

GALILEO Steering Committee (GALSTEER)

Meeting Minutes

Date: October 3, 2025

Location: Virtual

Attendees

Joy Bolt (University of North Georgia)
Abigail Bricco (Chattahoochee Tech, TCSG)
Emily Brown (Mount De Sales Academy, GISA)
Michelle Easley (Fulton County Schools)
David Edens (ABAC)
Sonya Gaither (Clayton State / Gordon State)
Lucy Harrison (USG/GALILEO)
Tamatha Lambert (Middle Georgia)
Deborah Millier (Emmanuel University, GPALS)
Jessica Osborne (Georgia Highlands)

Burr Osoinach (Cobb County Public)
Russell Palmer (USG/GALILEO)
Kathy Pillatzki (Henry County Library System)
Robert Quarles (Atlanta Metropolitan)
Karen Glover (Georgia Tech, for Leslie Sharp)
Angela Stanley (Georgia Public Library Service)
Jeff Steely (Georgia State University)
Shaundra Walker (GCSU, Chair)
Bradley Warren (Augusta University)
Melissa Whitesell (Dalton State College)

GUESTS: Abbie Gettys (Central GA Tech)

GALILEO Staff: Barry Robinson, John Stephens, Joy Woodson, Nicole Lawrence, Brad Baxter, Mike White, Joshua Walker Wier, Jared Street Mcreynolds, Jef Whatley, Sean Boyle

Welcome, Roll, Minutes, and Agenda Approval (Shaundra Walker)

Chair Shaundra Walker called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. Roll was taken by Lucy Harrison. Quorum confirmed. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved (motion: Deborah Millier; second: David Edens). The agenda was also approved (motion: Sonya Gaither; second: Deborah Millier).

Emily Brown (Mount De Sales Academy) was introduced as the new GISA representative.

Member Updates / General Discussion

GPALS: Deborah Millier noted that two new schools may apply to join in Spring 2026. She will keep us updated.

GPLS: Angela Stanley noted that it is a busy fall season, including Georgia Libraries Conference (Columbus, next week), new directors' orientation, Pinnacle Leadership Institute, and awards program. Monitoring Baker & Taylor acquisition fallout. LSTA funding expected to remain stable.

Other sectors: No significant updates.

GALILEO Updates

FOLIO/OpenRS: Lucy Harrison updated the group. User acceptance testing (Phase 3) completed in August; Phase 4 criteria set in September; full acceptance testing underway. RACL to decide on go-live Oct. 31. Current planned go-live: Dec. 16, 2025. RACL advisory committee nomenclature changing to CAGs.

K-12: Funding deficit persists, but OPB inquiries suggest possible increase in 2026.

E-Resources: John Stephens updated the group. Elsevier OA agreement adoption at 65%. New AJC subscriptions from UGA, GSU, GT, Atlanta Metro, CCGA. Plan to end Ovid nursing journals consortial agreement in FY27 due to restrictive license terms. Drops in ProQuest/EBSCO usage noted, possibly influenced by AI tools and changes in research behavior.

Development & Authentication: Russell Palmer updated the group. Current priority is FOLIO development. Other work: framework upgrades, statistics redesign, accessibility improvements, search box generator, K-12 site redesign (delayed to 2026). Recent denial-of-service attacks mitigated. Russell also demonstrated some new features: natural language search and citation linking in EBSCO; and the new Ebook Central app.

Digital Library of Georgis (Nicole Lawrence)

They are working on issues related to newspaper redaction requests. They are also doing some K-12 Educator Resource assessment. Subgrants were awarded to Augusta University, Berry College, Fulton County Schools Archives, Dougherty County Public Library, Oglethorpe University, Worth County Public Library, and others.

Advisory Committee to meet Oct. 15 to discuss programming and outreach.

GALILEO 30th Anniversary (Joy Woodson)

Celebration was held Sept. 22, 2025, in Athens; thanks to all who attended. Speakers included EVC Ashwani Monga, State Librarian Julie Walker, pioneers Merryll Penson and Ralph Russell, and others. Video/written tributes were provided by Stephen Portch and Bill Potter.

Upcoming events include workshops, scavenger hunt, and social media campaign.

Fall Conference Plans

- WOLFCon last week (OpenRS, FOLIO)
- Georgia Libraries Conference next week (Columbus)
 - GALILEO Session Wednesday 1:30 – 2:15
 - Will also have a booth
- Social Studies Conference: October 23 – 24 (Athens)
 - “USA 250/GALILEO 30: Core Reference Resources in Social Studies, History, and Beyond” October 24
- Charleston Conference: November 3 – 7, November 17 - 19
 - “Future Proofing Your Library” November 18 (virtual)
- GaETC: November 6 – 7 (Atlanta - exhibitor)
- Plus we’ll start planning for GAC and GUGM soon

Next Meeting: Date TBD, likely January/February 2026 (Virtual)

Adjournment: Motion: Sonya Gaither; second: Deborah Millier — approved unanimously.
Meeting adjourned.