

GALILEO Steering Committee (GALSTEER)

Meeting Minutes

Date: June 13, 2025

Location: Virtual

Attendees

Tamika Barnes (Georgia State, for Jeff Steely)
Joy Bolt (Chair – UNG)
Carla Fredd (Gordon State, for Angiah Davis)
Caroline Culver (TCSG – Coastal Pines)
Feechi Hall (Clayton State, for Sonia Gaither)
Toby Graham (UGA)
Lucy Harrison (USG/GALILEO)
Sarah Holmes (Catoosa County Library)
Natalie Marshall (Flint River Regional Library)
Deborah Millier (GPALS – Emmanuel University)

Russell Palmer (USG/GALILEO)
Kathy Pillatzki (Henry County Library System)
Robert Quarles (Atlanta Metro)
Angela Stanley (GPLS)
Leslie Sharp (Georgia Tech)
Julie Walker (State Librarian, GPLS)
Shaundra Walker (GCSU)
Brad Warren (Augusta University)
Melissa Whitesell (Dalton State)
Oluremi Wright (GaDOE)

GALILEO Staff: John Stephens, Joy Woodson, Seamus Narron, Barry Robinson, Brad Baxter, Jef Whatley, Sean Purcell, Joshua Walker Wier, Jeff Gallant, Mike White, Jared Street McReynolds

Incoming GALSTEER members:

Abigail Bricco (TCSG – Chattahoochee Tech)
David Edens (ABAC)
Jessica Osborne (Georgia Highlands)

Welcome, Roll, Minutes, and Agenda Approval (Joy Bolt)

- Roll call completed with substitutions noted. Quorum confirmed.
- Agenda approved (Motion: Deborah Millier; Second: Angela Stanley)
- March minutes approved (Motion: Deborah Millier; Second: Natalie Marshall)

Member Updates / General Discussion (All)

TCSG: Caroline Culver shared Abby Bricco is new chair. Galileo Conference well received.

GPALS: Membership issue with one school unresolved (Deborah Millier & Russell Palmer).

GPLS: Summer reading in full swing. Nate Rall retiring. Palace Project launched statewide. IMLS FY25–26 funding secured; future uncertain.

K-12 / DOE: Monitoring new literacy legislation and ELA standards.

USG/RACL: Officer transitions:

- New Chair: Shaundra Walker (GCSU)
- New Vice Chair: Sonya Gaither (Clayton State)
- Past Chair: Joy Bolt (UNG)
- New At-Large: David Edens (ABAC), Melissa Whitesell (Dalton State), Jessica Osborne (GHC)
- Angiah Davis (Gordon State) has left

GALILEO Updates (Lucy Harrison, Russell Palmer, Joy Woodson)

FOLIO & OpenRS Migration (USG)

- Go-live delayed to July 16, 2025
- Final acceptance testing underway on Sunflower
- RACL Exec Committee to discuss potential further delay today

Digital Library of Georgia

- New Program Lead: Catherine Manis
- Subgrant program relaunched, applications accepted through July
- Strong participation in info sessions (60+ attendees)

GALILEO Support & Development Updates

- Consolidating/Updating the GALILEO Support Form
- K-12 Authentication Improvements & Account Consolidation
 - Will update K-12/PK-12 off-site authentication to run through 2 instances of EZProxy
 - Positives:
 - Better authentication performance
 - Will continue to use password authentication
 - Fewer errors and issues
 - Much easier to capture item level links in GALILEO; no more workaround link generator
 - Will still have unique GALILEO portal site for each school
 - Very stable
 - Any MyEBSCO accounts created by students/teachers will remain available
 - Challenges:
 - As of July 1, media specialists/teachers will need to update item links (NOT database links) in the LMS or on web pages
 - Some loss of statistical data
 - Challenges with supporting GLRI for local resources (only one K-12 school uses currently)
 - [FAQ: Link Updates](#)
- Making “Know your Password?” box easier for K-12 students to find
- OpenAthens Updates
 - Updated service name, now two versions of OpenAthens (OpenAthens Compass and OpenAthens Connect). We have Compass.
 - Several OpenAthens error messages now have customizable text areas, which can be used to recommend a strategy or specify a contact point if your user gets an error message. Training coming sometime in August, documentation here: <https://docs.openathens.net/libraries/error-templates>
 - New OpenAthens Idea Portal here: <https://openathens.ideas.aha.io/>
- New EBSCOhost: released May 7. Roadmap available here: <https://roadmap.ebsco.com/>
 - New AI Driven Natural Language Search
 - New Business Searching Interface
 - AI Tools coming in EBSCO and ProQuest interfaces

- GALILEO Statistics Rewrite: Underway. First Step: Moving GALILEO Statistics to the new code base. Later: Adding new features and functionality

GALILEO Annual Conference

- Held at Middle Georgia Conference Center
- 150 attendees, 12 vendors
- Pre-conference workshop on Galileo admin tools was waitlisted
- Keynote: Lisa Varga
- Ambassador Award: Dr. Robbie Barber (K-12 liaison and advocate)
- Planning underway for 2026 conference

GALILEO 30th Anniversary

- Anniversary is September 22, 2025
- Art contest winners announced
- Commemorative video in production
- Planning state proclamation and Board of Regents recognition

Year-End E-Resources Update (John Stephens)

- Statewide: LearningExpress Complete and Financial Fit added.
- USG: Sage Skills (Business) and updates to University of Michigan/SAGE collections.
- GPLS: HeritageQuest dropped, MyHeritage added.
- AMPALS: Dropping Oxford Art, adding Social Explorer.
- Elsevier OA deal finalized. First UGA article published.
- Listserv Proposal: Support from attendees.

K-12 Discussion (Lucy Harrison)

- Funding flat since 2010; cut in 2020. Costs now exceed funding.
- No changes planned for 2025–26. Major change needed beyond that.
- Options: Decrease content, restrict access, or shift to GPLS via library cards.
- GPLS “Play card” model being explored; usability concerns noted.
- Final funding request underway.
- Additional discussion once we have news.

Adjournment (Joy Bolt)

- No further business. Next meeting TBD (likely August).
- Meeting adjourned (Motion: Deborah Millier; Second: Natalie Marshall).