

**Approved Minutes
GALILEO Steering Committee
Henry County Public Library
Friday, March 12, 2009
10:00 AM – 11:45 PM**

Attendees: Elizabeth Bagley, Michael Bain, Lauren Fancher, Debbie Holmes, Eva Lautemann, Bede Mitchell, Merryll Penson, Bill Potter, Kirsten Pylant, Mary Jane Rootes, Judy Serritella, Tammy Sugarman, Joan Taylor, Darro Willey, Toni Zimmerman.

1) Welcome and Introductions (Mitchell for Baker)

2) Approval of December 5, 2009 Minutes (Mitchell for Baker)

Minutes were approved as submitted.

3) Report from Executive Director (Penson)

- An activities report for GALILEO was distributed.
- The budget questions are big and unanswered at this point. Penson has been asked for more detail than in previous years to prepare for the legislative session. She was present for the University System budget hearings in case there were questions about the initiative funding for GALILEO for the USG and DOE but the focus was elsewhere.
- Britannica, OCLC, EBSCO, ProQuest, and Lexis Nexis are not planning to raise their pricing for this year. Penson will begin to send out anticipated pricing to the different communities.
- EBSCO's exclusive distribution agreements with journal publishers are leading to increased competition among the aggregators. They have initiated an open records request with the USG BOR and with other states to obtain the fees that are being paid to GALE and ProQuest.
- The University System will be purchasing NetLibrary collection IX; other consortia may choose to opt in as well.
- The resource fee will remain the same for FY11. The acquisition of Sun by Oracle may have some impacts on overhead for machines and maintenance down the road.
- In FY12, the resource fee will be up for review. Penson asked the group for feedback about the operations costs and resource fee; she is planning to work with Lyris over the summer to develop a model that would account for sustainability of existing services and future innovation that she would then present to the group.
- GALILEO is in the process of analyzing the potential for mobile applications and possible directions for development.
- The RACL strategic planning process has identified a goal related to advocacy, and the GALILEO Steering Committee may be involved in this goal in the future.

- The University System has a new CIO and Vice Chancellor for Information and Instructional Technology, Curt Carver, who comes to the OIIT from West Point.
- Tom Sanville will be keynote speaker at the GOLD/GALILEO Users Group Conference. Zimmerman added that it will be in Athens on August 13 at the UGA Continuing Education Center.
- [Out of order] WestLaw has offered a per FTE rate for the academic GALILEO participants. Each of the groups would need to consider this direction; Penson will coordinate.

4) Birthday Celebration Update (Fancher)

A number of activities have been announced related to the GALILEO 15th birthday celebration. The birthday is an opportunity to create awareness of and advocacy for GALILEO with funders and stakeholders. The GALILEO Life Contest encourages users and libraries to show support for and use of GALILEO by making a video, poster, PowerPoint, or a library "fan." The "Where I'm From in GALILEO" lesson plan provides a structure for media specialists and teachers to use GALILEO with classes to produce these objects, with alignments to the Georgia Performance Standards. The GALILEO Scrapbook was demonstrated, which will serve as a venue for these items as well as pictures, stories, best wishes, and other materials. Libraries are encouraged to submit materials that show use of or advocacy for GALILEO.

5) New CMS for GALILEO (Fancher)

The webpages in the About and Help sections of GALILEO have been migrated to a new Content Management system that provides greater ease of management, publication and updating, and RSS feeds for news and status announcements. The GALILEO Planet, previously produced as a quarterly newsletter, will now be distributed through the news feed at article intervals. Other projects that have been in development are now available due to the CMS, including the new statistics tool and self-guided training tutorials (GALILEO Things). The Steering Committee commended the GALILEO staff for these efforts and asked that the minutes reflect their appreciation. They also mentioned that it is important that GALILEO continue to provide services that help libraries be more productive and accountable in addition to databases.

6) Retirement (Penson)

Penson recognized that Dekalb Public Library Director Darro Willey will be retiring in the end of September.

7) Reports from the Library Communities

- a. **AMPALS (Bagley):** No report other than there will be interest in the NetLibrary collection. [Post-meeting amendment: several schools are concerned about the potential loss of the TEG (Tuition Equalization Grant) and have been lobbying to keep it funded.]

- b. **GPALS (Bain):** GPALS will be meeting in two weeks. Tad Mindeman is the new chair. They are feeling some of the same stress about the budget.
- c. **DOE (Serritella):** There is a cover story on the 15th birthday in the Media Matters newsletter. Lexile levels and social studies efforts are making use of GALILEO. The nutrition and virtual school areas are interested in databases. The Department of Agriculture has discussed a possible grant. GPB is also helping with possible grant writing.
- d. **GPLS (Zimmerman):** ILL activity is down. Tim Daniels is working with State Archives and Extension Services to develop a grant proposal for stimulus funding to establish point-to-point video conferencing for public library headquarters and GPLS.
- e. **TCSG:** No report.
- f. **GISA (Pylant):** Economic challenges for GISA include the membership being primarily comprised of smaller schools from around the state. They continue to get membership inquiries.
- g. **USG (Mitchell for Baker):** The RACL group is working with OIIT on the strategic plan. They have transitioned couriers for GIL Express. They are doing an assessment to see what remaining improvements can be made. They are on hold regarding the final budget cuts that will be imposed on the University System, possible tuition increases, and final decisions.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be June 11, 2010 at the Henry County Library.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.