

An illustration of an astronaut in a white spacesuit with a large white helmet, kneeling on the grey, cratered surface of the moon. The astronaut is looking towards the right, where a large, glowing Earth is visible on the horizon. The background is a dark blue space filled with numerous small white stars.

GALILEO Address

Annual Conference

6/4/2025

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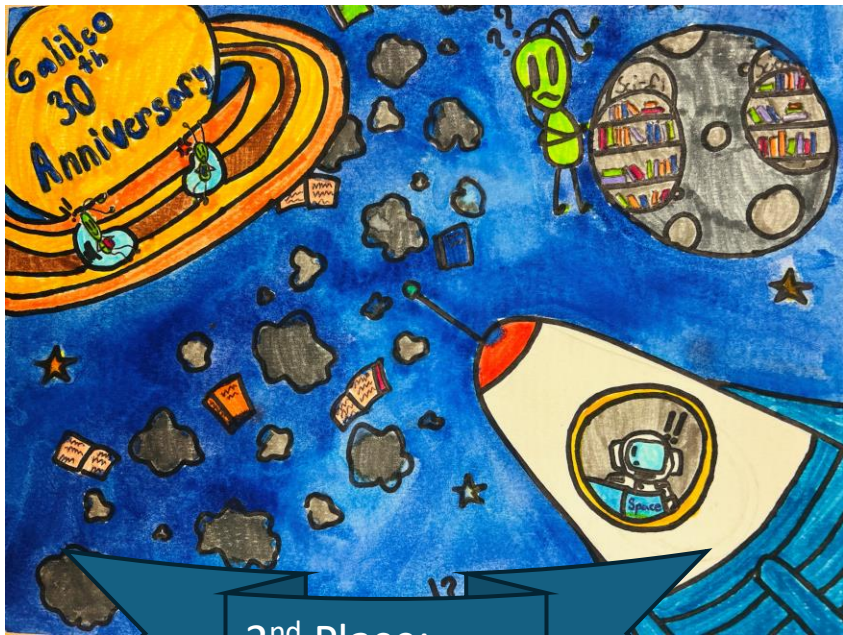
30th Anniversary Plans

- Save the date: September 22, 2025, in Athens
- Video production team here today!
- Art contest for 30th anniversary logo





First Place:
Tong (Bonnie) Liu,
11th grader, Fayette
County Schools



All 7th graders at Rockdale County Schools

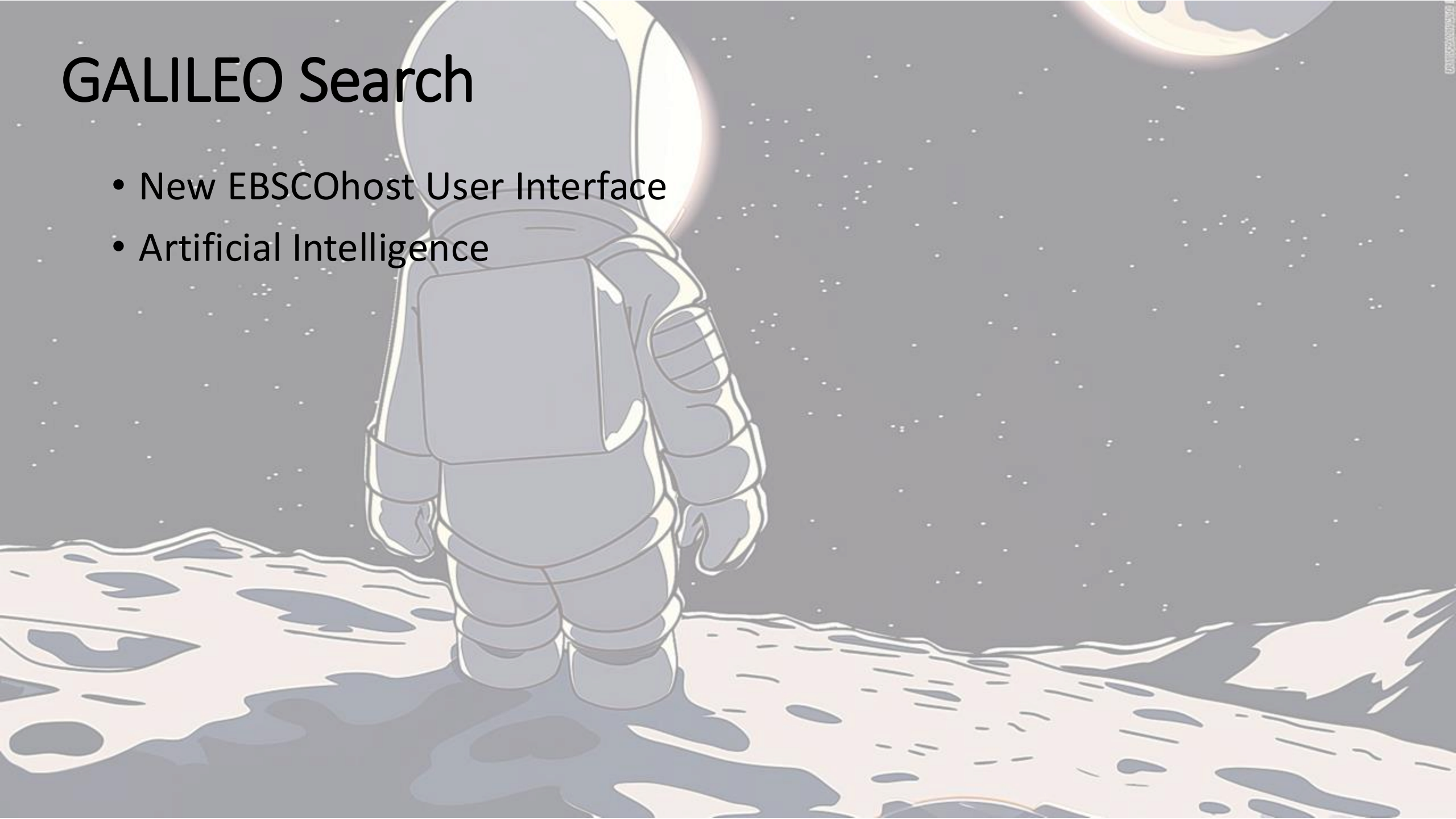
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- State proclamation request
- BOR recognition in August 2025 meeting
- Additional details and activities to be determined




