

GALILEO Steering Committee (GALSTEER)
Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2024

GALSTEER Attendees:

Joy Bolt (Chair)	Burr Osoinach
Kimberly Bugg	Russell Palmer
Caroline Culver	Kathy Pillatzki
Julius Fleschner	Robert Quarles
Sonya Gaither	Leslie Sharp
Toby Graham	Angela Stanley
Lucy Harrison	Jeff Steely
Sarah Holmes	Laura Tolliver (for Melissa Whitesell)
Tamatha Lambert	Julie Walker
Natalie Marshall	Shaundra Walker
Deborah Millier	Bradley Warren

GUESTS:

Terrance Martin (incoming AMPALS rep)

GALILEO/GIL Staff:

Brad Baxter	Barry Robinson
Sean Boyle	John Stephens
Jeff Gallant	Mike White
Nicole Lawrence	Josh Walker Wier
David Seamus Narron	Joy Woodson
Sean C Purcell	

Agenda and Minutes:

Chair Joy Bolt called the meeting to order. Lucy Harrison took roll. Angela Stanley moved to approve the agenda, Tamatha Lambert seconded, and the agenda was approved. Natalie Marshall moved to approve minutes from the June meeting, Deborah Millier seconded, and minutes were approved.

Membership Changes:

Chair Joy Bolt welcomed the new members to the committee. In addition to the changes announced last time, we also have a new AMPALS representative, Terrance Martin (AUC), who will be replacing Kimberly Bugg.

E-Resources Update:

John Stephens provided a reminder of recent additions to the e-resources portfolio. The following resources were added for all higher ed institutions: from De Gruyter, we added the 2024 front lists for Harvard and University of Hawaii added (about 150 titles); and about 2000 eBooks from University Press Library Open (10,000 titles are expected to be added by 2027). Please inquire with John if you'd like to add additional content.

From the University of Michigan, we purchased the 2024 front list, which complements last year's 2023 purchase. Backfile access remains through 6/30/25, and there has been good usage in both the front and back files. For USG specifically, we have added four new resources (Access World News 2024 collection; Academic Video Online (AVON); CINAHL with Full Text; and the Oxford English Dictionary) and dropped two (Films on Demand Master Academic Collection and Westlaw Campus Research). Access should be set up at this point, but please let us know if you have any issues. Several training sessions have been set up on the new resources, and if you'd like to get a quote on retaining access to any of the dropped resources, reach out to John. Russell also noted that if you need help identifying FOD links in your CMS, enter a support ticket and we can help with that. There is also an AVON LTI tool that we are investigating.

Interface Changes:

Russell Palmer updated the group on some recent interface changes. We have updated the GALILEO logo, making it larger, clearer, and easier to read. We've also integrated the "Imagine. Discover. Explore." text into the logo, removing that text from above the search field to reclaim some space on the screen. We also removed the "In the Spotlight" text since it seemed unnecessary, which has also streamlined the page. We have adjusted some settings so that the astronaut image displays better in mobile view. We have also released the option to embed Bento boxes into any webpage, and now offer the option for Ask a Librarian (LibChat). We also now have the option to limit switching between views (if desired) for K-12 patrons. If you'd like to implement that, reach out. Finally, we have implemented a PINES catalog Bento – it's not a default display option, but anyone can add it. A Consumer Health Bento is also available. Russell is planning some short trainings for these new options. Development priorities for the rest of the year include:

- GALILEO Stats: Minimum Viable Product
- Planning K-12 interface improvements
- Continue Bento improvements
- FOLIO related projects
- Accessibility review
- AI Experiments
- Digital Library of Georgia

FOLIO + OpenRS Update:

Lucy provided an update on the USG's migration. Currently we are doing FOLIO implementation environment work. Bib data and location information have been loaded into FOLIO, GIL staff have successfully tested the patron load process, and the teams are creating accounts and permissions and doing mapping and templates. We are currently focused on Circ and Cataloging and have finalized the Acceptance Testing criteria. We recently kicked off the OpenRS portion of the project and are beginning HLM/eResources work. The RFI for a course management integration solution will close next week.

Accessibility Work:

We are planning to do an accessibility audit and remediation on the GALILEO and DLG sites. Both the DLG and GPLS websites recently received letters from the Office of Civil Rights at the DOE, indicating that there are some issues with compliance. We believe the issues are mostly fairly minor and are planning to contract with Georgia Tech's Center for Inclusive Design and Interoperability to audit those two sites plus the GALILEO site. We are also looking into joining the Library Accessibility Alliance.

Budget Update and Strategic Goals:

The USG portion of the GALILEO budget had some funding restored and should be in good shape for the next few years. The budget is also fine for all other stakeholder groups with the exception of K-12. We are working on a potential solution and should know more in October. If we do not get additional funding, we might need to rethink our approach to K-12.

In addition to the development goals mentioned earlier, we are also working on initiatives for each of our five strategic goals. Lucy provided brief updates on each of those areas. Work includes:

- Improving the K-12 interface
- Enabling discovery on the open web (Lucy described the EBSCOhost Passport extension)
- Potential GALILEO App
- Continuing to add content as we can, including open source
- Looking at new ways to reach K-12, especially to update IP ranges
- Improving training

Other GALILEO Updates:

GUGM is scheduled for May 12-13, 2025, at Middle Georgia State University. The GALILEO Annual Conference will be in person next year, likely the first or second week of June 2025. Looking at KSU, GGC and MGA as potential locations.

The GALILEO Annual Survey dates will be November 1-17, 2024.

GALILEO is now on LinkedIn at <https://www.linkedin.com/company/galileo-library/>

Member Updates:

Julie Walker provided some updates on the Libraries and Archives unit of the BOR. Dr. Ashwani Monga will be serving as Interim President at UWG for at least the next semester. Dr. Spirou Costas from Georgia College and State University will be standing in for Dr. Monga in his absence. Former Governor Nathan Deal has written a children's book called "Veto, the Governor's Cat" and is making appearances at various public libraries. Please reach out to Julie if you would like to schedule a visit.

GPLS did an orientation for 8 new public library directors recently. Julie also congratulated ex-GALSTEER rep Jennifer Durham on her recent retirement.

Angela Stanley from GPLS provided several updates. They will be holding their fall Directors Meeting in Athens September 12 – 13 at the Athens Library. The Georgia Libraries Conference will also be held in Athens in October, and for the first time will be co-hosted by the Society of Georgia Archivists. The schedule should be released soon. GPLS is in the process of implementing the Palace Project in 45 public libraries around the state – this project aggregates ebooks from a variety of platforms into a single app, and well as providing a marketplace with very favorable license terms. GPLS is providing some seed funding for the marketplace. Libraries are also applying for digital connectivity / technology grants and working on their annual reports that GPLS provides to OPB.

Julius Fleschner announced that he has received a promotion at Georgia Highlands College – he will now be the Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Accreditation. Libraries will report to him, and Jessica Osborne will become library director and replace Julius on GALSTEER and RACL at the end of the calendar year.

Leslie Sharp announced that Georgia Tech had a rough start to the semester due to some major AC issues. The library had to close, but reopened on Sunday. All materials had to be removed and are now being cleaned and returned.

Leslie Sharp motioned to adjourn, Tamatha Lambert seconded, and the meeting adjourned.