

# GALILEO E-RESOURCES Committee (8/21/2025)

## ATTENDEES

John Stephens (GALILEO)

Tammy Johnson (Columbia Theological seminary for AMPALS)

Hanna Foster (Columbus Tech for TCSG)

Rhiannon Bruner (Wesleyan College for GPALS)

Chelsea Kovalevskiy (Cherokee Regional Library for GPLS)

Michelle Easley (Fulton County Schools for GADOE)

## Introductions

The meeting started with introductions and a question about ProQuest:

Q. Will GALILEO continue to have a relationship with Proquest?

A. John does not have certain information about what will happen in the future, but there is approximately 50% duplication between EBSCO and ProQuest. Past assessments have shown that both have sufficient unique value, and GALILEO will reassess this in the future.

## K 12 Funding

- K12 funding is running out.
- Office of Budget & Planning has sent two follow-ups for information.

## Atlanta Journal Constitution

- Contracts were signed for academic libraries who opt in to access AJC beginning 8/1/25 and the GPLS libraries beginning 8/20.
- GPLS offer on-site only access.

- For academics, users with university email addresses will have access for one year access.

## E-Resources Update

- John previewed slides for the upcoming GALSTEER meeting on 8/22/25 concerning Library Accessibility Alliance, Elsevier, and AJC.

Figure 1. Slide for GALSTEER.

## E-Resources Update (John)

- Library Accessibility Alliance (LAA)
  - We need at least one more [action committee](#) volunteer. Commitment is about 1 hour/month.
- Elsevier Agreement
  - 9 institutions subscribing under the R+P option.
  - 42 out of 74 articles (57%) have been published OA.
  - Authors selected CC BY in 57% of the article, and CC BY NC -ND (23%) or CC BY-NC (10%) for the rest.
  - The OA approvers have met with Elsevier to try and find out if we can customize the author experience to encourage more OA access.
- AJC Options
  - Due to the social media posts and press releases I've gotten a lot of late inquiries from academics.
    - Same content, different uses compared to NewsBank, PQ etc. access
  - GPLS on-site only subscription soft launch until September.

## Library Accessibility Alliance (LAA)

- July joined the Library Accessibility Alliance (LAA)
- John Stephens is serving on an action committee. Sarah Trowbridge and Gina Martin, both with GPLS, are also serving on action committees.
- <https://www.libraryaccessibility.org/committees>
- Looking for committee members volunteer – forward any names of interested people to John Stephens
- John is a voting representative on the committee. Sean Purcell also represents GALILEO on the steering committee.

## Elsevier Agreement

- John signed agreement on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Large value \$11M.
- Main benefit host open access.
- Publish between 600 – 700 articles per year.
- Author uptake 57% As institutions ramp up education trend may increase.
- Many authors select a more restrictive license.
- Author workflow presents more restrictive licensing first. Request that CC be made a first option and hope this will lead to less restrictive licensing.
- CC license sits on top of copyright.

## AJC Options

- AJC content is also available in GALILEO via Proquest Newsstand and Access World News / Newsbank.
- AJC press release was coordinated by Joy Woodson.
- Not all higher eds have AJC access.
- Emory University and Mercer University have sitewide agreements outside of GALILEO.
- Total current participation through GALILEO is around 45000 FTE.

## Communication Strategy Input

- John requested feedback on communication strategies for E-Resources committee.
- He spoke to people in person at the conference.
- A listserv was suggested. Once started John will send this out once per month.

## Future Meetings

- John will send calendar invites for the rest of the year to the committee members.
- Three additional invites will be sent about 2 -3 weeks before the next GALSTEER meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:48 pm