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LYRA Resource Sharing Group Reaches 100 Participant Mark

Atlanta, GA, March 9, 2010 - LYRASIS announces that LYRA, the new resource sharing group created in November 2009 to serve the entire LYRASIS area, including the New England, Southeast, and Mid-Atlantic regions, has reached the 100 participant mark.

LYRA, an opt-in group open to all LYRASIS members, represents a major increase in free lending opportunities for members and now covers more than 22 states. Members of the group agree to borrow and lend returnable items (books and other resources) to other LYRA members for free.

"The excitement around LYRA and its rapid growth reflects the eagerness of LYRASIS members to collaborate with each other on a larger scale than ever before, across geographic boundaries and among very diverse libraries and cultural heritage institutions," said Russell Palmer, LYRASIS educational services librarian and LYRA coordinator.

LYRASIS members interested in participating in LYRA may contact LYRASIS Member Support at 800.999.8558 or email membersupport@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.

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