HBCUs and Libraries: Preserving and Strengthening Bonds

American Library Association Annual Conference
New Orleans, Louisiana
Sunday, June 25, 2006
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Morial Convention Center, Rm. 356-357

Sponsored by the ACRL African American Studies Librarians Section (AFAS) with cosponsors Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA), ACRL College Libraries Section (CLS), and ACRL University Libraries Section (ULS).

Please join us as we explore the history, current roles and challenges, and future projects of libraries at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, including how they serve their constituencies through the development of library collections, services, and staff.

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

Brenda Billips Square will unveil the Amistad Research Center's collection on HBCUs, discussing the content of the collection and the importance of preserving these documents for African American Studies. Emma Bradford Perry will examine current concerns and staffing issues of libraries at HBCUs, including opportunities and plans for developing library leaders on these campuses. Janice Franklin will discuss the formation and current projects of the HBCU Library Alliance, a consortium working to enhance the resources and services provided by libraries at HBCUs. Ira Revels will describe the HBCU Library Alliance/Cornell University collaborative project to develop digital collections of the culturally-significant materials at HBCU libraries across the nation.

Save Sunday, June 25, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. for this informative program examining the historical significance, present concerns, and plans for development of libraries at Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

AFAS 2006 Conference Program Committee: Thomas Weissinger (Chair), Myrtis Cochran, Rebecca Hankins, Carol Ritzen Kem, Gennice W. King, Heather Martin, Teri B. Weil