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- New EBSCOhost User Interface
- Artificial Intelligence



New EBSCOhost User Interface

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Dolly Parton's Imagination *Library* and *Public Libraries*: A Powerful Partnership.

By: Harrison, Rebecca; Sikes, Laura • In: *Public Library Quarterly*, Apr2025 • Academic Search Complete

A summary of the benefits of Dolly Parton's Imagination *Library* for *public libraries* in Oklahoma is presented. Survey responses from participating *libraries* indicate that participation in the Imagination *Library program* has resulted in boosts across several... [Show more](#)

Subjects: *PUBLIC libraries*; COMMUNITY-based *programs*; EMERGENT literacy; COMMUNITY support; +3 more

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4  Periodical

Building and Sustaining Homeschooling Centers at Three U.S. *Public Libraries*.

By: Hempe, Deborah; Jeffery, Marika; Peters, Alison • In: *Computers in Libraries*, Apr2025 • Academic Search Complete

The article focuses on how U.S. *public libraries* have developed and sustained homeschool resource centers to meet the growing needs

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Digital Literacy Programs in Support of Diverse Library Approach.

By: Whiteside, Naomi; Cooper, Vanessa; Vo-Tran, Huan; [+2 more](#) • In: Journal of Digital Literacy, Dec2022 • Academic Search Complete

Public libraries play a vital role in developing and facilitating digital literacy programs for diverse communities. Digital literacy skills are important because they enable access to information and engagement with government and support services that are in... [Show more](#)

Subjects: DIGITAL literacy; **PUBLIC libraries**; LITERACY programs; INFORMATION literacy; [+5 more](#)

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The New Civic Journalism? An Examination of Canadian **Public Libraries** as **Community News** Sources During the 2019 and 2021 Federal Election.

By: [Lillebuen, Steve; Shamchuk, Lisa](#) • In: [Canadian Journal of Communication, Jun2023](#) • [Communication & Mass Media Complete](#)

Background: This article examines to what extent Canadian **public libraries** participate in civic journalism at a time when **news** media coverage is declining in many communities. This pilot study was prompted by reports that **public libraries** in the United St... [Show more](#)

Subjects: [Press](#); [Content analysis](#); [News Syndicates](#); [Civic journalism](#); [+2 more](#)

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Insights

- Canadian public libraries are beginning to engage in journalistic activities, including basic reporting and civic journalism, to fill gaps left by declining local news coverage.
- During the 2019 and 2021 federal elections, a small number of Canadian public libraries provided election-related information and demonstrated journalistic activities on their websites.
- The study found that civic journalism initiatives in public libraries were more prevalent in urban areas and capital cities, but the sample size was too small to draw definitive conclusions.

