU Library Alliance is to ensure excellence in HBCU libraries through the development, collaboration, coordination, and promotion of programs and activities to enhance members' collections and services. Visit the HBCU Library Alliance website at www.hbculibraries.org.

ASERL VIRTUAL REFERENCE EXPANDS SERVICE SPONSORS IPOD GIVEAWAY

The Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL) finalized a new partnership with the University of Alabama's School of Library and Information Studies to provide additional service hours for its groundbreaking regional virtual reference service, "Ask a Librarian." Students from UA-SLIS will now supplement the chat service coverage provided by reference staff at ASERL libraries into the late-night hours.

To mark the expanded service, ASERL will give away a 1MB iPod Shuffle to one user of the online reference service at each participating ASERL institution.

Beginning February 6, the service will be open until midnight (ET) seven days a week. "This is an exciting time for us," commented John Burger, ASERL's Executive Director. "We have been seeking a cost-effective way to meet our patrons' reference needs later into the evenings. Working with future librarians is a great way to provide the additional service, and to forge new relationships with our colleagues of tomorrow, too." The "Ask a Librarian" service is open to affiliated users of the participating libraries via each library's home page.