

GALILEO Monthly Update – March 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 Administrative Updates

Like most of you, GALILEO, GIL, and ALG staff have transitioned to working from home until state workers can return to the office. Luckily, as Georgia's Virtual Library, we are already very experienced in providing support from a distance! In-person events and meetings are either being delayed, cancelled or transitioned to a virtual environment. Unfortunately, the statewide courier and GIL Express are on hold for now.

Most of our services are truly virtual, however, and we continue to work hard to make sure that issues in accessing or using GALILEO resources are kept to a minimum. Projects such as the GALILEO portal redesign are moving ahead on schedule, as are OpenAthens implementations. Many e-resource vendors have actually expanded their offerings during this difficult time—Ancestry, for example, is allowing access to all users from home.

All the GALILEO staff stand ready to assist you if you encounter any issues or have any concerns, so please don't hesitate to reach out (ideally through the Contact Us form on the [GALILEO website](#)).

GALILEO Support Activities

OpenAthens

- GALILEO Support is now working to bring GPALS and AMPALS libraries online. GALILEO Support Services (GSS) is currently meeting to plan with individual institutions, most recently: Piedmont College, Morehouse School of Medicine (now live), and Oglethorpe University.
- Preparations are well under way to get the final USG institutions, UGA and Augusta University, live soon.
- We recently added a slate of administrative training and training about managing guest users. Training opportunities are found here:
- <https://libguides.galileo.usg.edu/c.php?g=928245>
- GSS is working toward pilot implementations for 3 PINES libraries.

GALILEO Development Advisory Committee (GDAC)

The GALILEO portal redesign team has been busy aggregating and implementing recommendations the GDAC team already has made (see below). We have scheduled a meeting with GDAC on April 21 to review those changes and provide additional input on the design before it is released for accessibility testing and review by other stakeholders.

GALILEO Redesign

The redesign team has met frequently (as a complete team or in separate groups) during the month of March with the goal of finalizing a feasible timeline, as well as a go-live date. Presently, the go-live date is July 21. Additionally, the team has met to fine-tune various aspects, including “spotlight” area requirements and guidelines, the design of the institutional area, the design of the GALILEO Wayfinder, deciding text and images for the hero area, and more. See select individual updates below.

Portal Team:

The portal team continues to work toward implementing specific recommendations for the GALILEO redesign. Recent tasks include:

- Reviewing and implementing the subject structure, appearance, and design of the GALILEO resource search
- Aggregating and implementing feedback from GDAC and CIDI on the GALILEO Wayfinder pages and the first GALILEO portal wireframes
- Evaluating the “Spotlight” resources portion of the page, and how best to provide libraries with the ability to customize those areas
- Integrating the EBSCO Discover Search (EDS) into the new portal infrastructure
- Evaluating the EDS profiles to streamline and improve results by age group
- Continued work on portal page appearance and features
- Planning for improvements to the GALILEO contact us form
- Planning for different GALILEO views for K-12 sites (elementary, middle and high school)

Admin Team:

- Set up vendor and resource images
- Set up GLRI branding
- Initial work on featured resources (In the Spotlight)
- Initial work on GALILEO Wayfinder
- Formulating HTML clean-up plan for GLRI and central GALILEO resources

Integrations

- Georgia College & State University requested LibApps LTI integration. Met with them to discuss rollout.
- Films on Demand LTI widget for Blackboard stopped working. Worked with Films on Demand to resolve issue.

Statistics

- View GALILEO FY19 annual usage reports at this [link](#).
- View status of loaded counter reports at this [link](#). (Counter reports are loaded into Alma for Analytics, ACRL and IPEDS.)
- Access database and serials information from the GALILEO website at this [link](#).

E-Resources/Content

In March, a number of resources were upgraded or extended to at-home access for use by the library public and GALILEO partners, due to the statewide temporary closure of libraries and other “non-essential” business and services. An ongoing list of these changes is available on the [GALILEO department website](#). Additional information is below for select databases.

- EBSCO has temporarily upgraded our subscriptions for a number of important databases:
 - Academic Search Ultimate
 - Applied Science and Technology Ultimate
 - Business Source Ultimate
 - Humanities Source Ultimate

All are listed on the GALILEO portal’s A-Z list with the note: Trial access until June 30th (Not applicable to institutions with current subscriptions.)

- Ancestry/ProQuest Genealogy extended at-home access until April 30. GALILEO staff continues to work with ProQuest team toward extending at-home use beyond the initial timeframe.

GALILEO staff also have made license terms available to end users in Primo for all EBSCO and ProQuest collections.

