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MISSION

The Southeastern Library Network strengthens its member libraries and their communities through leadership, cooperation, and services.

VISION

SOLINET is a partner in creating a future where its member libraries

- Create and sustain collaborative relationships to provide, protect, and information
- Serve as a catalyst for positive change within the library community
- Ensure effectiveness through cooperative programs, practical and meaningful education, and affordable services that deliver and manage information

HISTORY

SOLINET — the Southeastern Library Network, Inc. — is a not-for-profit library cooperative serving the Southeastern United States (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and the Caribbean. A membership network of libraries and other information organizations, SOLINET works in collaboration with many partners, from local to international, to provide leadership for cooperative action, improve access to information, and enable members to effectively anticipate and address the needs for education, economic development, and improved quality of life.

Founded in 1973 by 99 visionary libraries, SOLINET now has a membership of 2600 libraries of all sizes and types: academic, research, public, school, corporate, medical, law, and special. SOLINET is the largest regional library network in the United States.

**A Brief History of SOLINET** reviews its programmatic evolution, notes some highlights, and takes a look at some of the people who have influenced its development. This is the most current and comprehensive picture of SOLINET presently available.

*The Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET): A Topical History and Chronology, 1983* by John H. Gribbin was published in limited edition by Thomas Cooper Library, University of South Carolina in 1988. Extant copies are hard to find, but SOLINET has a copy in its archives; students and researchers may use the book on the pre-arranged appointment.

Also available to students (or anyone interested in the history and development of SOLINET and its programs and services) are newsletters and annual reports from SOLINET's 1973 founding. In addition, highlights since 1999 are recorded as [releases](#) in the "Resources" section of the website.

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