Approved Minutes
GALILEO Steering Committee
Henry County Public Library
Friday, December 7, 2001
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Attendees:
Judy Atwood, Charles Beard, Richard Brock, Selden Deemer, Lauren Fancher, Carolyn Fuller, Kim Herndon, Debbie Holmes, Mary Kaye Hooker, Charlene Hurt, Judy Kelly, Kay Lowry, Callie McGinnis, Karen Minton, Ginny Moreland, Merryll Penson, Bill Potter, Phyllis Ruscella, Brenda Sellers, Terry Seabright, Jennifer Watson, Jayne Williams

1.   **Welcome/Introductions (Hurt)**
        Kim Herndon from Shorter College substituted for Lance Foldes; Karen Minton attended as a quest speaker. Susan Cooley, Bob Fox, Lance Foldes, Bill Richards, and Lamar Veatch could not attend.

2.   **Minutes of October 12, 2001 (McGinnis)**
        The minutes were approved as distributed.

3.   **Collection Development Committee Recommendations (Potter)**
        The committee met in November at Macon State College. They reviewed the results of overlap studies which demonstrated that there were 6300 unique titles between the two vendors, with 1300 in common, 3400 unique to EBSCO and 1700 unique to ProQuest, with half of those being in ABI. They were concerned about the impact of embargoes, but felt that it was still essential to have electronic access even if delayed. They were also concerned about the rate of transfer of titles between the vendors due to exclusive contracts. Due to this instability, libraries are encouraged to avoid print cancellation. However, search benchmarking is demonstrating increase in results and peer-reviewed titles in both products.

        They heard presentations from both vendors, who also offered pricing. The committee recommended alternatives for closing the gap between the funding available and the vendor pricing, including keeping all resources or keeping parts of each. Their first preference was to keep all products and negotiate for further price reductions. Potter presented the final, negotiated pricing for this option.

The Steering Committee voted to continue all EBSCO and ProQuest databases with the exception of Newspaper Abstracts.

4. **GOLD Update (Penson)**

    GALILEO's programming staff has upgraded the Georgia Libraries Journal List (GOLD) database and migrated the database from the SiteSearch system to the Ultimate system. The database, which provides the holdings information available in EBSCOhost, FirstSearch, and locally-loaded GALILEO databases, now reflects the GOLD data released by OCLC in August of this year. However, the development effort also involved a wholesale reprogramming of the underlying database structure, resulting in a significantly shorter loading process for updates. In addition, enhancements were made, including a link to GIL for GIL libraries (UGA locations are only available via the link to GIL), and inclusion of the journal citation from the GOLD database when linking from EBSCO and FirstSearch.

5. **Annual Online Survey Results (Kelly)**

    Kelly provided a preliminary report on the annual survey results. There was a significant reduction in responses received—316 versus 1121 in the previous year. However, the percentage of narrative responses increased. Primary issues raised regarded complexity and ease of use. Responses to the questions about EBSCO and ProQuest were opposite those received by the Collection Development Committee email address.

6. **GALILEO Budget (Williams)**

    Williams discussed the impact of state budget reductions and FTE increases at state institutions. State agencies are being asked to cut 2.5% from both the current budget (FY 2002) and the pending budget (FY2003). Therefore, the USG FY 2003 budget will be reduced 5% from the original FY2002 budget. GALILEO lottery funding will be reduced accordingly. However, each participating state agency will determine the impact of this reduction.

7. **FirstSearch Usage (Penson)**

    Penson provided an analysis, prepared by GALILEO Staff, of FirstSearch usage patterns for USG, AMPALS, Public Libraries, andTechnical Colleges. The consortial representatives will consult with their institutions regarding recommendations and discuss at the next meeting.

8. **NetLibrary Status (Penson)**

OCLC has made an offer to purchase netLibrary. SOLINET has reiterated its announcement of the availability of a second collection with the possibility of delayed billing. Pricing is similar to the previous offering— 80¢ per FTE for four-year institutions, 40¢ per FTE for two-year institutions, and 4% of the population for public libraries. Each community will have to decide how to proceed.

9. **Questia Report (Minton)**

Minton, a GALILEO Staff member, delivered a report comparing and contrasting GALILEO with Questia, a subscription research service marketed to college students. Concentrating on the humanities, Questia charges $19.95 per month or $149.95 per year. It has laid off over 50% of its staff since its January 2001 launch. Questia is better than expected, but its content is very limited compared with GALILEO. However, its bibliographic tools make it very easy to compile bibliographies and insert citations. Questia's aggressive marketing techniques foster negative stereotypes about libraries and idealize student procrastination.

10. **DOOR Update (Penson)**

While GALILEO staff continue to practice with and identify work-flow issues for the DOOR, no additional development has taken place pending completion of the GOLD database revision. Scalability continues to be a concern.

The implementation of the ability to provide customized database "bookmarks" for endusers and local homepages which allow for direct linking to vendor sites with the GALILEO brand was approved by the GALILEO Steering Committee pending modification of the GALILEO banner frame and the provision of a small logo for branding institutional website direct links. Development efforts on these modifications are underway. Implementation has been delayed pending the completion of the GOLD database revision.

11. **GALILEO Progress Report**

The publication of the GALILEO Progress Report is delayed as the final format is still being finalized. Timing for the release is now in review.

12. **ICOLC Endorsements (Hurt)**

GALILEO has been added to the list of endorsees for two ICOLC documents: "Statement of Current Perspective and Preferred Practices for the Selection and

Purchase of Electronic Information" and "Update to Guidelines for Statistical Measures of Usage of Web-based Information Resources."

13. **Status of Committees Study / Review (Hurt for Fox)**
A task force has been formed to review the committees. Members include Bob Fox, Liz Bagley, Laura Davidson, Ginny Moreland, Lance Foldes, Susan Cooley, Bill Potter, and Eddie McLeod. The K-12 Advisory Committee will be asked to recommend a K-12 representative.

14. **Reports from Communities**
    A.   **AMPALS (Moreland)**
        AMPALS held their fall meeting prior to the Collection Development Committee meeting. Brenau has joined ARCHE, but has not yet indicated whether they will switch to AMPALS.

    B.   **GPALS (Herndon for Foldes)**
        GPALS met in the fall. They discussed the review of EBSCO and ProQuest and the status of Brenau.

    C.   **DOE (Brock)**
        DOE is addressing the need to provide more emphasis to school libraries. Their Technical Advisory Committee has added a school system media center representative. The name of the administrative department has been changed to Educational Technology and Media. The DOE provided a complimentary booth with free internet access to GALILEO for their Technology Leadership Conference in November.

    D.   **DTAE (Seabright)**
        DTAE will be meeting January 11, 2002. Lexis-Nexis training is on the agenda.

    E.   **USG (Hurt)**
        USG will be having a joint meeting with the Public Library directors in the spring.

    F.   **GPLS (Watson for Veatch)**
        The Office of Public Library Services is now called Georgia Public Library Services (GPLS). GPLS is using Gates funding for four one-week training sessions in January.