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### **Collaboration Between Virginia's Community Colleges, The Library of Virginia, and LYRASIS Provides Online Resources for Job Seekers**

Atlanta, GA, December 21, 2009 - LYRASIS announces a collaboration with The Library of Virginia and Virginia's Community Colleges to provide a collection of current resources for job seekers in the state. The partnership is creating a customized collection of more than 250 electronic books and reference materials for online career and job seekers. The resources will be available to public library and community college library users across Virginia through a link on the libraries' online catalogs.

The collection, developed by Timothy Cherubini, LYRASIS director of content innovation, includes current resources on careers, business, test-taking strategies, résumé writing, and other tools for job seekers. LYRASIS Senior Member Products and Services Consultant Kate Vincent serves the project as liaison.

The new resources supplement existing offerings at libraries across the state. Initial access to these free resources can be gained at any community college or public library. Users will be prompted to establish a free account that will allow them to access the resources from any computer with internet access.

“Through technology, we are able to supplement the traditional ‘hands on’ assistance that is provided on our campuses,” said Glenn DuBois, chancellor of Virginia's Community Colleges. “In these economic times we want people who are job hunting to have as many resources as possible.”

Virginia's Community Colleges Workforce Development Services used federal stimulus funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to support this effort as a way to provide valuable information for students and job seekers.

“Virginia's public libraries increasingly are seen as the place to find the resources needed to learn about a new or better career,” said Librarian of Virginia Sandra G. Treadway.

This is the second statewide collaboration on job seekers' resources for LYRASIS, which recently developed a similar collection for North Carolina's Job Search Program. "We guide members to the best resources for their patrons so they can get the most useful content for their needs," said LYRASIS' Timothy Cherubini.

For more information on LYRASIS collection development and consortial licensing services, please visit the LYRASIS website, [www.lyrasis.org](http://www.lyrasis.org).

#### **About LYRASIS**

Created in April, 2009 by the merger of PALINET and SOLINET and joined shortly thereafter by NELINET, LYRASIS is the nation's largest regional membership organization serving libraries and information professionals - providing opportunities for networking and collaboration, offering innovative solutions, and significant cost savings through group purchasing for products and services. For more information, please visit [www.lyrasis.org](http://www.lyrasis.org).

#### **About Virginia's Community Colleges**

Created more than 40 years ago, the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) is comprised of 23 community colleges located on 40 campuses across the commonwealth. Together, Virginia's Community Colleges serve more than a quarter-million credit students each year. For more information, please visit [www.myfuture.vccs.edu](http://www.myfuture.vccs.edu).

#### **About The Library of Virginia**

The General Assembly created The Library of Virginia in 1823 to organize, care for, and manage the state's growing collection of books and official records — many of which date back to the early colonial period. The library is open to the public at 800 East Broad Street. For more information, please visit [www.lva.virginia.gov](http://www.lva.virginia.gov).

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