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Business Searching Interface Update


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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK VIRTUAL READING: Libraries continue to offer resources: From loaning laptops to hosting virtual storytimes, closed libraries reach out.

[Bentley, Rosalind.](#) [The Atlanta Journal - Constitution](#); Atlanta, Ga.. 08 Apr 2020: D.1.

The Atlanta
Journal-Constitution



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Turn on search term navigation

By the time spring break ended for Nykira Ross early last month, she knew she couldn't return to campus for the remainder of her sophomore year at Albany State University.

The novel coronavirus was spreading through the southwest Georgia town at an alarming rate. Classes on campus were suspended beginning March 13, first for two weeks, then for the semester. Like most colleges and universities, Albany State turned to online learning. For Ross, that presented a problem. She didn't have a laptop and couldn't afford one. On campus, she went to computer labs to study and finish assignments.

Now, not only was the computer lab and university **library** ostensibly closed, all **public libraries** across the state were being shuttered. Back home in Atlanta, she wasn't sure what to do.

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Research Assistant



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**CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK
VIRTUAL READING: Libraries
continue to offer resources: From I...**
Bentley, Rosalind. The Atlanta Journal -
Constitution. (08 Apr 2020)

**Why remote learning is failing
some students: Internet access,
laptop costs are key problems**
Davis, Mike. Asbury Park Press. (21
May 2020)

The digital divide grows over

Show the key takeaway.

Brainstorm related research to...

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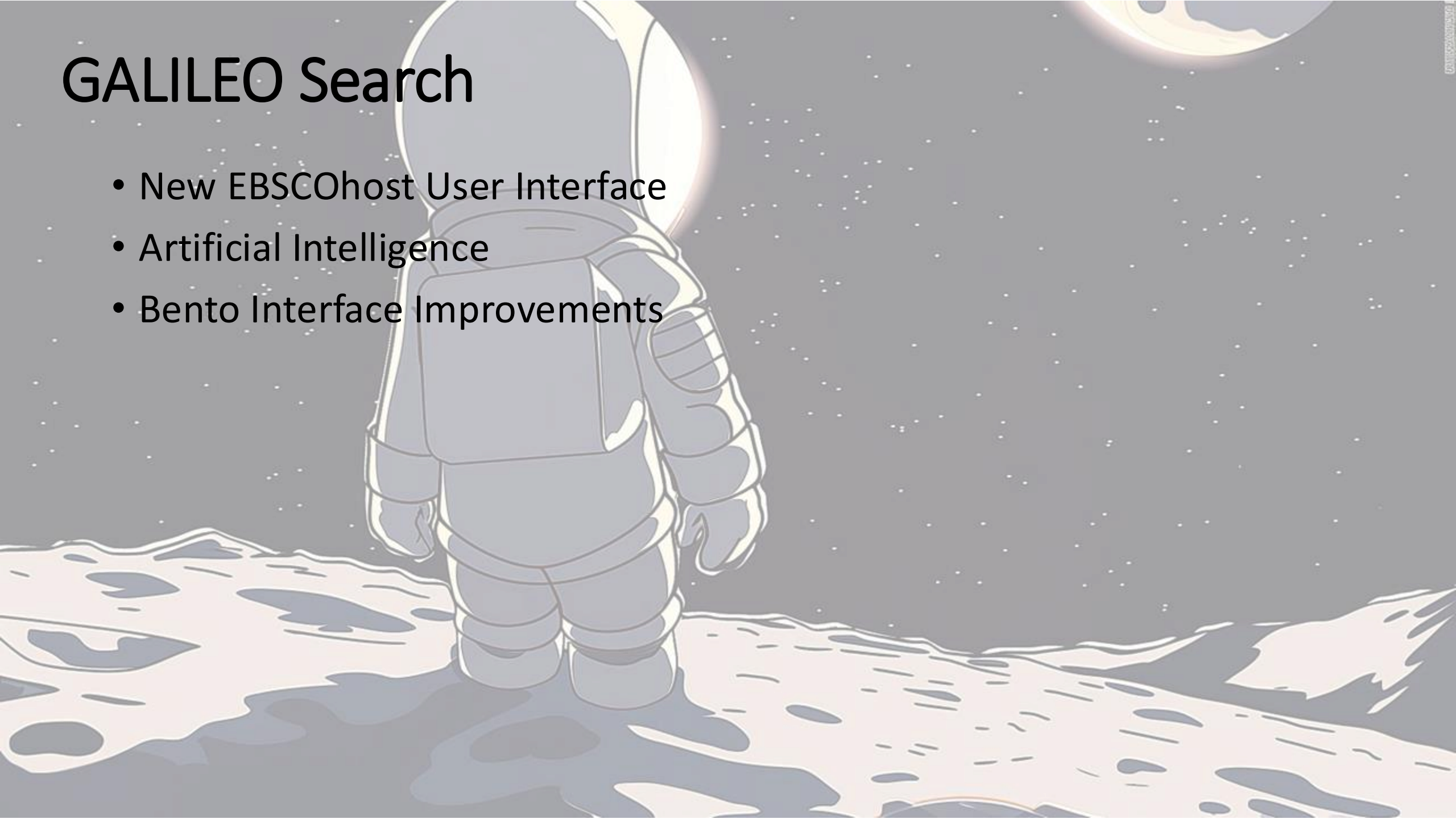
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The Accidental Systems Librarian

