

# **2010-2011 Fact Sheet**

#### Access

GALILEO has empowered education of Georgians by producing cost-effective, reliable, trustworthy, and valuable information resources 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for over 15 years.

## **Everything Georgia**

The Digital Library of Georgia, the online gateway to Georgia's history and culture in digitized books, manuscripts, photographs, government documents, newspapers, maps, audio, video, and more -
10 million hits in FY2010

Georgia Government Publications, including over 35,000 full text digital publications

The New Georgia Encyclopedia, the award-winning reference tool created in partnership with the Georgia Humanities Council and the University of Georgia Press -- 12 million hits in FY2010

Cost-effective, reliable, and trustworthy information that is not available for free through Google and other search engines

Competitive knowledge for homework, research, business, career information, consumer, health, and much more

Cost-Effective,
Trustworthy
Information

Over 2000 institutions participate in GALILEO's collection of core library resources, providing the best possible stewardship of precious state dollars through collaborative purchasing power. GALILEO is a core resource for Georgia libraries, which are working harder than ever to serve their communities and help small businesses, job seekers, and students thrive. Providing equal access to information through GALILEO improves the quality of library services for all Georgians.

GALILEO (GeorgiA LIbrary LEarning Online) is Georgia's award-winning virtual library of licensed, commercial databases and selected free Internet resources offering access to thousands of full-text magazines, journals, encyclopedias, and electronic books to every Georgia citizen wherever they are—school, home, library, or office.

By collaborating and sharing resources, GALILEO benefits more than nine million Georgia citizens

### Knowledge

- Professional learning and development for students, educators, consumers, and businesses
  - Universal access to core materials,
     including full-text books and journals,
     for learners of all ages and interests
    - Best-of-breed tools for simultaneous searching
       of multiple databases and discovery and linking among electronic journals

## **Anytime**

GALILEO is available 24x7

to any public library user with a password, PINES library card, or through geolocation

#### Georgians Love GALILEO



An Initiative of the University System of Georgia

High School Student: "Through Galileo's numerous search engines, researching has become a breeze. Having worked on two research papers so far in high school, it cuts down time and reduces frustration through its supreme organization and quality. No longer do I have to wonder about the information's validity, I can focus my attention on the topic at hand. I thoroughly thank Galileo for all it has done for me."

96,42% **Surveyed Agree GALILEO** is **A Valued Service** 

Robbie Reasoner, a graduate student at North Georgia College and State University:

"I can find current educational research articles for my graduate courses, and at the same time, I can help my middle-school-age daughter find appropriate answers to some of her homework projects. GALILEO is an extraordinary resource for ALL citizens of Georgia, and you all are lucky to have access to such a wealth of information."

**Equal Access:** Rural, Urban, College, School, Library, Home, Office, or On-the-Go

In FY2010 67,617,884 **GALILEO Articles Were** Downloaded: Valued at \$354,993,891:

A Return on **Investment** of 4,485%

Deborah Hanenkrat, a media specialist at Cass Middle School in the Bartow County School System: "The databases provided by GALILEO give our state's students an academic place to begin their research. When you have a great reference like this, it's easy to explain to kids that you want them to begin research with an academic source rather than 'just any search engine.' I consider GALILEO to be my partner in teaching information literacy skills to my students."

**Libraries Rely on GALILEO** 

\$5.25: lowest available price for one article if downloaded outside of GALILEO vs. \$0.14

\$22,871,532: projected cost to duplicate GALILEO's resources for all institutions individually for one year

\$1,161,825,107: number of dollars libraries otherwise would have spent for full-text articles 1995-2010

171,228,689: number of user experiences FY2010

74,050,004: number of searches FY2010

Adrian Mixson. Director of the Hall County Library System,

told the Gainesville Times in January 2010 that GALILEO "is one of the best kept secrets around. All the major magazines and newspapers are available to you. It's like bringing a major college library to your home. It's one of the best things the state does for its citizens. It's free all it takes is your library card."

Cost **Effective** Support for the **Business of** Libraries

The State of Georgia invests in GALILEO for public colleges, public libraries, and K12. Private colleges and K12 schools invest their own dollars and help increase the cost savings for all.

35: University System of Georgia

26: Technical College System of Georgia

61: Georgia Public Library Systems

186: Public K-12 School Systems

46: Private College and University Libraries

28: Private K-12 Schools

**Participating Libraries**