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LILLIAN LEWIS HIRED AS PROGRAM OFFICER FOR THE HBCU LIBRARY ALLIANCE



Lillian Lewis became the HBCU Library Alliance Program Officer on February 1, 2005. She will be responsible for the operation of the HBCU Library Alliance (www.hbculibraries.org), which was formed after a historic meeting in 2002 of the deans and directors of libraries at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). In addition, Ms. Lewis will coordinate and conduct a two-year project to strengthen leadership within the HBCU library community and more effectively integrate library services into campus programs for teaching and learning. The project is supported by a \$500,000 grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Ms. Lewis has served as an administrator in associations, academic libraries, and special libraries. Most recently, she worked for the American Library Association as Deputy Executive Director jointly of the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies and the Reference and User Services Association. Ms. Lewis' background includes operational and strategic planning in library and community organizations; speaking on recruitment of traditionally underserved populations; and coordinating community projects and services that benefit children, adults, families, and professionals who serve them. Ms. Lewis is completing her Certificate in Strategies for Nonprofit Management at the University of Chicago. She holds a Master of Librarianship from Emory University and a Bachelor of Science degree from Spelman College.

The HBCU Library Alliance seeks to ensure excellence in HBCU libraries through the development, coordination, and promotion of programs and activities to enhance members' collections and services. Current Board members are Loretta Parham (chair), Director/Chief Executive Officer of the Robert W. Woodruff Library at Atlanta University Center, GA; Yildiz Binkley, Director of Libraries and Media Centers at Tennessee State University; Zenobia Blackmon, Head Librarian at Trenholm State Technical College, AL; Janice R. Franklin, Director of the Library and Learning Resource Center at Alabama State University; Tommy S. Holton, Dean of Libraries at Dillard University, LA; Karen McDaniel, Director of Libraries at Kentucky State University; Anita Moore, Head Librarian at Rust College, MS; Kate Nevins, Executive Director of SOLINET, GA; Emma Bradford Perry, Dean of Libraries at Southern University and A&M College, LA; and Elsie Stephens Weatherington, Dean of Library and Media Services at Virginia State University.

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