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GALILEO Monthly Update – July 2020

GALILEO Strategic Plan

GALILEO has several long-term goals outlined in its strategic plan (on the website at this [link](#)). Below is an update on the projects for fiscal year 2020.

GALILEO Support Activities

OpenAthens

Brenau University is scheduled to go live on August 16. Augusta University went live in early August, and the final USG institution to go live will be UGA in December.

GALILEO Development Advisory Committee (GDAC)

GALILEO held a July GDAC meeting to review the launch of the redesign. The time was also used to thank members for the past year of assistance, ask whether they would like to serve again, and to position the team to start work on the second phase of the redesign.

GALILEO Redesign

The GALILEO redesign launched July 21. Feedback was generally positive about the redesign, including the look and feel of the interface, but there were some suggestions regarding creating an A-Z list of the databases, functionality of the search, and placement of icons and content areas on the home page.

The team is looking at all the feedback for possible changes to GALILEO, including adding an A-Z facet in the database search area.

In addition, on the day of the launch, a change on the GALILEO department site created errors for GALILEO Search. This was noticed in the morning, and the team worked to rectify the problem. In the next redesign, it has been suggested to launch earlier in the morning to catch big snags before the general public wakes and begins using GALILEO Search.

The team is expected to begin conversation on the second phase of the redesign in August.

Integrations

No new monthly updates.

Statistics

No new monthly updates.

- View GALILEO FY19 annual usage reports at this [link](#).
- COUNTER compliant usage data for calendar year 2019 has been loaded into Alma for Analytics, ACRL and IPEDS reporting. See status at this [link](#).
- Access database and serials information from the GALILEO website at this [link](#).

E-Resources/Content

Due to statewide budget cuts, GALILEO still plans to drop the ProQuest package. It will be available for all members through Sept. 30.

However, there is the possibility of retaining access if funding becomes available. GALILEO will continue to monitor the situation and will follow up again in mid-August.

Outreach and Communications

GIL Users Group Meeting (GUGM)

GALILEO is planning four virtual sessions from the original GUGM event, which was canceled due to COVID-19. The sessions will take place in October. Get information [here](#).

Miscellaneous Communications

At the request of USG leadership, GALILEO created two press releases for the University System of Georgia on the redesign and the system's updates on no-cost, low-cost indicators. It is not known when or if the releases will be approved. We also created a one-pager on the no-cost, low-cost updates, and that can be accessed [here](#).

Media

Association for American Colleges and Universities:

<https://www.aacu.org/aacu-news/campus-model/affordable-learning-georgia-increasing-equity-and-improving-pedagogy-through-open>

Atlas Obscura article on Atlanta funeral programs

<https://www.atlasobscura.com/articles/black-american-funeral-records>

Affordable Learning Georgia

Affordable Materials Grants

A new round of grants begins, with the next deadline being Oct. 5 for requests for proposals. Because there are far more resources out there than just textbooks, the titles of our grants have changed from Textbook Transformation Grants to Affordable Materials Grants. This new round of grants includes changes aimed at increased OER adoption, collaboration, accessibility, resource quality, and project sustainability. For more information, [click here](#).

OpenALG (Manifold)

Recently updated materials for OpenALG, include: [Microbiology for Allied Health Students](#), adapted from OpenStax, and [Film Appreciation](#), from the University of North Georgia.

View all OpenALG materials, [here](#).

Featured Speaker Series

Affordable Learning Georgia will be hosting several webinars on its grants program throughout the remainder of the year. The first will take place Aug. 28 with a discussion by a team from Georgia Gwinnett College.

View all upcoming webinars [here](#).

Digital Library of Georgia

New Resources

New online records that describe the history of Peachtree City, Georgia, one of the country's most successful post-World War II "new towns," are now available for researchers in the Digital Library of Georgia. The collection, Peachtree City: Plans, Politics, and People, "New Town" Beginnings and How the "New Town" Grew, is available at dlg.usg.edu/collection/frils-pt_newtown and contains prospectuses, master plans, maps, conceptual drawings, newsletters, and administrative records dating from the 1950s to 2007.

Subgrants

To broaden partner participation in the Digital Library of Georgia (DLG), DLG is soliciting proposals for historic digitization projects costing up to \$7500 in DLG services from non-profit Georgia cultural

heritage institutions. Applicant organizations must be open to the public, and their collections must be available for public research either by appointment or through regular hours. The deadline for this grant program is Oct. 1, 2020.

Outreach

Donnie Summerlin, an archivist with the [Digital Library of Georgia](#), recently appeared on the [Ken Rudin's Political Junkie](#) podcast to discuss the history and challenges of the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

On August 13, DLG will present an expanded version of the A.V. digitization session that was to be held during the canceled partner day. Speakers include Callie Holmes, Brown Media Archives at UGA, Jessica Leming, Atlanta University Center Woodruff Library, and Emily Halvey, PreserveSouth. ([register](#)).