Outreach and Communications

GIL/GALILEO Conferences

The GUGM committee met and has decided to postpone the meeting for some time in the summer. The committee is considering make the conference virtual. The GALILEO conference committee has finalized conference presentations, but it has not decided on changes for the date or format. For updates, visit the GIL conference [website](#) and the GALILEO conference [website](#).

COVID-19

In an effort to communicate with the public about changes due to the pandemic, we have sent messages via the GALILEO e-newsletter and the GALILEO Listserv, created social media posts, made changes to the website, and created new LibGuides to showcase how various GALILEO audiences can still access the resources at home. An effort is being made to reduce the amount of email our users receive from us, as well as any fear-inducing words, such as “outbreak.”

Regional Workshops

These efforts are on hold due to changing priorities.

Additional PR & Communications

- A draft communications plan and timeline have been created for announcing the redesign of the GALILEO portal.
- Social media reach and engagement has increased since the start of the pandemic. We have communicated with other library groups about the idea of a webinar for library communicators on best practices during this time.
- Work on creating a GALILEO brand ambassador group is on hold.

Upcoming Events (staff presenting, organizing or exhibiting)

- RACL Spring Meeting, April 10 (virtual)
- GPALS meeting, April 17 (no longer in person, may be virtual or postponed)
- GALILEO Annual Conference, June 18 (Macon)
- GIL Users Group Meeting, Summer 2020 (likely virtual)

A number of events that GALILEO planned to participate in have been canceled, including the KSU children's literacy conference, the USG Teaching and Learning Conference, and the ICOLC North America meeting. We will continue to update our plans for any events related to events we sponsor, present at, or help to organize.

Affordable Learning Georgia

Textbook Transformation Grants Deadline Delays: Due to the coronavirus pandemic, Affordable Learning Georgia has changed the following:

- The application deadline for the 17th round of Textbook Transformation Grants has been delayed by two weeks to April 20, 2020. Deadlines and timelines are up to date in the [Request for Proposals for the 17th round of Textbook Transformation Grants](#).
- The kickoff meeting for round 17 will now be online. Because of this, the \$800 budget item for travel and overall project expenses, which is normally required, will be an optional item for overall project expenses. Grantees must define what they will use these funds for clearly in the application.
- Projects still have a maximum final semester of summer 2021.
- Spring 2020 final and semester status reports are now due June 12, 2020.

New USG Websites: Affordable Learning Georgia and web designer Jason Steele collaborated in the creation of three new websites for the USG:

- [Keep Teaching USG](#): Guides and resources for instructors moving their courses online.
- [Keep Learning USG](#): Guides and resources for students as courses move online.

- [USG Learning Everywhere](#): Lifelong learning resources from the USG for any Georgia learner, anywhere.

Manifold Pilot Phase 2: With six proof-of-concept textbooks added to [OpenALG](#), ALG is now assessing the accessibility and structure of all USG open textbooks in preparation to add more texts to OpenALG. This accessibility audit will likely result in major formatting and accessibility revisions to all ALG open textbooks. In the meantime, please feel free to share feedback on the proof-of-concept texts with ALG.

Digital Library of Georgia

New Materials

In February, the following new collections were made available.

- Children's Writing in the Early 20th Century (Berry College)
- Berry Family History (Berry College)
- Grace Towns Hamilton Papers (Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library)
- Endarch: Journal of Black Political Research (Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library)
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, Clark Atlanta University, Sigma Chapter Collection (Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library)
- Journal of the Interdenominational Theological Center (Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library)
- Vulcan Museum Women's Suffrage Exhibit Collection (Birmingham Civil Rights Institute) [CRDL]
- Birmingham Civil Rights Institute Oral History Project Collection (Birmingham Civil Rights Institute) [CRDL]

Development

The draft site design template has been updated in preparation for the launch of DLG/NGE co-branded exhibits in fall 2020.

Integration of full-text newspaper content into the DLG's Georgia portal is DLG's priority for the rest of this fiscal year and the following fiscal year. Meetings with other large digital libraries who have incorporated newspaper content have been scheduled (Portal to Texas History, Digital Commonwealth (MA), University of Utah, and Library of Congress).

Subgranting

Proposals for the first round of [FY 2020/2021 subgrants](#) are due April 14 for a project start date of July 1, 2020.

Archival Management Systems

We are working with Atlanta History Center to move them from Archivists Toolkit to ArchivesSpace over the spring. Conversations with Georgia Historical Society have begun. A test instance of ArchivesSpace is available for testing the feasibility of a statewide finding aid repository.

Outreach

DLG/NGE's exhibit intern is developing an online exhibit on theatre in Georgia that will debut in fall 2020. Work is underway on an exhibit on newspapers in Georgia. We began advertising for our summer interns in March. We plan to have three interns (two in Athens and one in Atlanta) during the summer.

The DLG partner day and rights training have been postponed.