

GALILEO Activities Report – December 2021 (EOY)

GALILEO Strategic Plan

GALILEO has several long-term goals outlined in its strategic plan (on the website at this [link](#)).

GALILEO Administrative Update

Libraries continue to evolve in new and interesting ways – whether that’s providing curbside pickup, or doing away with late fees, or offering controlled digital lending of their collections. Here at GALILEO, we have experienced another hybrid year, saying goodbye to the old and welcoming the new.

- The first phase of our OpenAthens activations (for higher ed) ended and we began a new phase of bringing up the public libraries. More than a dozen (16 as of Dec. 15) public libraries are now live, and we’ll complete the rest by mid-year.
- On Dec. 20, GALILEO Search transformed into a new, streamlined design that not only provides results in bento format, but is customized to meet the needs of children, college students, and the public.
- Behind the scenes, the old GLRI (GALILEO Local Resource Integration) tool has been retired and replaced with a new GALILEO Admin Module that gives you unprecedented control over how content – including locally purchased content -- is provided to your patrons.
- On the GIL (GALILEO Interconnected Libraries) side, we completed a Request for Information that looked at open-source library platforms and decided that yes, they are potentially ready to meet our needs. In the new year, we’ll kick off a full RFP that will determine what platform we’ll be using in the university system moving forward. We’ve also joined Project ReShare and are looking for ways to leverage that platform across GALILEO.
- Affordable Learning Georgia passed a milestone this year, saving 700,000 students more than \$100 million in textbook costs to date.
- We partnered with our friends at the New Georgia Encyclopedia to stand up a newly designed website for that fantastic resource (<https://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/>)

We’ve been living in unprecedented times for a while now. It’s difficult to know whether some of the trends we see now are temporary or permanent. In 2022, we’ll be looking forward to imagining even more new services and features for you all.

GALILEO Support Services

OpenAthens

Most higher education institutions have made the transition, and GALILEO is now focused on Georgia public libraries. There are 62 library systems across all 159 counties. GALILEO staff has now implemented OpenAthens for 16 PINES public library systems, as of Dec. 15.

All PINES public library changes are expected to wrap up by spring 2022.

Next in the queue are K-12 schools. With more than 2000 public schools in the state this will be the largest—and most complex—transition to single sign-on authentication. However, our team has already started talks with the Georgia Department of Education on how to implement the changes. There is no timeline yet for K-12 implementation, however conversations will resume with the Georgia Department of Education in January 2022.

GALILEO Redesign

On Dec. 20, GALILEO launched the phase 3 redesign. Bento box search and sorting is now the default for all GALILEO users. Other new features include:

- Bento customization for libraries at the GALILEO admin level
- Easy switching from bento to classic GALILEO Search
- Improvements and additions to bento box content (We've added a box for New Georgia Encyclopedia, for example.)
- Improved relevance ranking when browsing by subject or type
- New and improved publication finder

Developers will meet soon to prioritize future enhancements based, in part, on user feedback.

Integrations

Met with D2L Admin for UGA and GeorgiaVIEW group to go over the process and documents for updating existing GALILEO links in D2L courses to links that will route through OpenAthens. Once we gather feedback and make updates as needed, we will send communication to USG D2L Admins about making changes in their courses in January 2022. Once institutions have had time to update their links, we will retire the GALILEO auto-authentication LTI integration for USG institutions live with OpenAthens. Approximate time will be summer 2022.

EBSCO has announced the retirement of Curriculum Builder at the end of 2023. We will be working with GeorgiaVIEW and TCSG on making sure Curriculum Builder reading lists are exported. Much of the functionality of Curriculum Builder will be available in EBSCO's new EDS LTI integration. We will be working with GeorgiaVIEW and TCSG on setting up the EDS LTI integration once it has reached maturity.

Statistics

Annual usage reports are now available for FY2021. This data includes reports for all GALILEO members at the institution or system level. Dive into the data here:

https://about.galileo.usg.edu/about/usage_data

November 2021 vendor data are now available in the [GALILEO Reporting Tool](#). (The reporting tool is also accessible from the GALILEO usage data webpage referenced above.)

E-Resources/Content

Budgeting and Renewals

Heading into the new year we're keeping an eye on budgets and costs. We'll send out surveys at the beginning of the year to gather information to help negotiate our renewals. We'll also gather data on journal package publishers to identify ways we can obtain better pricing in that area.

Outreach and Communications

GIL Users Group Meeting (GUGM)

The 2022 conference is planned for May 17-19. The theme of the 2022 conference is "New Models for Sharing," with a focus on the legal landscape of current and future lending (or resource sharing) practices. The Call for Proposals will open in January, and session proposals will be due Feb. 10. Visit the [GUGM website](#) for updates.

GALILEO Annual Conference

The 2022 [GALILEO Annual Conference](#) will take place virtually June 14-16. The theme of next year's conference is "Imagine. Discover. Explore." There will be a focus on the importance of primary sources in preserving history and lifelong learning, a key part of the GALILEO mission. The Call for Proposals will open in February, and session proposals will be due March 4.

GALILEO Ambassador Award

Nominations for the first GALILEO Ambassador Award will be taken March 1-31. For the inaugural year, the award will honor an individual or school going above and beyond to advocate for and use GALILEO in the classroom. The winner will be recognized at the GALILEO Annual Conference. Stay tuned for more information on the nomination process.

