

GALILEO Steering Committee (GALSTEER)
Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2024

GALSTEER Attendees:

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| Joy Bolt (Chair) | Russell Palmer |
| Caroline Culver | Kathy Pillatzki |
| Angiah Davis | Robert Quarles |
| Michelle Easley | Barry Robinson (for Toby Graham) |
| Julius Fleschner | Leslie Sharp |
| Sonya Gaither | Angela Stanley |
| Lucy Harrison | Jeff Steely |
| Sarah Holmes | Julie Walker |
| Tamatha Lambert | Shaundra Walker |
| Natalie Marshall | Bradley Warren |
| Terrance Martin | Melissa Whitesell |
| Burr Osoinach | Oluremi Wright |

GALILEO/GIL Staff:

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| Brad Baxter | John Stephens |
| Sean Boyle | Mike White |
| Nicole Lawrence | Josh Walker Wier |
| Sean C Purcell | Joy Woodson |

Agenda and Minutes:

Chair Joy Bolt called the meeting to order. Lucy Harrison took roll. Angela Stanley moved to approve the agenda, Leslie Sharp seconded, and the agenda was approved. Natalie Marshall moved to approve minutes from the June meeting, Jeff Steely seconded, and minutes were approved.

Membership Updates:

Julie Walker provided an update on the impact of Hurricane Helene on public libraries. The worst hit was to Valdosta, which lost most of the roof and had three feet of water inside. But they are recovering well. Libraries have shifted staff to other locations, moved story times to shelters, and invited the community to come use their resources. Augusta also had issues but is fully open now. Joy Bolt commented that Augusta University was also hard hit, and Lucy Harrison shared that we were able to turn on emergency HathiTrust access for them.

Angela Stanley reported on behalf of GPLS. The recent Georgia Libraries Conference, which was a collaborative effort between the Society of Georgia Archivists and the Georgia Library Association, was a big success with about 75 more attendees than last year. The Georgia Library Service for the blind and print disabled ambassadors won the GLA team award. The virtual portion of the conference kicks off next week. The Georgia Library Awards nomination window will open on Monday. If you're interested in learning more about the awards or seeing our past awardees, you can go to <http://georgialibraries.org/gplanom> This will be the tenth year of these awards. Angela also thanked Russell Palmer for his efforts in puling the Pro Quest ebook central titles into the Palace econtent

platform. Finally, the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Council awards are coming up later this month.

Julie Walker also noted that she will be speaking on the topic of library advocacy to the Regents Advisory Council for Academic Affairs (RACAA) next week – they are the provosts of the USG institutions.

GALILEO Updates:

Lucy Harrison provided a brief update on the USG libraries' migration to FOLIO and OpenRS. In September, libraries configured FOLIO circulation components, the cataloging community evaluated the initial bib/holdings data load, and acquisitions evaluated data mapping/migration of organizations (vendors, etc.). The OpenRS (resource sharing) implementation also kicked off. This month, GIL is loading samples of patrons, and configuration work for Circ, Cataloging, and Acquisitions continues. We are also wrapping up the RFI for course reserves integration. The project is still on track to go live in summer 2025.

GALILEO is still working on a potential solution to the K-12 funding issue and should know more after the DOE Board Meeting on November 7.

This quarter's work on strategic initiatives includes continued AI investigation; development work on a redesigned Stats Tool; beginning work on a K-12 interface redesign; and hopefully hiring a new position: Training Support Specialist. Also lots of attendance at fall conferences.

Joy Woodson provided an update on the GALILEO annual survey, which will be live November 1 – 17. Librarians and library staff will receive information on promoting the survey by October 28. Please email any questions to Joy.Woodson@usg.edu.

Joy will also be convening a K-12 Advisory focus group, whose goal is to engage with end-users at the K-12 level to help develop changes to the GALILEO interface. Beginning in January, she will meet with an advisory group (to include teachers, media specialists, parents, community members) to review development changes to the interface before they are live. Much like the GALILEO Development Advisory Group from before, KDAC will give much-needed input and support to GALILEO developers. Joy asked the group to nominate people to serve by emailing her directly, and to share information regarding KDAC with colleagues, patrons and parents. Oluremi Wright asked if Joy could share a page with this information so that she can share it with K-12 practitioners, which Joy agreed to do.

Joy is also working with GPLS to boost engagement/usage with library patrons by improving placement of GALILEO branding on library websites. We have seen that libraries with clear and quick access to GALILEO have more visitors to these electronic resources. The ask will be for public libraries to include the GALILEO logo on the homepage (or one level down) of each website. [This link](#) includes all appropriate logos and guidelines on usage. The goal is to have GALILEO Search accessible in no more than two (2) clicks from each library's homepage.

Lucy provided an update on the accessibility work that is ongoing for GPLS and the Digital Library of Georgia. All contracts have been signed and audits will be beginning shortly.

E-Resources Update:

John Stephens discussed that we are considering joining the Library Accessibility Alliance. The alliance was started by the Big Ten Academic Alliance and has had six other consortia join, and organizes independent accessibility evaluations, training, accessibility toolkits, and recommended license language. The fee to join it relatively low (around \$3000) and requirements beyond that are to have at least five representatives who will actively contribute to various committees. Lucy and John met with FLVC who joined last year, and they've had a positive experience joining. John also sat in on their local LAA reporting committee and met several of their people who are the ones engaged in the project, and they also recommended it. Given our ongoing efforts to support accessibility through the GALILEO Accessibility Committee, coupled with an emphasis on stricter enforcement of accessibility standards due to recent OCR complaints, we think joining will help increase expertise with accessibility among our members, allow us to help direct joint efforts that are important to us, and serve as a resource to help with issues as they arise.

Question for GALSTEER: Do you approve that we join LAA? Tamatha moved to approve joining, Natalie seconded, and the motion passed.

John then reviewed usage data for the main shared collections (eBook Central and other ProQuest and EBSCO collections) including the top five resources used by each group and usage trends over time. Usage for EBSCO ticked up after some changes were made to the collection in 2023, but have now leveled off. PQ usage is up but mostly due to USG's usage of Newsstand. As always, John will keep an eye on trends and discuss any issues with the relevant committee(s).

John also provided a reminder of recent additions to the e-resources portfolio for higher ed in general and USG specifically.

Interface Changes:

Russell Palmer updated the group on some recent interface changes, including new embeddable bento boxes and an updated interface for Full Text Finder (currently used by everyone except USG and TCSG) – that is the link resolver menu with full text options in the EBSCO environment. We will release this soon, pending a final update to Ebook Central linking. Improvements include removing iframes that caused error messages, improved linking, improved metadata display, and aligning the Full Text Finder interface with new EDS/Ehost/Publication Finder.

The new EBSCOhost interface is also coming in May 2025, which will provide easier access to personalization/personalized dashboards; a modernized, less cluttered interface; simpler language; and search filters that are easily applied to the results list. The new interface will be managed in EBSCO Experience Manager. Some customization features are unavailable in new EBSCOhost, including no data in header or footer and more limited options for navigation links, but this is also the case with the new EDS interface, and has not presented issues. For more information, please visit the following links:

- [New EBSCOhost FAQ](#)
- [EBSCO Tutorials on YouTube](#)
- [EBSCO Platform Roadmap](#)
- [GALILEO Training](#)

Leslie Sharp motioned to adjourn, Natalie Marshall seconded, and the meeting adjourned.