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GALILEO Activities Report – Sept. 2021 to Oct. 2021

GALILEO Strategic Plan

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

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. Over the summer, staff completed the first public library implementation at Live Oak Public Libraries. Since then, the team has complete implementation for Athens Regional Library System, Piedmont Regional Library System and Dougherty County Library System.

All 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. No timeline yet for K-12.

GALILEO Redesign

GALILEO developers expect to launch the next major design on Dec. 20. It will include making the new bento functionality the default, improving the “journals” bento search, and adding bento boxes for other resources, such as New Georgia Encyclopedia. We are also planning to implement usability changes to the wayfinder page. The ability for institutions to customize the bento boxes that appear is on the horizon.

Integrations

No updates at this time.

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

August and September 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

What's New

For the 2021-2022 school year, GALILEO has added several new members from the Georgia Independent School Association (GISA). They are: Fulton Science Academy in Alpharetta, Furtah Preparatory School in Acworth, Georgia Christian School in Valdosta, and Whitefield Academy in Mableton.

New Working Committees

The new Accessibility Committee has had an initial organizational meeting, including a follow-up meeting on accessibility tools. The group plans to work on ways to promote accessibility awareness and training, and to share evaluations and best practices. The new Open Access Committee main current goal is to provide recommendations for open access strategy.

Outreach and Communications

GALILEO Annual Survey

The user survey will take place Nov. 5 – 19, 2021. The survey will be accessible from the GALILEO websites: [GALILEO Search](#) and [About GALILEO](#). It will also be advertised on social media and via local libraries. Library directors of institutions with previous low engagement will be contacted directly.

Media

- Digital Library of Georgia
 - Atlanta Journal-Constitution: <https://www.ajc.com/life/aging-in-atlanta/birth-registers-of-black-mothers-from-south-georgia-nursing-home-now-available-online-for-free/3LTVQ56KZNGU5LMWCEZZJDKT5E/>
- GALILEO
 - Project ReShare: https://about.galileo.usg.edu/news/article/galileo_joins_project_reshare
 - GALILEO joins the Project ReShare community.
- General interest
 - Scripps: <https://www.wmar2news.com/news/national/two-americas/why-tracking-down-family-history-isnt-as-easy-as-it-seems-for-some-americans>
 - GALILEO and Digital Library of Georgia have digitized the funeral programs included in this story, making access to this family history more accessible for all

Conference Planning

- Planning for GUGM 2022 and GALILEO's 2022 annual conference will begin in the fall. It is expected that both will be virtual again, with GUGM happening either the second or third week of May, and the GALILEO Annual Conference taking place June 14-16 (tentative).
- We are planning to launch a new award for the GALILEO community to be presented to an individual or library that goes above and beyond to support and advocate for the use of GALILEO. The first award will focus on K-12 educators and media specialists. The GALILEO Ambassadors advisory group will act as the selection committee

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 26: GALILEO and Georgia Public Broadcasting STEM webinar (Russell Palmer will present.) – Register: <https://tinyurl.com/GForceSTEMWebinar>
- Oct. 27: Georgia Library Association's Carterette Series (Jeff Gallant is the presenter.) – Register: <https://tinyurl.com/carterette>
- Council for Programs in Technical and Scientific Communication (CPTSC) Conference Oct. 28-30 (staff presenting)
- Charleston Conference, Nov. 3-5 (staff presenting and attending)

Affordable Learning Georgia

Open Education Conference

ALG program manager Tiffani Tijerina is part of the steering committee for the Open Education Conference. In addition to planning the event, Tiffani has pre-recorded a presentation for the weeklong conference, which is available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gW9EbrHXdL4>. ALG program director Jeff Gallant also served on a conference panel of open education leaders on OER data management.

Sustainability Check

ALG is currently conducting a sustainability check of its grantees. This check helps ALG ensure that it reports accurate information in the ALG Data Center, which is available to the public. The information will provide updates on project staffing, cost-savings per students, whether the team continued using OER materials, and more. To date, 95 project leads have responded.

Affordable Materials Grants

The deadline to apply for the next round of ALG grants is approaching. Those interested must apply by Nov. 1, 2021. Get information here: https://www.affordablelearninggeorgia.org/about/rfp_r20

Digital Library of Georgia

DPLA

The DLG has 812,300 records in DPLA currently, and it continues to be one of the top contributors. DPLA will re-harvest DLG records in December.

New Resources

In partnership with the Georgia State University Special Collections and Archives (music and broadcasting collections), DLG has digitized 24 scrapbooks from the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Collection dating from 1945-1985. They are now available online as part of the [Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Collection](#).

This work was done as part of a competitive digitization grant intended to broaden partner participation in the DLG and provide digitization services costing up to \$7500 for historic collections from nonprofit Georgia cultural heritage institutions. Read more about the new digital resources on the DLG blog: <https://blog.dlg.galileo.usg.edu/?p=8021>

Upcoming Free Webinars

- November 18, 2-3 pm, Ethics and Digitization with Micah Zeller, Washington University in Saint Louis ([register](#))

Miscellaneous

New Georgia Encyclopedia

GALILEO played a part in the new website design recently release by the New Georgia Encyclopedia. View the new website here: <https://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/>