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Greetings Colleagues,

I trust you’re well today. Dr. George Grant, retired Dean of the Library, Arkansas State University, contacted the HBCU Library Alliance regarding his “Library Naming” project, which involves identifying, profiling and sharing the results of years of naming libraries to honor African Americans, especially during the second half of the twentieth century. The HBCU Library Alliance Board of Directors endorses this project and encourages your participation.

Dr. Grant has previously forwarded information via-email to that segment of the membership requesting assistance in providing photos, biographical and chronological information (specifications email is attached) to complete a one-page profile for HBCU libraries named to honor African Americans. He reports that many, but not all, have responded.

Dr. Grant projects a 300-page, 8.5x11 hardcover book with 1-page profiles (example profile is attached) containing color images of the buildings and the honorees, as well as information about their design, cost, specifications, and their administrators over the years.

Loretta Parham, Past Board Chair and CEO/Director of Library Services, Atlanta University Center Woodruff Library (GA), and Carla Hayden, Chief Executive Officer, Enoch Pratt Free Library (MD) have consented to draft prefaces to Dr. Grant's book on library naming in academic and public libraries, respectively. Dr. Grant’s timetable for completion of the pre-press preparation for the book is the end of September, 2010. He is exhibiting at the Sunday, October 24, 6:00 – 8:00 4th Membership Meeting Reception/Vendor Fair. The Board encourages you to visit Dr. Grant’s booth and learn more about his project.

Feel free to contact Dr. Grant directly by email at ggrant@astate.edu or by telephone at 901-218-3135 if you need additional information. Send materials to him by email at ggrant@astate.edu, or at 2101 Green Leaf Trail, Jonesboro, AR 72401.

Thanks, in advance, for your support of this worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

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