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Adapt User Interface to be More K-12 User Friendly

- Gathering feedback from students
- Provide “walled garden” for younger kids
- Work with vendors to get more appropriate content delineations
- Make interface more appealing
- Determine better long-term authentication



K-12 Development Advisory Committee

- Made up of K-12 representatives
- In April, the group created mock-ups of ideal changes to GALILEO.
- Ideas: Must-haves, access/log-in, bento results page changes
- Group will reconvene in August after the school year begins. We may have tangible changes to the interface to share at that time.



K-12 Interface Updates: Under Construction

- Improving usability/interactivity
- More intuitive access to content
- Minimizing vendor associations in favor of content type
 - Example--“articles” instead of “Explora”



ALL DATABASES

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Search



Britannica School Elementary

Designed for elementary school readers with learning games, video and photos, and shorter articles, on topics for school and fun, from geography to animals and sports

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Explora for Elementary

A portal for elementary students to find news, biographies, ebooks, magazines and more to read and research for school projects or fun

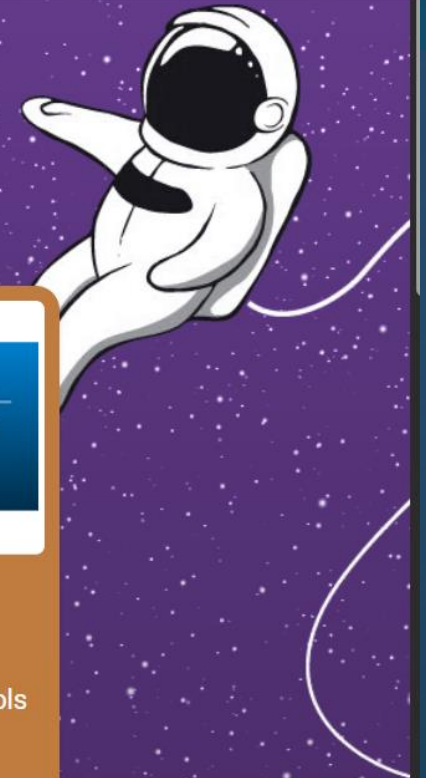
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SIRS Discoverer

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Databases

Statistical Abstract of the United States

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A person who works in a library is called a librarian. Librarians are also known as information scientists. Information can be...

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Points of View

How Book-Banning Campaigns Have Changed the Lives and Education of Librarians.

COOKE, NICOLE A.

CounterPunch — July 2023

JULY 24, 2023 Despite misconceptions and stereotypes - ranging from what librarians

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Meg Gaertner

2019

This title, Librarians, shows readers how librarians help their communities and how readers...



