

**Approved Minutes
GALILEO Steering Committee
Henry County Public Library
Friday, August 5, 2011
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

Attendees: Susan Cooley, Leah Dasher, Lauren Fancher, Carolyn Fuller, Alan Harkness, Debbie Holmes, Eva Lautemann, LaVerne McLaughlin, Tad Mindeman, Bede Mitchell, Merryll Penson, Bill Potter, Kirsten Pylant, Gene Ruffin, Nancy Seamans, Judy Serritella, Kathy Tomajko

- 1) Welcome and Introductions (Ruffin)**
- 2) Approval of June 10, 2011 Minutes (Ruffin)**

Minutes were approved as submitted.
- 3) Report from Executive Director (Penson)**
 - a. An activities report was distributed to the group.
 - b. Databases: Access to the SIRS databases has been restored for the K12 schools due to the Department of Education. USG will be able to continue with Films On Demand.
 - c. Penson asked the group to be aware of efforts at the state level to study how education is funded for K12, which has implications for K12 media centers and GALILEO. The Governor has also announced plans to have similar discussions for higher education.
 - d. NetLibrary: Penson has obtained pricing for academics to have downloading of ebooks; she is working on pricing for publics. The goal is to try this for one year and see if the cost is justified.
 - e. Discovery Tools and Next Generation Library Software: The GALILEO staff is conducting an ongoing review of discovery tools and next generation library software throughout FY12, including possible implications for the GALILEO portal and interface over the coming years.
 - f. Public Library Resources: A group of public library representatives is reviewing the resources available to public libraries via GALILEO, with the goal of providing a suite that more closely aligns their needs. The process could affect the overall composition of what constitutes “core” within GALILEO; historically the committee has valued a common core. Penson asked the group to comment on this possible change in philosophy. The group discussed how packages have been obtained as an overall consortia and how other consortia have approached this issue. GALILEO is unusual in the breadth of participation across educational communities. Other consortia have had changes due to funding cuts as well.
 - g. The annual GOLD/GALILEO Users Group Conference will not be held this year due to changes in the GOLD services supported by GPLS. Instead, the GALILEO staff are offering a special pre-conference session for COMO, to take place on Wednesday,

October 5th at the BOR ITS classrooms in Athens from 11:30-3:30. The pre-conference session will offer lunch and a special keynote address by Dr. Stanton Gatewood, Chief Information Security Officer at the Board of Regents, who will present on Protecting Your Security Devices. Other sessions include What's new in GALILEO?; Showing Value with Statistics; Your Patrons and GALILEO; Planning a Getting Started with Genealogy Class for Your Patrons; and Get the Most Out of GALILEO: Customizing your library site with GALILEO Links and Tools. Registration for the event will be available via the COMO registration site.

- h. GALILEO staff demonstrated the new federated search tool (360 Search) provided by Serials Solutions as a replacement for the WebFeat product, planned for roll-out in GALILEO on August 10th. The change should be seamless for users and libraries.

4) GOLD Program Update (Harkness)

Harkness reported on the decision of GPLS to discontinue the GOLD/GALILEO Users Group Conference and reimbursements for GOLD lending. He clarified that this did not change their support of ILL and GOLD in general. Harkness reported there will be a meeting at COMO where they will invite conversation about GOLD.

5) GOLD Database Removal from GALILEO

The Steering Committee voted to discontinue the hosting of the GOLD database and to remove it from GALILEO menus. GALILEO staff will proceed accordingly.

6) GALILEO Steering Committee Strategic Plan (Ruffin)

The group discussed the next step for the strategic plan is to focus on marketing.

6) Reports from the Library Communities

- a. **AMPALS:** No report.
- b. **GPALS (Tad Mindeman):** The group will meet in tandem with COMO this year.
- c. **DOE (Judy Serritella):** SIRS has been restored for K12. Superintendent Dr. John Barge will be the keynote speaker at COMO.
- d. **GPLS (Harkness):** GLASS is moving from Murphy Avenue in Southwest Atlanta to a vault at the State Archives. GPLS and DOE received a joint grant from the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust.
- e. **TCSG (Dasher):** The TCSG is transitioning from quarter to semester. Their students are working through the significance of the recent HOPE scholarship changes.
- f. **GISA (Pylant):** Their number of participating institutions held steady for FY12 and their number of students increased slightly.
- g. **USG (Ruffin):** The budget continues to preoccupy the campuses. The new Chancellor started July 1. Enrollment will continue to increase in the Fall. RACL is implementing their strategic plan.

7) New Business (Ruffin)

COMO is the first week of October. In 2012 COMO will be in Macon in a joint conference with SELA at the new conference center. Future meetings will be on December 9, February 3, April 13, and June 15.

8) Adjourn (Ruffin)