

**Approved Minutes
GALILEO Steering Committee
Henry County Public Library
Friday, December 10, 2004
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

Attendees:

Pat Borck, David Bunnell, Susan Cooley, Bob Fox, Bob Glass, Judy Golden, Toby Graham (also substituting for Bill Potter), Charlene Hurt, Kim Eccles, Lauren Fancher, Carolyn Fuller, Sue Lay, Kay Lowry, Callie McGinnis, Rich Meyer, Stephanie Middleton, Bill Nelson, Merryll Penson, Bob Glass, Anne Salter.

1) Minutes of October 7, 2004 Meeting (Meyer)

The minutes were approved as submitted.

2) Report of Chair (Meyer)

No report.

3) Digital Library of Georgia: Redesign Update and Demo (Toby Graham)

Graham presented the new beta site for the Digital Library of Georgia, the component of the GALILEO initiative that provides access to digitized content related to the history and culture of Georgia. The new site is expected to be in production in February or March. The new site utilizes a metadata database to provide keyword searchable access to both DLG-hosted digital collections as well as collections hosted by libraries and institutions around the state. Providing searchable access to the item level is dependent upon the metadata available. Enhanced searching features include the ability to browse by topic, timeline, county, and institution. Key projects supported by the Georgia HomePlace initiative have undergone a cataloging process in order to ensure that they are searchable. Other collections from the state have had collection-level metadata records produced by the DLG but may not have metadata sufficient for item-level searching. The greater part of a digitization effort is not scanning but the cataloging of the metadata. The group discussed the opportunities for libraries to participate and get their local digital collections included. Those interested should contact Toby Graham, Director of the Digital Library of Georgia, at <tgraham@arches.uga.edu>.

4) Adding Functionality for GALILEO: SFX, Metasearch, EZProxy (Penson and Fancher)

The review of metasearch and linking software has been underway for some time. A few sites have joined the pilot implementation of SFX. In November, RACL endorsed a unified direction for providing these features to the USG. Since these features are important for all participants, Penson requested that the group consider how this could or if it should happen for GALILEO as a whole. Users are requesting that GALILEO be more like Google (convenient,

easy to use, single search across multiple resources). Issues include funding strategies and challenges that may vary by community. The group discussed the implications of this direction from the perspectives of different communities. Fancher described a possible scenario for a multi-year implementation in which linking capabilities could be provided for the GALILEO-managed resources in the first year while a group worked with a metasearch product to determine how it could be deployed, with the goal of making it accessible in year two. In year three, providing opportunities for customization and localization by libraries would be the focus. The group discussed the funding challenges. The group requested that more information be obtained. A motion was made for Penson to provide the costs for each group for providing SFX, a metasearch solution, and EZProxy before the next meeting so that people have time to discuss the options with their groups.

5) Open URL/Metasearch Support Policy (Penson)

Penson distributed a draft policy regarding the inability of GALILEO to support independent library implementations of linking solutions and metasearch products. A unified approach is a requirement in order to provide centralized support. The group discussed the policy and aspects that seemed unclear. They requested that these issues be clarified in a revised draft, with the understanding that they did endorse the policy that not everything could be supported. The policy will be revised and sent via e-mail to the Steering Committee for review before posting.

6) Report from the Executive Director of Library Services (Penson)

a) EBSCO – CMMC and AHI

EBSCO has agreed to extend their complimentary access to two EBSCOhost databases, American Humanities Index and Communication & Mass Media Complete, through May 30, 2005 (For libraries who have made a commitment to subscribe by May 30, EBSCO would provide a 13 month subscription). EBSCO has provided these two databases to Academic Search Premier subscribers at no charge for a limited time and had previously planned to discontinue access at the end of December.

b) Historical AJC

ProQuest is marketing their new Historical AJC product. Penson has costs by community. The value of statewide access may garner support for a statewide purchase. Individual purchases could be credited if a group purchase emerges. The product will be ready for review soon; content is still being added.

c) 2004 Annual Survey

Penson distributed preliminary results from the 2004 annual survey. The final survey results should be available in late February. Overall

comments included praise and concerns about speed, user confusion, and the need for a single search.

d) **Other**

The Carter Center has requested assistance in putting up publications that they produce and GALILEO will be discussing possibilities with them.

A group of Georgia health sciences libraries has received a grant from the National Library of Medicine to plan a site to provide health information to the public. They are interested in the North Carolina project called "Go Local," which provides a directory of health resources for communities in the state. They are interested in support from GALILEO and are having another meeting with NLM representatives to discuss plans.

7) **Report from the Reference Committee on College Source (Penson)**

As requested, the Reference Committee reviewed College Source to see if the money should be redirected. They did not find any resources on the Internet that provided the same capabilities and recommended keeping it. Media specialists were asked to review this as well and were surprised to find that it was available. The funding is provided by USG and GPALS but all communities have access. The point was made that these groups might want to consider asking that the costs be reassessed across all communities.

8) **Reports from Communities**

a) **AMPALS (Salter)**

ILL delivery and costs are an issue.

b) **GPALS (Glass)**

The semi-annual meeting was conducted in November. A major discussion point was the use of GPALS funds to support a LibQual assessment, which costs \$2300. It was decided that GPALS would fund up to ten libraries for one thousand dollars each.

c) **GPLS (Cooley and Middleton for Zimmerman)**

The GPLS staff is at a staff retreat. Public libraries have received new computers from the Gates foundation. Focus groups are underway related to funding formulas and policies. A courier service for PINES has been successful, with some adjustments. GOLD union listing training is being planned.

d) **DOE**

No report.

e) **DTAE (Bunnell)**

They are working on unified assessment database and an online library orientation.

f) **USG (Meyer)**

RACL will be discussing their collaborative database purchases for GALILEO as well as SFX and metasearch solutions. The November meeting was well attended and the presentations were outstanding. A representative from the BOR facilities planning office presented and indicated that future USG buildings will need to be multi-functional. A report was provided from the WebCT Library Resource Integration working group.

9) **Other**

Penson reported that Philip McArdle will be leaving the GALILEO staff in early January. Middleton reported that using Bill Nelson's standards and accreditation workbook was very useful for their SACS accreditation. Fuller displayed posters of the new Locust Grove and Cochran Public Library branches under construction.

10) **Next Meeting Dates**

The meetings will be on February 11, April 22, and June 17.

11) **Adjourn.**