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E-Resources updates

- Improvements to E-Resource discussions and feedback
- Post meeting minutes online for E-Resource committees
- Work with Joy to share announcements regularly through our communication channels
- Engage with the wider membership through surveys

E-Resources updates

- Building Open Access content
 - University of Michigan ebooks
 - Elsevier agreement
- New End of Year requests funded for USG:
 - Sage Business Cases 2025 collection.
 - University of Michigan Press 2025 collection.
 - 1470 uses from July 2023 – March 2025 for non-OA content (about double if OA included).
 - ~~• Permanent ownership of high use eBooks, likely through EBSCO~~
 - Sage Skills – in partnership with GPLS

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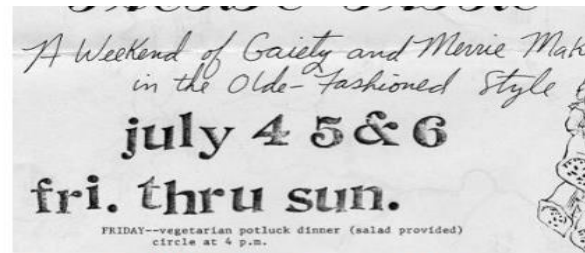
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Coming Full Circle: Building Scrapbooks for a Dedicated Library Trustee using Georgia Historic Newspapers

Lace Keaton, director of the Newton County Library System, shares her staff's experience building a scrapbook for a dedicated library trustee and public servant using the Digital Library of Georgia and Georgia Historic Newspapers as resources.



Online Exhibit Intern Inspired By Georgia LGBTQ+ Artists in the DLG

Sarah Mayo, Ph.D. candidate in English at the University of Georgia, shares her experiences preparing for her exhibit display by researching Georgia LGBTQ+ history and experiences in the DLG.



Flannery O'Connor's Appearances in the Georgia Catholic Diocesan Paper The Bulletin

From 1956 to 1964, Georgia writer Flannery O'Connor regularly contributed to the book reviews section of the Georgia Catholic diocesan paper The Bulletin, that show her intellectual engagement with Catholicism.



How the DLG Helps the Georgia Senate Press Office Conduct Its Research

Andrew Allison, director of the Georgia Senate Press Office, describes how he and his staff use the Digital Library of Georgia to perform research to fulfill the communication needs of Georgia's fifty-six state senators and to produce the Parliamentary Inquirer, the monthly newsletter produced by the Senate Press Office.

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ACCESSIBILITY POLICY

GALILEO and the Georgia Public Library Service are committed to ensuring that our websites and digital resources are accessible to all users, including individuals with disabilities. We strive to comply with the [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines \(WCAG\) 2.1, Level AA](#), which are the internationally recognized standards for web accessibility established by the [World Wide Web Consortium \(W3C\)](#).

We continuously work to ensure our platforms are user-friendly and accessible to everyone, regardless of ability or technology. This includes regular monitoring and updates to maintain compliance with accessibility standards.

Accessibility Features

GALILEO and the Georgia Public Library Services websites include a number of features designed to improve accessibility for users, including:

- **Text alternatives** for non-text content, such as images.
- **Captions** and other alternatives for multimedia content.
- **Keyboard navigation** capabilities, so users can navigate without a mouse.
- **Responsive design** that adapts to different screen sizes and assistive devices.

Ongoing Efforts

We are continually working to improve the accessibility of our websites by:

- Regularly reviewing and testing our website to ensure compliance with WCAG 2.1 Level AA standards.
- Providing accessibility training for our staff and stakeholders.
- Actively incorporating feedback from users to address and fix any accessibility barriers.

Feedback and Contact Information

We welcome your feedback on the accessibility of our sites. If you experience any accessibility issues or barriers, please let us know. You can report these issues using the USG [Feedback Form](#).

We are committed to resolving any issues as promptly as possible and continually improving the accessibility of our websites. Thank you for helping us ensure that GALILEO and the Georgia Public Library Service continue to be valuable and accessible resources for everyone.

