Monday, June 26, 2006
10:30am – 12:00pm
LOWES Hotel, Feliciana West Room

Building Collections, Building Services, and Building Sustainability: A Collaborative Model for the HBCU Library Alliance

Speakers: Cedric Davis, Computer Systems Network Coordinator, Alabama State University; Cecilia Iwala, Assistant Professor/Systems Librarian, Grambling State University; Gail McClenney, Deputy Director, Robert W. Woodruff Library of the Atlanta University Center; and Angela Proctor, Southern University and A&M College-Baton Rouge. Moderator, Ira Revels, Cornell University.

Historically black college and university (HBCU) librarians will share their experiences working on a collaborative digital project with Cornell University. This first time presentation will focus on the pros and cons of the training, the project goals, and progress on their individual campuses. Panelists will provide insight on the challenging task of balancing the cultural integrity of their collections, while providing shared access in the digital format.

Sunday, June 25, 2006
1:30pm – 3:30pm
MMCC, Room 356-357

HBCU’s and Libraries: Preserving and Strengthening Bonds

Speakers: Brenda Billips Square, Director of Archives and Library, Amistad Research Center, Tulane University; Ira Revels, Division of Instruction, Research and Information Services, Cornell University; Emma Bradford Perry, Professor & Dean of Libraries, Southern University; Janice Franklin, University Librarian, Alabama State University; Moderator, Thomas Weissinger, Afro-American Studies Bibliographer, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) require libraries which are effectively integrated into their institutions' teaching and learning missions. As a result of the work of the HBCU Library Alliance, these libraries find themselves at the center of collaborations involving traditional constituents as well as non-HBCU academic libraries. Our four panelists will discuss how bonds between HBCUs, traditional constituents, and other academic libraries are strengthening collection development, digital projects and services, and staff development programs.