

Attendance – Jeff Carrico, Wendy Cornelisen, Kathy Davies, Michelle Easley, Julius Fleschner, Sonya Gaither, Jeff Gallant, Shannon Gibson, Toby Graham, Lucy Harrison, Ru Story-Huffman, Tamatha Lambert, Sheila McAlister, Debra March, Natalie Marshall, Burr Osoinach, Russell Palmer, Martha Powers-Jones, Sean Purcell, Robert Quarles, Barry Robinson, Jeff Steely, Shaundra Walker, Joy Woodson

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Ru Story-Huffman. Attendees were asked to introduce themselves by stating their name and role on the committee.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was called for by Ru. The motion was made by Tamatha Lambert and seconded by Sonya Gaither. The minutes were successfully approved

GPLS Updates

Wendy Cornelisen provided updates on GPLS projects, including E-Read Kids and SimplyE. E-Read Kids, which launched on August 1, features 15,000 ebooks for children at the pre-k through fourth grade level. There have been 1500 checkouts so far.

The SimplyE platform brings ebooks and audiobooks from different vendors into a single interface.

GALILEO General Updates

The GALILEO activities report was previously distributed.

Lucy discussed the GALILEO strategic goals, which include:

- Goal 1 – User Experience
- Goal 2 – E-Resources/Content
- Goal 3 – Awareness/Marketing
- Goal 4 – Training
- Goal 5 – Partner Tools and Services

Other GALILEO updates include:

- Placards for the New Georgia Encyclopedia
- Updated statistics – see the GALILEO Activities Report (bottom of page 3)
- Upcoming Events – interactUSG and Georgia Libraries Conference
- Affordable Learning Georgia is going well

DLG Updates

Sheila McAlister provided updates on the Digital Library of Georgia, reporting that there are about 708,000 items across the three subject portals. DLG has digitized over 1.3 million newspaper pages. Ms. McAlister went over the GALILEO goals and objective as they relate to DLG, emphasizing tasks that have been completed and those that are in progress.

Debrief from GALILEO Conference

Joy Watson provided an update on the GALILEO Annual Conference which took place on July 11, 2019 at Middle Georgia State University. There were 193 attendees; 45% were from academic libraries, 40% from public libraries and 4% from K-12 libraries. We want to try to get the attendance for k-12 up. Ninety-eight percent of respondents (50+) rated the conference as excellent or good. The keynote was highly regarded. Pros included registration, sessions/keynotes, facilities/food. Cons identified were timing, facilities/food, actionable items. Suggested future topic sessions include specific database info, troubleshooting/how-to's, more options for public librarians, driving user engagement, adult programming and patron privacy. There was a discussion about some possible reasons for low K-12 attendance and how to improve communications with that sector.

E-Journal Negotiations

Lucy provided an update on e-resources. The e-Journal package negotiations with Elsevier continue. The next meeting with Elsevier is scheduled for September 9. We requested a 2 percent price increase cap and Elsevier countered with a 4.25% cap, which is lower than what many of the libraries are currently paying, but not as low as we would like. There is also a content fee of 8.5% and discounts on other things. We think we could obtain more favorable terms if we are able to get some libraries to commit to some one-time purchases. A survey was sent out to get input on that.

A few institutions we had hoped would be a part of the Elsevier negotiations are out (for different reasons), including University of Georgia, Kennesaw, and Georgia State. The next update should be on this project is will come out after the September 9 meeting. We expect an agreement that will be better than those who were on the existing statewide contract are getting and it should be as good as what libraries have now if not better.

Fall Opt-In Renewals, Consortia Manager Updates

July renewals have taken place. Fall renewal pricing is in process and John Stephens will be sending out communications about renewals in mid-September. We are looking to get a new renewal for Syndetics, a ProQuest product which enhances OPACS and discovery tools. Subscriptions will be pro-rated for the current fiscal year and then on a fiscal year contract thereafter. Screenshots of the product were shared and features of the product were discussed. This will be an opt-in subscription, with a discount of 20% off list price. More information, including pricing, will be forthcoming.

OCLC

Lucy mentioned that a few libraries are interested in discussing the impact of dropping the OCLC public WorldCat discovery interface and FirstSearch subscription from GALILEO. Several individuals mentioned that the products work best if they are used on a statewide level. It is possible that if a critical mass of libraries subscribed to the products, OCLC might turn on holdings for the entire state.

Lucy discussed some options for reengaging OCLC in a conversation about WorldCat access for the entire state. She will talk with John Stephens about getting that conversation started

Consortia Manager

We will be implementing an ERM called Consortia Manager, a tool for consortia to manage their ERM workflows. For those who are participating in opt-in licensing, Consortia Manager will make licensing more visible, and will provide access to statistics, reports, evaluation, terms, price calculations, etc. The contract has been signed, and the tool will be in place for renewals in the spring. More info will be shared at the fall RAEL meeting.

OpenAthens

Russell Palmer provided an update on the implementation of OpenAthens. He shared information about the status of the pilot institutions and the USG-Phase I Institutions, along with information on the percentage of resource activations at other USG institutions in Phase II and Phase III. GALILEO support will be reaching out to do training, pre-implementation work and to discuss going live. Implementation timelines will be set with each of the remaining institutions.

The project is taking more time than expected, as resource activation requires contact with multiple vendors, even for smaller institutions. EBSCO has added resources activation staff and Natalie Henri-Bennett, GIL GALILEO Support Librarian is now assisting with several tasks.

Preliminary work for TCSG, AMPALS and GPALS is taking place. Tentative go-live dates for all remaining academic institutions will be identified by early September. Resource activation with TCSG started this week and is moving quickly.

Non-PINES Public Libraries

GALILEO Support will be reaching out to each institution individually to plan implementation, beginning with the Gwinnet Public library system on August 21.

PINES

GALILEO Support will be meeting with EBSCO, OpenAthens and PINES for project planning on September 16. Some technical work has already taken place.

K-12 Schools

GALILEO Support will be meeting with the DOE Technology Services team on September 13.

More information about OpenAthens is available on the GALILEO OpenAthens Implementation LibGuide: <http://libguides.galileo.usg.edu/c.php?g=928245>. A new series of webinars and information sessions for each consortia group will take place. Special sessions are planned for IT Staff and Worldshare Management System libraries.

GALILEO Portal and Backend Redesign Plans

Barry Robinson discussed the project plan to redevelop the GALILEO front and back end, which will take place over the course of several years. He shared the guiding principles and governance structure for the project and defined the GALILEO Admin (the Door) and GALILEO frontend (the Portal). The scope of the project was shared in detail. More information will be forthcoming.

Updates from members

Ru called for updates from members. Kathy Davies from Augusta University reported that the new position for director will be a Dean of Libraries and that their library will be moving out to report to the Provost.

Ru called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by David Evans and seconded by Sonya Gaither. The motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.