DLG Update

- DLG Program Lead hired
 - Kathryn Manis
 - Start date June 2
- Advisory committee forming
 - GPLS, GALILEO, UGA, Archvies
 - 12 applicants for at-large roles
 - Decision announced soon
- Subgrants
 - Ramping back up to full scale
 - Apps accepted May – July
 - Awards in August
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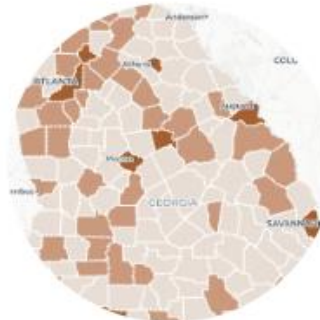
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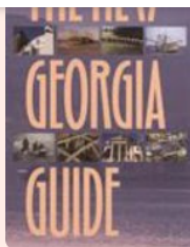
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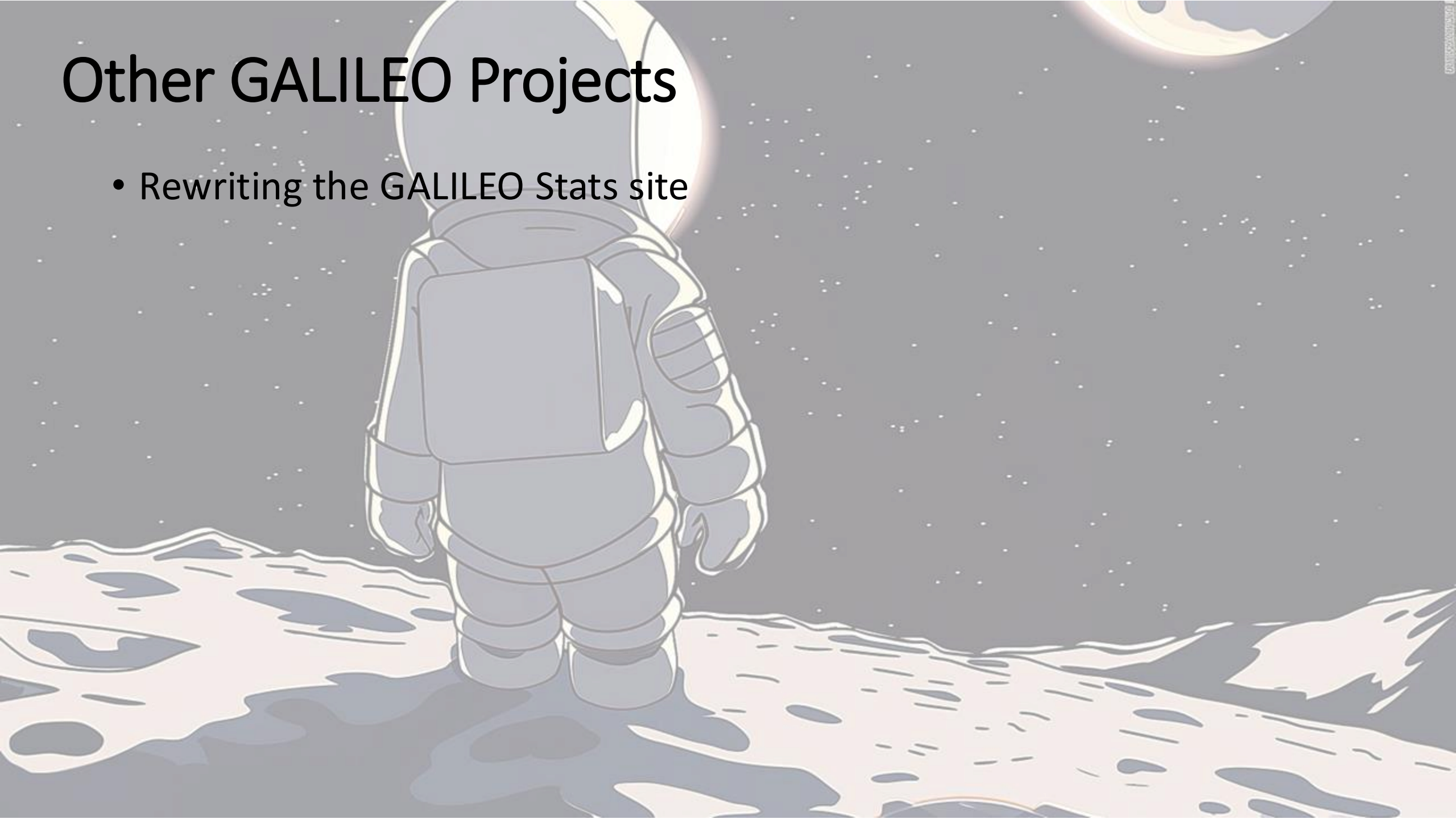
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Reviews

Other GALILEO Projects

- Rewriting the GALILEO Stats site



Rewriting the GALILEO Statistics Site

- Replacing the legacy stats site with a modern, robust system
 - Backend focus: importing raw usage data into GALILEO Admin and transforming it into reports
 - Once backend is complete, reports will be made publicly accessible in a new GALILEO Search stats area
- Project Status & Timeline
 - ~80% of backend work is complete
 - Remaining work:
 - Automate key data workflows
 - Import the full dataset (currently using subsets for testing)
 - Project timeline has been impacted by shifts in development priorities
 - Now back to full focus on stats rewrite
 - Goal: Complete by end of the year

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- New training projects



Welcome Jef Whatley!

