

**Approved Minutes
GALILEO Steering Committee
Henry County Public Library
Friday, July 25, 2003
10:00 AM – 11:45 PM**

Attendees: Elizabeth Bagley, Charles Beard, Carol Bray, Laura Burtle for Charlene Hurt, Susan Cooley, Selden Deemer, Carolyn Fuller, Kim Herndon, Debbie Holmes, Kay Lowry, Callie McGinnis, Rich Meyer, Stephanie Middleton, Bill Nelson, Merryll Penson, Gail Roberts, Ann Salter, Judy Serritella, Toni Zimmerman.

1. Welcome and Introductions (McGinnis)

McGinnis opened the first 2003/04 GALSTEER meeting by welcoming new members followed by all members introducing themselves.

2. Minutes of May 9, 2003 (McGinnis)

The minutes were approved as corrected.

3. Chair Report (McGinnis)

Bill Potter has agreed to continue as chair of the CD Committee. Other Steering Committee members of the GALILEO of the GALILEO Electronic Collection Development Committee are Judy Serritella, Rich Meyer, Susan Cooley, and Charlene Hurt.

The Reference Committee, formerly chaired by Laura Burtle, will be chaired by Laura Green Smith of Armstrong Atlantic.

4. Executive Director Report (Penson)

Miscellaneous: Penson mentioned that Jayne Williams has moved to Hilton Head. Jayne has volunteered to be editor of the *GALILEO Planet*.

Penson updated the committee on the fire at UGA's library. She brought two Athens newspapers. She indicated that

- The fire was determined to be arson,
- The disaster recovery company had arrived by 10 P.M, on Wed.
- Bob Trotter and Phil FitzPatrick were able to turn off the GIL and GALILEO servers when they realized it was a fire and alert the Helpdesk and USG libraries,
- Phil Williams and GSU immediately started mapping out a back up plan if UGA couldn't recover by morning. Larry Hansard, SSC at GA Tech, offered temporary computer space At Tech,
- Bob Trotter had GIL Service Sites turned on shortly after midnight. Bob and Phil F. Remained until after 2 a.m. to insure that things were in proper order for delivering

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Service. Testing w/Endeavor was underway for the UC, so the UC was unavailable.

- The libraries were scheduled to move into the Student Learning Center shortly and they were given a temporary occupancy approval, so students were served.

The committee recommended that a letter of appreciation be sent to appropriate staff at UGA, GSU, GA Tech in appreciation for their quick thinking and ability to keep GALILEO and GIL operational with as little impact as possible. McGinnis will write letter.

A. Core database update

- k-12 was not able to get additional funds to purchase ProQuest resources. They will continue to get EBSCO and SIRS Discoverer. ProQuest has bought SIRS.
- ProQuest suite consists of ABI Inform, LION Reference, 5 newspapers, and Research Library Unique – a full text database created specifically for GALILEO. It will not contain items that are in EBSCO. ProQuest is currently working on that. No date for its availability has been given, but libraries will continue to have access to Research Library until that point.

B. Other groups update

Technical colleges and USG had to make cuts, but public libraries did not have to make database cuts.

C. Budget – FY 2004/FY2005

The Governor's Office (OPB) is requiring that all contracts with vendors contain a clause that will allow BOR to terminate and receive pro-rata refunds for convenience. This is in response to rather bleak revenue streams. FY 2005 also looks bleak.

D. Invoices for GPALS, AMPALS, and DTAE are on the way. Cost-share titles are forthcoming.

E. Statistics Project

The first state of the statistics project, following the critical issues session, has been completed - EBSCO usage statistics are now captured and are available in About GALILEO. ProQuest and LexisNexis are next on the list for the project.

F. PeachStar Institute for New Media Specialists

Thanks to Judy Serritella, GALILEO was able to participate. Philip McArdle and Lauren Fancher conducted the two-hour webcast session on GALILEO. Juanita Buddy from DeKalb County also participated. The archived web sessions will be on the GALILEO website to be used as part of instruction and in-service activities as well as at the PeachStar website.

