

**GALILEO Steering Committee (GALSTEER)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
March 10, 2023

**GALSTEER Attendees:**

Kimberley Bugg	Allison Repzynski
Michelle Easley	Leslie Sharp
David Edens	Andrea Stanfield
Julius Fleschner (Chair)	Angela Stanley
Toby Graham	Jeff Steely
Donita Hinckley	Julie Walker
Natalie Marshall	Bradley Warren
Burr Osoinach	Melissa Whitesell
Martha Powers-Jones	

**GALILEO/GIL Staff:**

Deena Anderson	Sean C Purcell
Sean Boyle	Barry Robinson
Lucy Harrison	John Stephens
Sheila McAlister	Mike White
David Seamus Narron	Joy Woodson
Russell Palmer	

**Agenda and Minutes:**

Julius Fleschner called the meeting to order. Lucy Harrison took roll. Leslie Sharp moved to approve the agenda and Natalie Marshall seconded. Motion to approve minutes by Toby Graham and Jeff Steely seconded. Minutes and agenda were approved.

**General GALILEO Updates:**

- **RFP for Library Platform:** USG procurement is ready to make an award. However, Lucy has not had a chance to talk to RACL Exec or full RACL about it yet. RACL Exec meets after GALSTEER, and will discuss then. Lucy will let everyone know when the Notice of Intent to Award (NOIA) is posted. Next there is a two week window where someone may protest, but we will move forward with our planning.
- **FOGL Update (from Sonya Gaither in absentia):** Friends of Georgia Libraries is preparing for annual meeting and workshop Friday, April 14th, at the Nancy Guinn Memorial Library in Conyers. The library will provide morning coffee, etc. and will offer tours of the renovated library. The Friends group will also be onsite and will provide a tour of the bookstore. Author Sharon Marchisello from Peachtree City will speak during lunch. If you are ever interested in attending one of these meetings or need some more information or assistance, you can reach out to Sonya Gaither and she can connect you with the FOGL folks.

- **Open Athens Update:** Russell reported that GALILEO staff are working very hard on the non-PINES public libraries. We have held a kick off meeting for all except Cobb and good progress is being made on those libraries that we already have connected (e.g., resource activation is complete.) We're working on setting up connectors for Smith County, Cobb County, Bartow County and Coweta County. We hope to finish the bulk of this work by June, and then begin planning for K-12. Also, administrators will soon be able to activate managed proxy resources themselves, which is functionality we've wanted for a long time and which will speed up workflows a lot internally.

We have discussed with Open Athens whether they could help with an analysis tying library usage to student success. We had been asked by some folks at RACL whether we could do this for the entire system...look at the entire USG system and see how usage of library resources as tracked through Open Athens correlates with student success. Unfortunately we don't think we're going to be able to do it for the entire system since attributes are not directly comparable across all schools. We may instead focus on 1 - 3 schools and explore how best to do this analysis and then present a template for other schools to do it themselves.

- **PowerNotes:** GALILEO got some extra funding from the University System to implement PowerNotes for the higher ed libraries in the state. PowerNotes has been struggling a little bit to get the level of adoption that they would like to see and that we would like to see for this tool. So they may be reaching out higher ed academic libraries and asking to perhaps connect with folks in your tutoring centers or to help with some marketing. It's entirely up to the institution, but this is a tool that USG is funding and if it doesn't get more adoption this coming year, we're probably not going to be continuing it. Russell worked with them on training sessions, set up a Libguide with a recorded training session, and is happy to put libraries in touch with staff at PowerNotes.
- **Budget:** Lucy reminded the group that GALILEO state funding was cut a few years ago and has not been fully restored. Most of the GALILEO budget goes to pay for e-resources whose cost continues to go up year over year. Julie Walker and Lucy recently met with senior leadership at the system office – including the Chancellor – to outline the issues and hopefully restore funding. While there is no commitment to restore funding at this time, system office leadership now understands the problem and has pledged to revisit this issue during the next budget cycle.
- **Hiring for ALG Program Manager:** Currently completing second interviews for an ALG Program Manager to report to Jeff Gallant.
- **Strategic Planning:** We are almost ready to kick off strategic planning to redo or update our existing plan. We will start at the GALILEO Annual Conference in June, and then see how things look after that. We have been holding off on starting this due to the uncertainty around the USG libraries platform, but now that the RFP is wrapping up we are ready to start.

**GALILEO Annual Conference:** Will be held in person on June 14, 2023 at the MGSU Hatcher Conference Center. The theme is “Boldly Going.” Miguel Figueroa, Amigos Library Services, will do the keynote. Attendance will be capped at 150 and we will not have a virtual option. We will run 4 sessions concurrently. Registration will open in April. GALILEO is accepting nominations for the

second annual GALILEO Ambassador award through March. This award is open to any individual working at a GALILEO-affiliated institution and will be announced publicly at the annual conference.

### **Plans for New EBSCO UI Rollout:**

Russell provided an overview of the planned transition to the new version of the EBSCO Discovery service. EBSCO has been working to provide a new, cleaner, and more modern interface. The access to facets and filters is much easier; personalization features are better integrated into a dashboard; and they use clearer language and wording across the platform. Russell demoed the new interface, and then explained that more communications will be forthcoming at the end of April. The approximate timeline for implementation is Summer 2023 for K-12, TCSG, and Public Libraries (July/August); and Winter (December 2023/January 2024) for USG and the private higher eds. Fully functional standalone advanced search will be arriving in August, and there are major updates due in January impacting MyEBSCOHost folders and journal alerts (which are of special interest to higher ed researchers).

### **E-Resources Update:**

John Stephens provided an update on e-resources usage. We have seen some concerning drops in usage, as have other consortia. We are working with the major vendors to identify strategies to increase usage or perhaps identify resources that might better meet GALILEO needs. John also provided an update on usage of open access resources, which is actually increasing; and on the transformative agreements with ACS and Cambridge which are going well. Finally, John asked the group if anyone had experience with Unpaywall that they would like to share. Most attendees had not used it, or had had issues getting it to work well. We will continue to keep an eye on it.

### **Member Updates**

GADOE is working on the new GaConnects project with many courses being added into Inspire.

GPLS had a really successful Library Day at the Capital in February. They presented 4 library awards and handed out prints with the Georgia Library Association. Next week is the Georgia Library Services for the Blind and Print Disabled Accessibility Conference, which is running concurrent with the SE Collaborative Online Conference. In April they will host the first ever Pinnacle Leadership Institute reunion. Julie is talking with libraries about the issues they are experiencing with the recent changes to AJC access.

### **Newspaper Discussion:**

Sheila McAlister of the DLG provided an update on their newspaper digitization efforts. They are transitioning away from microfilming and investigating digital capture methods instead. They have rolled out a program for born-digital newspaper harvest and deposit and are looking to the Georgia Historic Newspapers as a delivery tool. She is having lots of discussions with public library folks about their local papers.

### **Legislative Update:**

Julie Walker provided an update on proposed bills that may be of interest to libraries.

Leslie Sharp motioned to adjourn, and Brad Warren seconded. Meeting adjourned.