Training & Support Specialist

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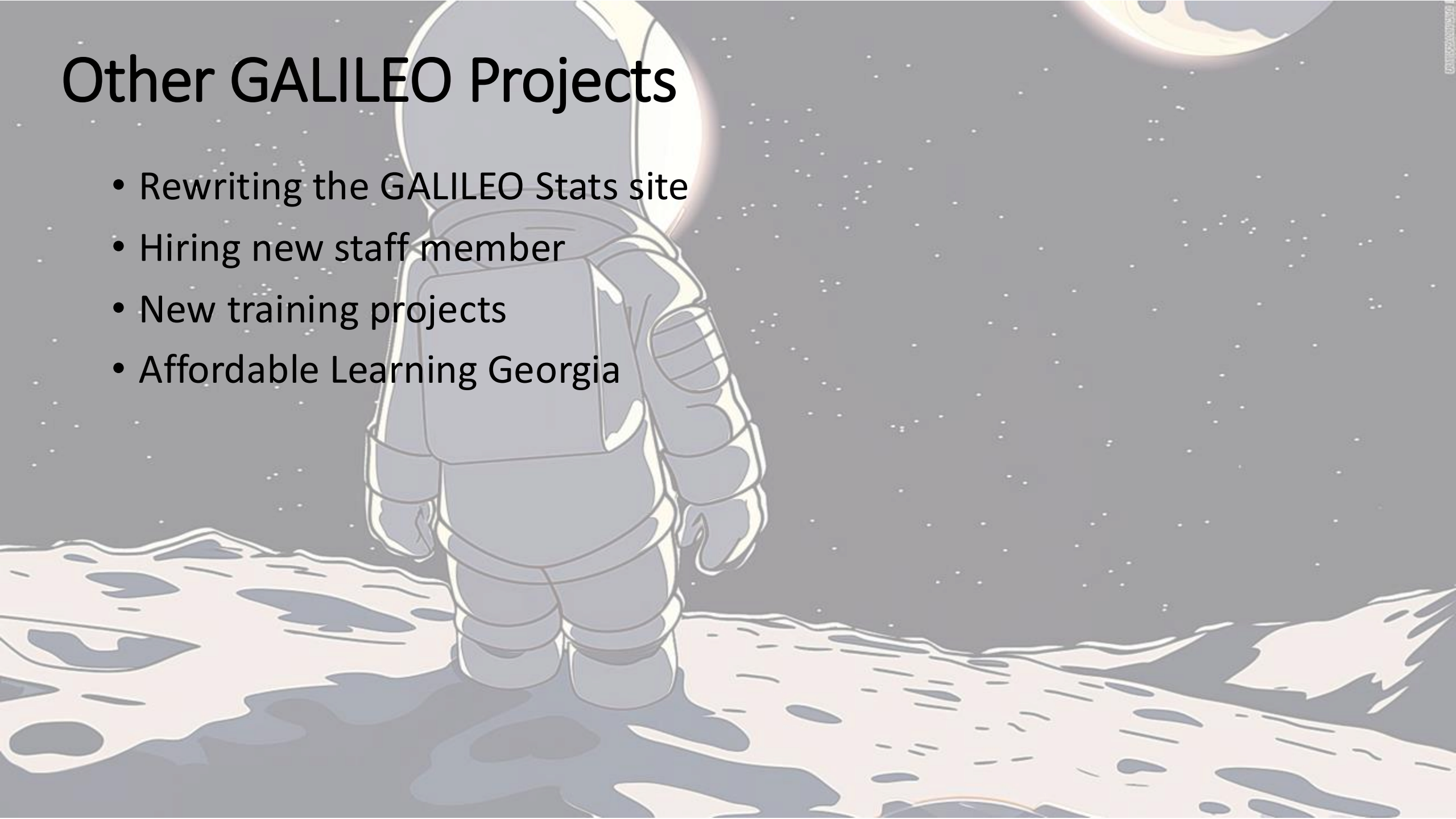
GALILEO Training Projects

- Updating GALILEO video training modules
- Adding short & meaningful instructional videos
- Integrating brief database tutorials into GALILEO
- Updating the GALILEO training guide
- Updating GALILEO FAQ's
- Collaborating with GPLS at every opportunity!



