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Conference in New Orleans – the largest since the 2005 hurricanes.

HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) Library Alliance Launches Redesigned Website

The HBCU Library Alliance proudly announces the launch of its redesigned website, **www.hbculibraries.org**, a comprehensive site that encompasses all of the libraries in the HBCU community and connects HBCU and other librarians with the orientation, goals, and programs of the HBCU Library Alliance.

HBCU libraries serve as unique and indispensable gatekeepers for history, culture, and the African-American experience. The HBCU Library Alliance is a consortium that supports the collaboration of information professionals dedicated to providing leadership and resources designed to strengthen Historically Black Colleges and Universities and their constituents.

Working together, the Alliance members aim to lead in the preservation, access, and dissemination of information that is relevant to the history and mission of Historically Black Colleges and Universities. This newly redesigned site is the latest vehicle for informing and educating others about the role and resources of HBCU libraries.

On the launch of the new website, Loretta Parham, Director of Library at the Atlanta University Center in Georgia and Chair of the HBCU Library Alliance, declared that "This site represents the flowering of our organization and our ability to reach out to with out insight, our goals, and the fruit of our experience to date to the entire HBCU community. We want people to see what we have done and what we can do, and we welcome their feedback."

HBCULibraries.org features

- Links to the websites of all HBCU libraries
- Information about the Leadership Program, strategic training funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
- Information on the Digital Project, a joint venture with Cornell University Library and supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to lay the foundation for a future collaborative HBCU digital library
- The HBCU Library Alliance Blog, where the public is invited to join the discussion about issues affecting libraries at HBCUs
- And much more.

Created by the deans and directors of the HBCU libraries in 2002, the HBCU Library Alliance seeks to ensure excellence in those libraries through the development, coordination, and promotion of programs and activities to enhance members' collections and services.

Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC)

JCLC, the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color, will feature over 100 Programs for libraries serving diverse communities, including 'Hot Topics' on Recruitment and Retention, Staff Development, Advocacy, Service Delivery, Gender and Identity, Legacy Recognition, and Literature.

Conference speakers and special events include our APALA award wining Opening General Session speaker Loung Ung; the Conference Opening Reception at the Dallas Public Library; a Legacy Breakfast honoring librarians of color; two Author Lunches featuring motivational speaker Dr. Bertice Berry and award wining native American Cynthia Leitich Smith; our Plenary Session of ALA past-presidents discussing diversity issues; the Caucus Awards Dinner; and a memorable late night Gala (followed by a special "midnight breakfast"). JCLC is sure to be as entertaining as it is educational for you and your colleagues.

To register for the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC), October 11-15, 2006 in Dallas, TX, go to www.ala.org/jclc. Advance registration closed September 8th. Save at least $50 by registering early. Additional discounts are available for members of the Ethnic Caucuses or the American Library Association.

To review the full descriptions of programs, poster sessions and pre-conferences, go to www.ala.org/jclc.

JCLC offers four days of tracked programs for a wide audience of attendees, including librarians, library supporters and community member of color, providers of library services to communities of color, and advocates and colleagues of service providers. The conference programs celebrate diversity within library studies and the research and development aspects of community outreach.

JCLC is hosted by the Adam's Mark hotel. Significant discounts are available for JCLC attendees for rooms at the Adam's Mark. Reserve your room in the JCLC Block by Sept 9th at www.adamsmark.com/jclc2006.

American Airlines is offering a 5% discount off the lowest published rate on air fare for JCLC attendees. Use discount code A10H6A0 when calling 800-433-1790 or online at www.aa.com.

Schedule time to visit the Exhibit Hall. JCLC and over 75 library vendors and publishers invite you to enjoy refreshments and entertainment while reviewing the latest materials for your library and worklife.

Jobseekers - the JCLC Placement Services website will be online the first week of September at www.ala.org/jclc. Bring your resume and connect with employers from around the country.

We look forward to gathering with you in Dallas for this historic, and important, conference.

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Management Xtra College includes more than 9,000 articles that cover different areas of management, including marketing, strategy, training and development, and human resources. For a complete list of journals offered through the resource, please see www.emeraldinsight.com/info/products_services/collegejournals.jsp

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SOLINET Elects 2006/2007 Board, Officers and OCLC Members Council Delegation

At the Annual Membership Meeting in Atlanta in May, SOLINET member libraries elected five members to the Board of Directors and two delegates to the OCLC Members Council.