

**GALILEO Steering Committee (GALSTEER)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
June 9, 2023

**GALSTEER Attendees:**

Angiah Davis	Benjamin Mullis
Jennifer Durham	Burr Osoinach
Michelle Easley	Allison Repzynski
David Edens	Leslie Sharp
Julius Fleschner (Chair)	Andrea Stanfield
Sonya Gaither	Angela Stanley
Toby Graham	Jeff Steely
Donita Hinckley	Ru Story-Huffman
Debbie Holmes	Laura Tolliver (for Melissa Whitesell)
Sarah Holmes	Julie Walker
Natalie Marshall	Bradley Warren

**GALILEO/GIL Staff:**

Sean Boyle	Barry Robinson
Lucy Harrison	John Stephens
Russell Palmer	Mike White
Sean C Purcell	Joy Woodson

**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. Agenda was approved. Minutes from the previous meeting had not yet been completed, so will be sent out for review and approval via email.

Julius then welcomed the new incoming members. For RACL Exec, the Incoming Vice Chair is Alan Karass (Columbus State), and new At Large members are Ru Storey-Huffman (GSW); Sonya Gaither (Clayton State); and Angiah Davis (Gordon State). Julius will become Past Chair, and Melissa becomes Chair. For TCSG, Ben Mullis (OFTC) will join the committee and for GPLS Sarah Holmes (Catoosa County) will join. Terms officially start July 1. New members will be added to the listserv soon, with invites to FY23-24 meetings soon after that.

Members leaving GALSTEER on June 30 are Past Chair Andrea Stanfield (UWG); At-Large Debbie Holmes (Coastal) and Lisa Carmichael (GaSouthern); Secretary Angiah Davis (Gordon State), who is moving to an At-Large role; TCSG representative Allison Repzynski (Central Georgia Tech); and GPLS representative Martha Powers-Jones (Okefenokee). Moving forward, secretarial duties will be assumed by GALILEO staff.

Julius thanked the outgoing members for their dedicated service, especially Past Chair Andrea Stanfield.

## **Member Updates:**

Donita Hinckley of DOE announced that she will be retiring this summer. There is not yet a definite plan in place to replace her position at the department, but she will let Lucy know the plans once they are in place. DOE is also working hard to implement Suitcase (a standards platform), and Inspire, which is a teacher resource platform for educators to access courses, standards that are associated with them, and lots of lesson plans and resources. They are hoping to have almost everything available by the end of July.

Angela Stanley from GPLS shared that public libraries are in full summer reading swing. Yesterday they had their first ever summer reading kickoff for the Georgia Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled which was a great success. Daniel Zeiger, who is GPLS Director of IT, has been named a library journal Mover and Shaker thanks to all his wonderful, innovative ideas. Julie Walker was just named and inducted to the Council on Literacy. She will be working very closely with GPLS Director of Youth Services, Evan Bush, in identifying priorities for literacy efforts around the state. GPLS is also working really closely with the Georgia Technology Authority on the Georgia Digital Connectivity Advisory Committee, doing listening sessions all over the state to plan spending of federal digital equity and inclusion funds.

Julius Fleschner shared that at GHC they have partnered with their local public library to do prime time events, and it has been amazing. He highly recommends prime time as a really good collaboration opportunity to work with local public libraries to bring some folks in and do some good in the community. Angela added that the program is run out of the Louisiana Department of Humanities and is designed to encourage communication and literacy and family conversations. There's food involved and a humanities scholar leads the discussion.

Ru Story-Huffman announced that GSW library was awarded \$5 million to do some much-needed renovations in the library.

Sonya Gaither announced that Clayton State has a new President, and they are also trying to fill several positions at the Vice President level, so they're in the midst of a lot of change.

David Edens shared that at ABAC their new Provost started just under a month ago, and they're also going to be making some changes in the library regarding moving some less used items into storage/repository and opening up some more floor space for group study.

Andrea Stanfield shared that UWG just finished their draft for SACS OC review. They also just ordered furniture for 3rd floor and are shifting some collections into compact shelving.

## **General GALILEO Updates:**

- **USG New Library Services Platform:** USG is very, very close to signing the contract. The team wanted to make sure that any development that needed to be done to meet USG needs was incorporated into the contract, but that is all coming together and Lucy expects that they'll have a

contract signed by the end of the summer. Still on track to start training and roll stuff out in the fall and spring. USG libraries will be getting Bibliograph as part of this deal, which we hope will provide some really interesting new ways to open up collections to libraries outside the USG.

