

GALILEO Steering Committee (GALSTEER)

Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2024

GALSTEER Attendees:

Kimberly Bugg	Alan Karass
Jennifer Durham	Natalie Marshall
Michelle Easley	LaVerne McLaughlin
David Edens	Russell Palmer
Julius Fleschner	Angela Stanley
Sonya Gaither	Jeff Steely
Karen Glover (for Leslie Sharp)	Julie Walker
Toby Graham	Bradley Warren
Lucy Harrison	Melissa Whitesell (Chair)
Sarah Holmes	Oluremi Wright

GALILEO/GIL Staff:

Nakita Afaha	Barry Robinson
Sean Boyle	John Stephens
David Seamus Narron	Joy Woodson
Sean C Purcell	

Agenda and Minutes:

Chair Melissa Whitesell called the meeting to order. Lucy Harrison took roll. LaVerne McLaughlin moved to approve the agenda and Natalie Marshall seconded. Lucy asked to add an item to address the recent recommendation that library questions be removed from the IPEDS survey. With that amendment, the agenda was approved. LaVerne McLaughlin moved to approve minutes from the January meeting, Toby Graham seconded, and minutes were approved.

Member Updates:

Oluremi Wright from the Georgia Department of Education praised some recent improvements at Georgia Connects and Inspire. There are some great updated resources on that site (<https://inspire.gadoe.org/>) that may be of interest to anyone working with K-12 educators.

Angela Stanley from GPLS reminded the group that library day at the Capital will take place on Monday March 11, including commendations to GPLS award winners. Several GPLS representatives attended the Voices for Libraries event coordinated by COSLA in Washington DC this week. They had a series of conversations with representatives and senators. Coming up at the end of April, GPLS will be hosting their annual Tech boot camp and are currently accepting proposals for that three-day event with all of the IT folks in libraries across the state.

Angela also noted that the call for proposals is currently open for the Georgia Library Association and Society of Georgia Archivists Joint Conference, which is coming up October 9th through 11th in Athens at the Classic Center.

GALILEO Updates:

Lucy Harrison reminded the group that some member terms are expiring at the end of June, so it may be time to start recruiting for new representatives. RACL will address their RACL Exec members at their spring meeting; other stakeholder groups follow other processes.

Lucy also provided a brief update on the USG migration to FOLIO and OpenRS, which is still on track for a summer 2025 go-live. GIL now has access to a pre-prod environment for FOLIO which is being populated with data. Local institutions are doing some cleanup in Alma. Panorama dashboards for the initial cohort is being finalized. Bibliograph data should be approved in the next few days.

Lucy also provided a quick update on the potential move away from the Courier for the USG libraries. While it does look like the recommendation is leaning towards a move to FedEx, the team is talking through options, hoping to avoid a negative impact on GPLS. A formal recommendation is expected to come to RACL at their April 12 meeting.

Russell Palmer provided a status update on OpenAthens:

- GPLS
 - Completed Gwinnett Co.
 - Two libraries remain to be finished: Cobb (3/19) and Forsyth (TBD)
 - Special thanks to Chris Sharp for ensuring GALILEO continues to work during PINES system updates
- GPALS
 - Working toward cleaning up loose ends
 - Covenant—ongoing, resource activation under way
 - Beulah Heights—getting started
- USG
 - Project to get attributes aligned for FOLIO is now complete
- GaDOE K-12
 - Resetting again
 - Not yet able to connect to GaDOE SSO system
 - Reviewing options and ideating. We will continue working with GaDOE toward a solution

Russell also provided a reminder of new functionality within the Bento search and GALILEO Admin module including customization options within the Bento and the ability for institutions to add a local banner. He also reminded the group of upcoming training sessions (which will also be recorded).

Russell reminded the USG and -PALS schools that we are still on track for a May rollout of the new EDS interface (other schools are already live – no issues reported). We are providing several “New EBSCO Discovery Service Sneak Peek and Q&A” webinars with Lisa Jones (EBSCO SaaS Trainer).

John Stephens asked the group to be aware of vendors inserting AI language into contracts. Libraries should be careful not to agree to this language without review since it may restrict their existing rights. SPARC has a [survey](#) to report and track instances of restrictive AI language being introduced into licenses.

John also reminded the group that PowerNotes, which has been available for higher ed members since FY23, will not be funded for FY25 due to low uptake. Costshare subscriptions will be available for individual institutions. Please inquire with John about rates, usage, etc.

GALILEO Annual Conference: Joy Woodson provided an update on the plans for the annual conference, which will be held virtually on June 11-12, 2024. The theme is “GALILEO Unbound: New Perspectives on Literacy” and the website is here: <https://about.galileo.usg.edu/conference>. The call for presentation submissions is open, and we are expecting virtual exhibitors to include ProQuest, Technology from Sage, EBSCO and others. We will open registration in March/April. The keynote speaker is Renee Hobbs, an internationally recognized authority on media literacy education.

Legislative/Budget Update: Vice Chancellor and State Librarian Julie Walker provided an update on activities at the legislature. The legislature did restore the \$66 million cut to the university system, and they also addressed the issue that public libraries were facing with an unexpected increase in the state health benefit plan. They are now turning their attention to the FY25 budget – meetings continue, but it is looking generally positive so far. The annual Library Day at the capital will take place on Monday March 11, which is really good timing. Most of the bills that touched school libraries did not make it past crossover day and so will likely not be taken up this session. One bill that continues is Senate Bill 390 which requires state organizations to disassociate from ALA (though they have included an exception so that Valdosta State can use private funds for their library school accreditation). Julie also provided an update on their participation in the national Voices for Libraries effort in Washington DC this week. A discussion ensued about the impact of SB390 on libraries. Julie will likely have more information to share on that early next week.

IPEDS Survey: The group discussed the news that the Department of Education is recommending that library questions be dropped from the IPEDS survey. This was a development that we just became aware of very recently. Academic libraries rely on that data for peer comparison and accreditation, so it is concerning that it might be going away. Julius Fleschner will send out a message to RACL early next week to gather thoughts from the whole group, and Lucy will forward anything she hears from ICOLC or other organizations.

Julius Fleschner motioned to adjourn, LaVerne McLaughlin seconded, and the meeting adjourned.