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### YALE LIBRARY NEWS RELEASE

#### YALE LIBRARY PROJECT SPONSORS INTERLIBRARY LOAN WORKSHOP FOR MIDDLE EASTERN LIBRARIANS

*New Haven, CT. 5 March 2007.* The Yale University Library today announced that select libraries from the Middle East will join in a lively and groundbreaking discussion of Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery as part of Project AMEEL.

The AMEEL project team will hold a workshop from March 5 - 7 on the campus of the University of Jordan in Amman, Jordan. Librarians from selected institutions in the Arab world will participate in the workshop, aimed at developing an understanding of how Interlibrary loan and document delivery work in United States research libraries and to begin a conversation about successfully adapting these practices to the Arab context and practices of librarianship. Assisting the Yale team in arranging the logistics for the workshop is the American Center for Oriental Research (ACOR) in Amman, a member institution of the Council of American Overseas Research Centers. The venue is provided by the University and its Library, headed by Professor Dr. Muhammad al-Raqab, University Librarian. The training team from Yale University is headed by Carol Jones, Head of Document Delivery/Interlibrary Loan and Simon Samoeil, Curator, Near East Collection. Instructional support is provided by Randy Al-Chidiac, Information Technology Librarian at the University of Balamand, Al-Kurah, Lebanon, as well as University of Jordan Library staff.

About *Project AMEEL*: (<http://www.library.yale.edu/ameel/>) This grant was awarded under the U.S. Department of Education's Title VI TICFIA Program, which fosters innovative techniques or programs that address national teaching and research needs in international education and foreign languages by using technologies to access, collect, organize, preserve, and widely disseminate information on world regions and

countries other than the United States. (<http://www.ed.gov/programs/iegpsticfia/index.html>). A key component of the project is to establish a tradition of document sharing between institutions in Arab countries, within the Arab world, and between Arab institutions and Yale University and other institutions in the United States.

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