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Dear KYVL Colleague,

In order to maintain access to the current configuration of KYVL databases, SOLINET is managing a "Pledge Drive" for KYVL member institutions. As referenced in a recent email from Enid Wohlstein and Ed McBride, the KYVL members are invited to make a pledge to maintain the KYVL databases in the core collection.

The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives and the Kentucky Department of Education have been significant contributors to the overall database subscription costs since the KYVL launch in 1999. All KYVL members contribute a fee which is applied to the database subscriptions. The public universities, community and technical colleges, public libraries, and all other members contribute directly to the resources KYVL subscribes to for access by all participants. Non-public members achieve considerable savings via the statewide acquisition and funding of these subscriptions. Historically, through this collaborative effort, the public participants realize a cost avoidance of more than \$10 million a year.

Members may make a pledge toward one or several databases or make an unspecified pledge to be applied as needed. The contribution would be credited towards the FY08-09 subscription term. You may pledge any amount.

You may monitor the pledge progress and find updated information at <http://www.kyvl.org/pledge/pledge.html>. As pledges are received, the progress chart for each product will show how close we are in a percentage to the goal amount needed to keep that title in the KYVL collection. If the needed amount for a product is not reached via pledges, that KYVL subscription will be cancelled.

Attached are two different documents. One contains a list of the databases subject to immediate cancellation, the cost to maintain the title in the KYVL core collection for statewide access, and the primary users of each title based on KYVL search statistics. The other attachment is the commitment form with instructions on how to make a pledge.

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We are hopeful that the Pledge Drive will prevent the elimination of the databases identified. However, we recognize that some of you may not be in a position to pledge funds. Therefore, we have identified our next options which include a coordinated group purchase for those interested in particular databases, database packages, as well as individual quotes for your library. All of our vendor partners are being very supportive. Should we proceed to our next option, they have all agreed to work with SOLINET to provide custom quotes as quickly as possible. Once we have determined that the Pledge Drive has not achieved our goal, we will communicate the steps necessary for your library to request a quote for a particular product.

On behalf of Enid Wohlstein, Director, Kentucky Virtual Library, and the citizens of Kentucky, we sincerely appreciate your individual efforts to support statewide access to the resources listed. You may also show your support by sharing your stories about how the KYVL resources are used in your library.

If any of the resources listed are frequently used by your students and patrons, please consider returning the attached pledge form via fax to SOLINET at 404.592.4807. Please contact Amie Sabourin at 800.999.8558, extension 4806 or KYVLinfo@solinet.net with any questions.

The deadline for receipt of your commitment is August 20, 2008.

Very Respectfully,



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