- **Open Athens Update:** Russell reported that GALILEO staff are getting really close to completion on the non-PINES public libraries. Launching soon are Chattahoochee Valley (6/15) and Sequoyah (6/21). A few others are pending go-live while we clean up a few details: Fulton Co. (8/15); Dekalb (Finishing IPs); and Gwinnett (Finalizing date). We are also ready to deploy the connectors for Coweta, Bartow, Forsyth, and Cobb counties.

Starting on 6/20, GALILEO will be deploying some updates to the OpenAthens proxy workaround. This only impacts libraries not yet on OpenAthens (e.g., K-12, a few others). Some permalinks may need to be updated, but GALILEO developers designed a new tool to facilitate that. More communication coming soon.

There are also some Open Athens professional development opportunities coming up. There will be a “Health Check for Academic Libraries” on June 20<sup>th</sup>, and Admin training sessions (all audiences, focus on public libraries) on Tuesday, June 13 and Tuesday, July 11. See the GALILEO training calendar for more information and to register:

<https://libguides.galileo.usg.edu/training> There will also be a session at the GALILEO Annual Conference on June 14: Introduction to OpenAthens Administration and Reports.

- **Switching to the New EDS Interface:** Russell noted that GALILEO will soon begin switching libraries to the new EBSCO Discovery Service interface. We have already done a great deal of preparation. For those libraries that manage their own EDS, we'll be identifying all those customizations that you may have done to your EDS, and we'll communicate exactly what's going to happen with those customizations to ensure good continuity with features and functionality. One change is that Google Analytics in its new form will not be permitted to add to EDS. So libraries will get statistics directly from EBSCO, but there will be no Google Analytics option any longer. We have a preview site ready for each and every GALILEO site, and we will be sending information out about accessing them after 6/20 so that libraries can review the interface and update any materials. Go-live will be in mid-August for K12, public and TCSG libraries, and during the winter break for USG and private academics. We've been waiting on some advanced search functionality that isn't there yet that EBSCO has committed to releasing in mid August, and then there's some functionality related to folders and alerts that we want to make sure is in place for USG and private higher ed that won't be released until January 2024.

There are some new training opportunities for EDS as well, including a session at the GALILEO Annual Conference: “Onboarding the Flight Crew: Preparing to Fly the new EBSCO User Interface (UI).” There will also be Monthly Webinars from July to January. Schedule and registration [here](#).

- **GALILEO Development Update:** Russell provided an update on GALILEO Bento development plans for the coming year, including personalization, embeddable bento searches, improvements to filters/facets, and a reworking of the statistics site.

- **Other Updates:** Lucy provided a brief update on the GALILEO budget and noted that Affordable Learning Georgia has a new staff member: Program Manager Nakita Afaha. She also reminded people about the GALILEO Annual Conference coming up in person at Middle Georgia on June 14. Miguel Figueroa of Amigos Library Services will provide the keynote.
- **Diversity Task Force:** John Stephens proposed forming a workgroup to make recommendations on diversity for GALILEO. This would probably be a short-term task force rather than a standing committee. This group would be looking at diversity in many aspects and might not necessarily focus on E-resources. After some discussion, the group asked John to come back with a more concrete recommendation on a charge and scope of work for this task force, to be discussed at a future meeting.
- **E-Resource Updates:** John noted that several libraries have switched to GALILEO billing for Springshare subscriptions (LibGuides, etc.). He'll continue to take subscriptions throughout the year. He also shared that several committees are looking for new members, including the Accessibility and Open Access committees.

On the Open Access front, the ACS arrangement has covered the open access publishing costs (APCs) for 120 articles from GALILEO institutions (through 6/7). That arrangement also provides expanded read access for all Higher Ed members. Another OA agreement with Cambridge has resulted in 1 article published (through 6/8). University of Michigan 2023 Fund to Mission collection (about 80 titles) will be permanently purchased for higher education institutions, with term access to backfile collection.

- **Strategic Planning:** Lucy provided an overview of the strategic planning process which will kick off at GALILEO Annual Conference next week. She will have easels with each strategic goal on them, and reminders of major progress. She will ask attendees to comment on whether these goals are still relevant, what changes or new ideas they suggest. She will report back to GALSTEER at the next meeting and will likely follow up with a survey of some sort.

Andrea Stanfield motioned to adjourn, and Leslie Sharp seconded. Meeting adjourned.