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- Affordable Learning Georgia



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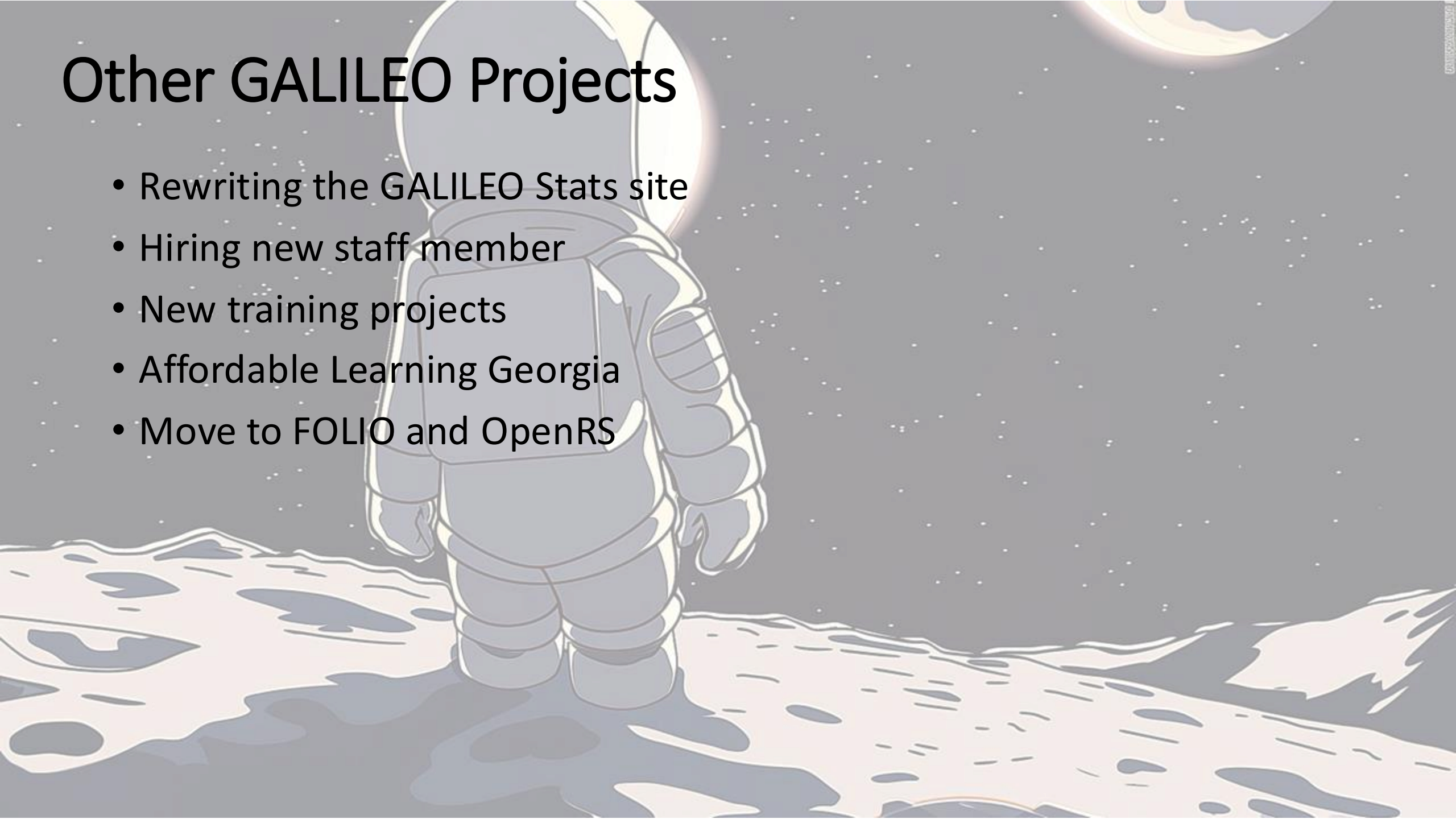
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- Move to FOLIO and OpenRS



FOLIO + OpenRS Overview



- March – April First round of Acceptance Testing (Ramsons)
- April and May Library faculty/staff training (EBSCO)
- May GUGM (May 12 – 13)
DRESS Rehearsal for go-live
- NOW EBSCO training on Sunflower release features
Final Acceptance Testing (Sunflower)
- Mid - Late June EOY close out in Alma
Freeze, final data load
- July 16 Go Live (?)

Detailed project plan for all products found here - https://libguides.galileo.usg.edu/GIL-FOLIO/start_here

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