

**Final Minutes
GALILEO Steering Committee
Henry County Public Library
Friday, August 20, 2010
10:00 AM – 10:55 AM**

Attendees: Gordon Baker, Pat Borck, Lauren Fancher, Carolyn Fuller, Eva Lautemann, LaVerne McLaughlin, Tad Mindeman, Bede Mitchell, Catherine Murray-Rust, Merryll Penson, Bill Potter, Mary Jane Rootes, Gene Ruffin, Nan Seamans, Judy Serritella, Joan Taylor, Shawn Tonner.

1) Welcome and Introductions (Mitchell)

2) Approval of June 11, 2010 Minutes (Mitchell)

Minutes were approved as submitted.

3) Report from Executive Director (Penson)

- An activities report for GALILEO was distributed.
- The BOR is planning for 4, 6, and 8% cuts, in anticipation of additional reductions in the coming year.
- FY10 Special Funding Initiatives (SFI's) were funded at \$43 million in total, including GALILEO. In FY11 they are funded at \$16 million. While many of the associated activities were eliminated or significantly reduced, the GALILEO funding for the USG and DOE for GALILEO which is provided through this mechanism stayed more intact. However, continuation in the future may be subject to further cuts and the impacts are unknown.
- Penson will be working with a couple of other virtual libraries to do a presentation to the SREB in October on the role of the virtual libraries. The Kentucky Virtual Library has recently lost the participation of their K12 schools due to budget issues. Their new model will allow school districts to participate through self-funding.
- The New Georgia Encyclopedia is reviewing options for new technical infrastructure and future support. GALILEO stakeholders will be included in focus groups and discussions to help determine the direction.
- ITS (formerly OIT) is still in the process of reorganization.

4) GALILEO Steering Committee Strategic Plan (Mitchell)

The University System librarians (RACL) have been working on a strategic plan for the University System libraries. They will be beginning to assign action items to move the plan forward. The GALILEO Steering Committee will have some responsibility for those parts of the plan that relate to GALILEO. A question for the group to consider is whether the GALILEO Steering Committee should have a strategic plan, or an endorsement of those parts of the RACL plan that relate to GALILEO. One consideration is that the GALILEO constituency is broader than RACL's; GALILEO is a statewide effort. The group discussed the options and concurred that

there would be value in having something that recognized the K12, public, and private library communities. Mitchell will share the RACL document for the group to review and determine what could be extracted for GALILEO to use as a rough draft; the group could then add to it and review and finalize at the October meeting.

5) Birthday Celebration Update (Penson/Fancher)

GALILEO will turn 15 on September 21, 2010. At this year's GOLD/GALILEO Users Group Meeting, August 13, 2010, held at the University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education in Athens, Georgia, Lauren Fancher, Katie Gohn, and Merryll Penson presented "GALILEO's Birthday Session" along with the rest of the GALILEO staff and a panel of special guests, including Dr. William Gray Potter, University Librarian and Associate Provost, University of Georgia; Dr. Georgia Gaumont, University Librarian and Library and Information Science Professor, Valdosta State University; Dr. Lamar Veatch, State Librarian, Georgia Public Library Service; and Dr. Curtis Carver, Jr., Vice Chancellor and Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Services, University System of Georgia. A large crowd was in attendance for this session and everyone enjoyed a walk down memory lane as we celebrated GALILEO's 15th birthday. In addition, representatives of the GALILEO vendor community were there, including Kim Robinson for ProQuest, the original provider of full-text in GALILEO, and Carl Grant for Ex Libris, who provided a beautiful birthday cake for the attendees at lunch. Plans are ongoing for the virtual celebration on September 21, 2010, including the recognition of winners of the GALILEO Life Contest; the submission deadline has been extended to September 15th. All entries to date are viewable in the GALILEO Scrapbook. Users can also explain that "I'm a Fan of GALILEO Because" through the link of that name and a fan will be made for them. More details about events and submission processes can be found at:

http://about.galileo.usg.edu/site/galileo_2010_15th_birthday_celebration/

The Steering Committee participated in a GALILEO fan picture session. Penson reported that she is exploring approaches to engaging the GALILEO community stakeholders in messages of support for GALILEO as part of the birthday celebration.

6) Reports from the Library Communities

- **AMPALS (Liz Bagley; Report provided electronically in advance):**

AMPALS libraries will meet just before the next ARCHE Library Council meeting on November 4, 2010 at the Atlanta History Center. Member news includes:

Agnes Scott College

- Welcomes its largest every First Year class this Friday, 270+ strong; also, 60 new international students from 20 countries arrived this week.
- The college was included in the Princeton Review's *Guide to Green Colleges*, and ranked #10 for student-voted "Best Quality of Life" in their *Best 373 Colleges*.
- ASC and **Emory Libraries** are sponsors of the [Decatur Book Festival](#). Please join us Labor Day Weekend, **Sept. 3-5** for speakers and authors including Dr. Muhammad Yunus (Aug. 25 lead in), Jonathan Franzen (keynote), Martha Ackmann, Mark Childress, Diana Gabaldon, Emily Giffin, Patti Callahan Henry, Natasha Trethewey and many more. Volunteer opportunities are available too – a fun way to participate. Contact Lee Ann Harvey if you or a group are interested, leeann.harvey@decaturga.com.

Atlanta University Center Woodruff Library

- Celebrates completion of Phase I of renovations with a ribbon cutting scheduled for August 26 at 2:30pm.
- On August 27, Dr. Muhammad Yunus (2006 Nobel Peace Prize Recipient and 2009 Presidential Medal of Freedom Recipient) will lecture and sign books.
- AUC also has implemented PRIMO Central.

Oglethorpe University

- Marked their 175th anniversary this year! An exhibit on the history of the university, showcasing items from archives, runs through the end of September.
- Anne Salter and Judith Brook (**Mercer-Atlanta**) gave a paper at the University of Edinburgh Materials Culture Conference in July. The paper was about the use of ebooks and ebook readers in academic libraries.

- **GPALS (Mindeman):** Argosy University has decided not to participate in FY11. American Intercontinental University will participate in FY11 but not in FY12. Their fall meeting will be October 29 at Covenant College.
- **DOE (Serritella):** Serritella has been working to ensure the continuation of GALILEO for the public K12 schools.
- **GPLS (Zimmerman not present):** No report.
- **TCSG (Brooks not present):** No report
- **GISA (Pylant not present):** No report. Penson mentioned that challenges that the private K12's have been having with continuation; a number of schools have dropped out.

- **USG (Mitchell):** Mitchell asked the group to share their anecdotal experience about the 4% cut that is currently planned as an initial austerity measure for FY11. The RACL group will meet on November 12.

7) New Business (Mitchell)

None.

8) Next Meeting Dates (Mitchell)

The next meeting will be at the Henry County Public Library on October 8, 2010.

9) Adjourn (Mitchell)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 AM.