

**Approved Minutes
GALILEO Steering Committee
Henry County Public Library
Friday, April 13, 2012
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

Attendees: Leah Dasher, Lauren Fancher, Carolyn Fuller, Beth Hammond, Alan Harkness, Debbie Holmes, Eva Lautemann, Tad Mindeman, Bede Mitchell, Merryll Penson, Mary Platt, Gene Ruffin, LaVerne McLaughlin, Catherine Murray-Rust, Annie Payton, Bill Potter, Kirsten Pylant, Robert Quarles, Nan Seamans, Elijah Scott

1) Welcome and Introductions (Ruffin)

Ruffin recognized the new members, including: Annie Payton, Beth Hammond, Robert Quarles, Elijah Scott, and Mary Platt.

2) Approval of December 9, 2011 Minutes (Ruffin)

Minutes were approved as submitted.

3) Report from Executive Director (Penson)

- a. Penson distributed an activities report.
- b. Database costs for FY13 will be distributed soon. Penson provided an overview of expected cost increases.
- c. Public Library Databases for FY13: The work of the Public Library Collection Development Committee has concluded. The process included a survey of public library staff on current electronic resources and needs in public libraries; identification of categories (and specific databases) for consideration based on the survey results; trials and information sessions for 16 different databases with feedback from library staff and a more detailed review by a reference committee; pricing review (as a point of information – the total cost of the number one database in each of the considered categories was more than the current GALILEO budget); consideration of least impact on current resources; and the difficult decision to cancel some resources that many have valued in order to get others that the survey indicated would have higher value. The committee determined to add, effective for FY2013: *ePrep*, *Learning Express Library*, and *Job and Career Accelerator*. Other changes effective for FY2013: cancellation of *Informe* (affects all of GALILEO); cancellation of *Encyclopedia Britannica*; cancellation of *Library Literature* (was available for staff only); cancellation of the *ProQuest suite (ABI-Inform/Research Library, etc.)* and maintain only *ProQuest Newsstand* (WSJ, NYT, etc.) (means a price increase for other GALILEO communities for their ProQuest suite); reduced content in Ebsco suite from *Masterfile Premier* to *Masterfile Elite* (affects all of GALILEO); eliminated Ebsco's *History and Literary Reference Center* (public libraries only).

GALILEO will set up online training for the new resources and work with the vendors for other promotional opportunities, so staff can take full advantage of these resources, which should more directly address needs identified by public library staff. Some libraries already have subscriptions and the vendors will work with those that do for credits/refunds, etc. For products that were not able to be added this time, GALILEO will ask vendors if they want to offer some discounted pricing. If so, that opportunity will be announced. Committee members included Alan Harkness, Julie Walker, Carolyn Fuller, Helen Poyer and Beth McIntyre (who stepped in Mid-year to replace retiring Susan Cooley); they were helped by Merryll Penson and Courtney McGough from GALILEO.

- d. Budget: No updates on the budget at this time.
- e. E-Books Task Force: Guy Leach at Georgia Tech is leading a group to evaluate the availability and inclusion of freely available e-books. The Hathi Trust books have been a focus; there is an API that can be used to link from library catalog records for print holdings to the online copy. Mary Platt and the GIL OPAC committee have also been looking at how to present in GILFind. The books could also be made available from PINES.
- f. Discovery Tool Proposal for GALILEO: Penson and Fancher presented a proposal for EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS) for all of GALILEO. The committee made a motion to pursue investigation of the proposal, including information sessions for the libraries prior to the June meeting.

4) Reports from the Library Communities

- a) **AMPALS (Beth Hammond):**
AMPALS is looking at a possible science resource for their GALILEO package.
- b) **GPALS (Tad Mindeman):** Glenn Phillips is the incoming chair. They are meeting on May 11. There have been some changes in participation and leadership with their libraries. Covenant is hosting an open house on the OCLC WebScale Management on May 31st.
- c) **DOE (Ruffin for Judy Serritella via written report):**
A meeting with GaDOE, GALILEO, and Board of Regents staff was scheduled and planned for March 19th. Unfortunately, the meeting was cancelled due to an emergency meeting concerning the graduation rule and involving most of the same staff members. The meeting has not been rescheduled.

Also, GALILEO and GaDOE conducted a survey of Media Coordinators asking what databases they subscribe to, what

databases are vital, and what databases would they like to have accessible on GALILEO. This information was to be presented at the March meeting.

In the GaDOE Library Media monthly newsletter, we are featuring a GALILEO Database of the Month...spotlighting and highlighting an individual database. The randomly selected database might be an extremely popular one or one that is frequently overlooked, but extremely valuable and useful to our K-12 students.

d) GPLS (Harkness):

Due to increases in health benefits, some libraries are at risk of being closed.

e) TCSG (Dasher):

No report.

f) GISA (Pylant): GISA's use has increased as resources are declining within the school budgets.

g) USG (Ruffin): RACL had their spring meeting in March. They considered strategic initiatives related to their strategic plan.

6) Next Meetings (Ruffin)

The last meeting of the year will be June 15th.

7) Adjourn (Ruffin)

The group adjourned at 11:40 AM.