GALILEO Annual User Survey

The GALILEO Annual Survey took place in November 2021. A public library patron (who is also a former library staffer) won our \$50 gift card. View selected survey results below:

- 2,779 surveys were analyzed. This is down nearly 21% over the previous year with 1,866 of those entries fully complete.
- 90.4% of respondents believe GALILEO is a "valuable resource." This is down slightly from the previous year.

- Respondents ranked “more content” as the feature that needs the most improvement, and in future redesigns, respondents ranked search customization as the No. 1 customization feature requested.
- A total of 2,624 respondents completed the user demographic information. Of those respondents, 227 (8.7%) were librarians and 2,397 (91.3%) were end users.
- The highest percentage of responses came from University System of Georgia institutions and K-12 schools (27% each).
- Albany State University had the single most responses of any institution, and it accounted for 34.4% of all responses from technical colleges.
- The pandemic may have played a part in the increase of responses from people at home. In 2019, the percentage of respondents from home was 18.3% (358), in 2020, the percentage of respondents increased to 23.7% (495), and in 2021, it increased again to 25% (519).

Affordable Learning Georgia

Affordable Materials Grants

Apply for Round 21

The deadline to apply for the next round of ALG grants is February 14, 2022. Get information here: [Round 21 RFP](#).

Round 20 Grantees

Round 20 of the ALG Affordable Materials Grants includes 24 new projects from 10 USG institutions. See the new projects on the [Round 20 Grantees and Documents Page](#).

New Research on OER Adoption and USG Faculty Motivation

Dr. Tomohiro Nagashima and Dr. Susan Hrach (Faculty Champion, Columbus State University) have published a [new open-access research article on motivating factors](#) for faculty to adopt OER, surveying USG faculty who applied for an Affordable Materials Grant. Monetary awards, collaboration opportunities, and support available to grantees were the top three factors, with the most common issue in adopting OER being the discoverability/availability of existing open materials.

Open Education Conference: USG Presentation Videos

The Open Education Conference in October was a big success for the international open education community, and USG faculty and staff had nine presentations at the conference. All USG Open Education Conference presentations are now on their own [OpenEd 2021 page](#) on the ALG website.

Digital Library of Georgia

DPLA

The DLG continues to be one of the top contributors in DPLA. DPLA harvested from DLG on December 13.

Partner Virtual Event Scheduled for April 2022: Sign Up to Present by January 14

Planning is underway for a virtual partner event April 14-15. The virtual event will take place over two afternoons and include presentations, a partner showcase, and lightning talks. This year's theme is Connecting Users: Outreach and Use.

The DLG is soliciting presentations for the event Partners may propose either a

- Traditional presentation: 20-25 minute presentation addressing the conference theme;
- Partner spotlight: a 10-12-minute presentation that highlights new digital collections, initiatives, or processes in your digital work; or
- Lightning talk: a 5-minute presentation that quickly addresses digital library issues, novel approaches, and initiatives in digital work.

Topics may include but are not limited to:

- Accessibility;
- Assessment and impact;
- Community engagement and outreach;
- Digital humanities and collections as data;
- Diversity, equity, and inclusion practices;
- Educational reuse;
- IIIF and interoperability; or
- Rights and ethics.

Subgrant Applications Due April 1

DLG is soliciting proposals for historic digitization projects costing up to \$7500 in DLG services from non-profit Georgia cultural heritage institutions. To encourage applications from community-based archives, we have removed the requirement that Applicant organizations be open to the public, and that their collections be available for public research either by appointment or through regular hours. Project metadata will be included in the DLG portal and the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA). Projects may include the reformatting of textual materials (not including newspapers), graphic materials, or audio-visual materials. Applicants should have materials prepared for a project start date of **July 1, 2022** For more information about the program and application materials, go to the [program homepage](#).

Harmful Content Statement and Reporting Mechanism Update: Townhall January 13 at 2 pm

As part of its DEI efforts, DLG has drafted a harmful content statement based on [that of the DPLA](#). DLG staff simplified the statement's language to improve its readability based on Georgia Department of Education eighth grade reading levels. Staff at GALILEO, NGE, UGA Libraries, and DLG partners reviewed the draft statement, and it has been approved by GALILEO and the UGA Libraries.

The statement will be available on all DLG portals. We will also allow users to submit reports of harmful content. The DLG will forward these reports to the owning institution who will determine whether to change or remove the content. Holding institutions/DLG partners can already report collections that may contain harmful content by using [this form](#) or contacting [Nicole Lawrence](#). We ask you to provide us with a statement for use with the identified collection. The [Hargrett Library's Pandora collection](#) is an example of such a collection.

For more information about our implementation of the statement and reporting mechanisms, please join us for a townhall on January 13 at 2 pm ([register](#)).

Enhanced Interoperability with IIIF Manifests

With the launch of our new Mirador viewer, the DLG can now utilize IIIF manifests from other digital asset management systems (DAMS). Manifests allow images to be displayed in any compatible viewer along with any additional information the source repository has provided. Find out more [about IIIF here](#) or [watch our IIIF webinar recording](#). If you use a [IIIF compliant product](#) and you'd like us to include manifests, send an email to [Nicole Lawrence](#) to start the conversation.