- G.** SFX update
Selden Deemer described the two days of training as top-notch. Participants included Emory, GA Tech, GA State, and UGA. Test instances are up for review. GA Tech has been the most aggressive for rolling this out. Folks are pleased with this product. Deemer and Fancher will make a presentation about SFX (“Open URL Changes Everything”) at GOLD/GALILEO Users Group Conference and COMO. SFX is a ‘link resolver’ that accepts open URL and links to information...adds content to metadata. This product allows libraries to take full advantage of resources. The next step is the capability to search across multiple databases. In view of this technology and capability, Beard asked if members of the Georgia Higher Education Committee were aware and of and knowledgeable about these technologies and what libraries and educators needed and expected. He suggested that the library community prepare an informational sheet for lobbyists to educate legislators about information needs of library patrons.
- H.** DLG
Toby Graham has started as Director of the Digital Library of Georgia (DLG). His educational credentials, special collections background, experience with collaborative projects and enthusiasm will be an asset to the *DLG*. *Vanishing Georgia* is almost ready. It contains 18,000 images that have been scanned and metadata added to make it fully searchable. Meyer suggested that linking *VG* with other historical databases and resources would be a useful project to develop. Penson agreed that GALILEO needed a mechanism for linking *VG* to other Georgia history and culture items. Toby Graham will be looking at ways to ensure the most leverage from *DLG* resources.
- I.** Georgia HomePlace Survey
Ed Johnson is in charge of the survey which asked public libraries what they preferred to collect and store. A question was raised regarding participation by private institutions in *DLG*. Penson said absolutely that the idea is for all Georgia libraries to participate and collaborate with others like museums and historical societies to make resources available. There is a need for strategic planning, training, and equipment, master archival storage, rights clearance, etc.
- J.** New Georgia Encyclopedia
GALILEO has hired, with the support of the Georgia Humanities Council, a new programmer (Mark Durant) to work on NGE to eventually replace the application development and support from Merrill-Hall. There are several software issues to

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be resolved, but hopes are to have the product ready in fall with a public launch in February. *NGE* is the first state encyclopedia to be created originally in a digital format.

K. Staffing changes

Tim Brown, in marketing, has resigned. Plans are to hire an additional GALILEO support person and spread marketing responsibility among other staff.

L. Training FY2004

Training for the GALILEO Local Resources Integration Project is being held monthly at the Board of Regents offices in Atlanta. At COMO, vendors (BIP, LexisNexis, and SIRS) will pre-conference training at Three Rivers Regional Library HQ and at Coastal Community College. During the year, other sessions will be planned. Staff will try to take advantage of vendor training offered via web conferencing technologies to help libraries keep travel costs down.

5. GOLD/GALILEO Users Group Meeting, Aug. 1, 2003 (Zimmerman)

Zimmerman provided two handouts for GOLD and related issues. So far attendance for the GG meeting is below expectations. The keynote speaker is from the Library of Congress; nine breakout sessions have been planned. The URL for meeting information is available at the

GPLS website and at the GA Center for Continuing Education. Meeting packets will include ILL stats for GOLD libraries for FYs 02 and 03. ILL increased from 2002 to 2003.

6. Meeting schedule for GALSTEER meetings: every other month

Tentative dates are: September 19, Nov. 14, Jan. 23, March 26, and May 28.

7. Report from GALILEO Communities

- USG: courier services are being examined for re-bidding the existing state-wide contract. USG libraries are putting together USG IT standards and guidelines for libraries to follow because the first set of USG IT Guidelines focused on classroom buildings.
- DOE: Judy Serritella was disappointed that the DOE did not have the funds for participating more fully in GALILEO. She was pleased with the Institute for New Media Specialists production which consists of 20 modules. She said that Lauren and Philip did a wonderful job and was appreciative that PeachStar made this opportunity available.

Presentations will be archived to be used for staff development. Module 10 is next.

Serritella wants Georgia high school graduation information to be accessible on the

GALILEO website. Anything on the new DOE website can be placed on GALILEO.

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- DTAE: Middleton was concerned about technical colleges having to drop databases.

Now some technical colleges are subscribing to databases individually. She said decision makers wouldn't accept the cost-share concept used when purchasing consortially vs. individually. Technical colleges dropped *EB* and *NewsBank*. She indicated that she would like to pursue purchase of the netLibrary III Collection, which contains many reference titles.

- AMPALS: No report.
- GPALS: No report.
- GPLS: Zimmerman announced that GOLD and ILL training programs are being posted. Zimmerman also provided a written report on recent activities at GPLS. Of note is the new website – < www.georgialibraries.org >.

8. Adjourn. Next meeting is September 19, 2003.

Respectfully Submitted,

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