

**GALILEO Steering Committee (GALSTEER)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
January 12, 2024

**GALSTEER Attendees:**

Kimberly Bugg	LaVerne McLaughlin
Angiah Davis	Burr Osoinach
Jennifer Durham	Russell Palmer
Michelle Easley	Kristi Peavy
David Edens	Leslie Sharp
Julius Fleschner	Jeff Steely
Sonya Gaither	Ru Story-Huffman
Toby Graham	Julie Walker
Lucy Harrison	Bradley Warren
Sarah Holmes	Melissa Whitesell (Chair)
Natalie Marshall	Oluremi Wright

**GALILEO/GIL Staff:**

Michael Allen	Sean C Purcell
Brad Baxter	Barry Robinson
Sean Boyle	John Stephens
Jeff Gallant	Mike White
Ken Henslee	Joy Woodson
David Seamus Narron	

**Agenda and Minutes:**

Chair Melissa Whitesell called the meeting to order. Lucy Harrison took roll. Leslie Sharp moved to approve the agenda and Jeff Steely seconded. Agenda was approved. Toby Graham moved to approve minutes from the August meeting, LaVerne McLaughlin seconded, and minutes were approved.

**Member Updates:**

Julie Walker (Vice Chancellor for Libraries & Archives and State Librarian) reminded the group that the legislative session has begun and the Governor delivered his State of the State address yesterday, including his recommended budget, which includes a 4% cost of living increase for State employees, University System employees, and teachers (capped at \$3,000 per person). This is just the first stage and it still needs to be approved. Appropriations hearings take place next week, so Julie is working in conjunction with GLA, GLMA, and the University System to monitor budget priorities as well as any other legislation that speaks to libraries.

The public libraries are having great success with their “thousand books before kindergarten” program which has caught the attention of the new Council on Literacy. Angela Stanley was appointed by the Governor to the Georgia Historic Records Advisory Council. Julie also let people know that some groups are performing “First Amendment Audits” in which individuals appear at a

public/government agency and film the operations, which is their right so long as they are not interfering with workflows and not entering staff only spaces. GPLS has trained their library directors on the legalities of this kind of activity in libraries. They have a short briefing form that they have distributed to all GPLS libraries on how they should respond to these sorts of situations, which she will share with GALSTEER.

GPLS is also working closely with GALILEO and others on options for providing statewide same day full image access to the AJC.

### **GALILEO Updates:**

Russell Palmer provided a status update on OpenAthens:

- USG: Completing authentication assessment for FOLIO planning. Down to two institutions to update.
- GPLS: Diligently working to complete the remaining 3 non-PINES libraries, Forsyth Co, Gwinnett Co. and Cobb Co. All resource activation work is done, and we are finalizing go live dates now.
- TCSG: GALILEO support is working with TCSG Alma/Primo committee to audit collections to make sure authentication is setup properly for all collections.
- K-12/P-K12: Continuing to work with GaDOE toward a spring test and summer release. Building the structure now to support a pilot site for Henry County Schools.
- GPALS: Auditing Identity providers for handful of GPALS sites that are not live, working with Covenant currently on their setup.

Russell also provided an update and demo on some new functionality within the Bento search and GALILEO Admin module including:

- Customization options within the Bento (change Bento box order with drag and drop; delete unwanted Bento boxes; add Bento boxes beyond the available defaults; save a permalink to a search page with your personalized Bento order and search results).
- Institutional banner options to show up on Bento.
- Databases choices now listed for custom EDS Bento box.

We are also on track to release the new EDS UI for USG schools in May. We will continue to hold “New EBSCO Discovery Service Sneak Peek and Q&A” sessions in March, April, and May.

Lucy reminded the team that we have representation on the new OpenRS ILL advisory group whose work will kick off soon. She also reviewed the general timeline for the USG’s FOLIO and OpenRS implementation:

- December 21, 2023: FOLIO Poppy release available.
- January 2024: EBSCO begins building out pre-implementation test environments.
- Feb 2024 – May 2024: GIL and GALILEO test patron load, authentication processes, USG/institution integrations, and data quality.
- May 2024 - Spring 2025: MOBIUS goes live May 2024. FOLIO member tenant implementation begins including data extracts, iterations, ongoing acceptance testing, etc. leading into Dress Rehearsal (plus 2 GUGM meetings).

- March 2025 – Dress Rehearsal – Full extraction of all data required; integrations finalized; testing; strategies for go live (2-week process).
- April 2025 – Pre-live training by EBSCO trainers or GIL Staff (for practitioners).
- June 2025 - Go Live.

We are actively working on the Bibliograph piece of this project and are expecting UGA/GGC results to show up in the Google knowledge panel this month. The goal is to have all USG libraries live on Bibliograph by June 2024.

A LibGuide with more details is available at <https://libguides.galileo.usg.edu/GIL-FOLIO/>

**Budget:** The legislative appropriations process has begun, and GALILEO is hoping to receive approval on a small increase to their State Funds B. Institutions were allowed to request a 3% increase on these funds, which, if approved, will provide some relief to the GALILEO budget deficit. GALILEO is also planning to request some one-time end of year funding for ebook purchases, training resources, and research data sets. As a reminder, PowerNotes was funded for 2 years but will not be centrally funded in FY25 due to lack of uptake. Lucy asked the group if they had other suggestions for one-time funding to please get those to her soon.

**Annual Survey:** We received 1,472 responses (1,339 after spam and duplicates removed) which was about the same number of usable responses as last year (5K+ initial responses; 1,488 analyzed). Undergraduate students, K-12 students, and library staff/media specialists provided the most feedback. The full report was sent out earlier this week. The overall satisfaction is still very high but is trending slightly downwards. We will continue to analyze any negative feedback to see if there are patterns or specific stakeholder groups whose concerns we can better address.

**Strategic Planning:** GALILEO is entering the home stretch in strategic planning. This process kicked off at the 2023 GALILEO Annual Conference, followed by a September 15 staff planning retreat (which also included representatives from all stakeholder groups) and feedback gathered at Georgia Libraries' Conference in October. GALSTEER and RACL have also seen the earlier feedback, and we included 14 strategic planning items to be ranked by library staff in the GALILEO Annual Survey. Lucy reviewed the emerging themes:

- Continue to enhance Bento.
- More content (especially Open Access).
- Simplified K-12 interface (and more segmented K-12 content).
- How to address AI?
- Opportunities from open source, especially FOLIO and OpenRS.
- Need for GALILEO 101/training courses.
- Concern about long-term funding.

She also reviewed each of the five high-level goals and what new initiatives GALILEO is planning to undertake in each area.

Sonya Gaither motioned to adjourn, Natalie Marshall seconded, and the meeting adjourned.