GALILEO: Georgia's Cathedral of Learning

By Tamera Lee, Chair, GALILEO Steering Committee

Since GALILEO brings together Georgia's libraries and librarians of all types, of course our focus is customer service-our hallmark and what we do

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best. Through our service, I think library staff know well the allure of technology, yet we understand its limitations and know that it doesn't solve everything. So what do these priority internal customers, the passionate people who provide meaningful library service, think about GALILEO?

I recently asked a few library staff members what GALILEO means to them and heard that it is "a great place to find information of every sort…about Georgia and current events and quick reference." I also heard

that GALILEO has grown tremendously over the years and has improved its search capacity, especially for general research needs. From another, I learned about an appreciated genealogical source, *Ancestry Library Edition* and local newspaper archive—both made freely accessible, while their dot com counterparts required paid subscriptions. I listened to the value placed on GALILEO as a "child friendly" learning resource void of "splash of trash" porn invasions frequented through popular techie tools.

GALILEO holds a common theme for internal and external customers: a vehicle for con-tinuous, life-long learning. My twenty-five years of experience as an academic librarian have taught me that the central mission of higher education is not teaching, research, or service—it's learning! And to the best of my knowledge, all educational institutions value learning.

Peter Shipman, who knows GALILEO well as Outreach Librarian for the Medical College of Georgia, reminded me that

GALILEO "serves a greater purpose than our home libraries and institution" as it "betters the future of Georgia's citizens." Peter also referenced Peter Morville's presentation at the 2007 ALA conference in which he retold the parable of three medieval stonecutters, each doing the same job of cutting block. The first said, "I am making a living." The second said, "I am doing the best job of stone cutting in the county." The third said, "I am building a cathedral." If GALILEO is Georgia's cathedral of learning, then we're responsible for building it.

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Take *The GALILEO Planet* Survey

We need your feedback! Please take a few minutes to complete *The GALILEO Planet survey*. We will use the information we collection to improve The GALILEO Planet.
Take the GALILEO Planet survey at
http://www.surveys.usg.edu/se.ashx?s=06C2C3B97D8DBC96

Meet the Staff: Sarah Ricker

By Edward Johnson, Georgia HomePLACE

Sarah Ricker began her work as Civil Rights Metadata Librarian at GALILEO's Digital Library of Georgia (DLG) in March 2006.

As a key staff member in the Civil Rights Digital Library (CRDL) initiative, Sarah describes WSB video footage of civil rights events included in the collection, identifies other institutions with digital civil rights material, develops partnerships, and "massages" metadata to be included in the portal.

Sarah came to her current position educationally well-prepared. Although born in Anaheim, California, she moved with her parents to Juneau, Alaska in 1984, where she graduated from Juneau-Douglas High School. Her parents still live in Juneau, which continues to seem like home to Sarah even though she now lives in Georgia. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Comparative Literature at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, and her Master in Library and Information Science at the University of South Carolina in Columbia.

Sarah also brings a lot of relevant experience to her CRDL work. In fact, she served as an intern at DLG during the summer of 2004, working on the HomePLACE-supported Encoded Archival Description project with Auburn Avenue Research Library. While in Athens, Sarah met her future husband, whom she married in May 2005. Sarah has served as a metadata assistant for digital collections at Brigham Young University for two years, worked with PASCAL in South Carolina to help plan their digital collections program, and (after moving back to Athens) worked at Baker and Taylor in Commerce.

Although she works hard at the DLG, Sarah also pursues several hobbies during her free time. She loves to travel, enjoys crochet, and is an avid reader.

So how did Sarah become interested in libraries in the first place?

"*I wanted to be a librarian in third grade, and in fifth grade was given the privilege of skipping one recess a week to go to the library; I would save that for Friday morning recess. In college, when I realized I enjoyed helping people find information and answer random questions, I found a job in the library and started looking into library schools.*"

And now she's focused that interest on digital libraries.

"*I love digital libraries, partly because of the universal access factor. It is so exciting to share historical resources online. It is fun to know that my friends and family, scattered all over the country, will be able to see the work that I do online.*"

"*Working with the Civil Rights Digital Library has been a great opportunity to learn more about the Civil Rights movement. I've also had the chance to see how other institutions approach digital libraries and how they present digital resources.*"

Finding "All" of It: Localizing the Find It Service for Your Institution
By GALILEO Staff

Find It @ GALILEO

Find It @ GALILEO is the public name of the GALILEO SFX project. In phase one of the GALILEO Upgrade Project, GALILEO-managed resources were configured within SFX for your institution. In the current phase of the GALILEO Upgrade, we are beginning the process of configuring local resources within SFX. Several steps are required, including the following:

- sharing information about your institution's online resources through a permanent web-based workspace for your institution
- communicating with vendors
- configuring the resources (GALILEO will do this based on the information you provide)
- testing configured resources

If your institution is interested in participating in localization of SFX, or if you have questions about the process, please submit a request to GALILEO via the *Contact Us* link located in the top right corner of the GALILEO Homepage.

Please see our FAQs for more information about *Find It:* http://www.usg.edu/galileo/help/index.phtml?topic=findit .

Teachers Teaching Teachers

Recently, GALILEO staff members and representative media specialists from Georgia schools joined the weekly webcast of Teachers Teaching Teachers to discuss ways database content can enrich students' learning. Teachers Teaching Teachers is a weekly international webcast on the EdTechTalk channel of the WorldBridges network. Discussions via webcasts are held every Wednesday evening at 9:00 pm EST. These conversations are archived as a podcast on the Teachers Teaching Teachers blog. Their purpose is to develop teacher knowledge and leadership in their schools and to then use this knowledge to improve students' online reading and writing through the use of blogs, wikis, podcasts, and webcasts.

Please refer to the Teachers Teaching Teachers website http://teachersteachingteachers.org for additional information and for archived webcasts. To listen to the database sessions mentioned above, tune into the August 8th, 15th, and 22nd podcasts.

August 8th http://teachersteachingteachers.org/?p=129
August 15th http://teachersteachingteachers.org/?p=130
August 22nd (Link not posted at time of publication)

Getting Alerts as RSS Feeds in EBSCO

By GALILEO Staff

- Are you having trouble keeping up with professional reading?
- Do you check several news sites or blogs each day and need to speed up the process?
- Do you know teachers or professors who need to keep up with certain research topics?
- Have you been trying to teach your students how to use an RSS reader and want to know what RSS feeds are available through GALILEO?

If you answered "yes" to any of the questions above, then this article may help!

But first, some of you may be asking, "What is RSS?" One quick explanation is that RSS stands for "Really Simple Syndication" and refers to a way to easily publish content that is updated frequently. Common Craft has also created a great video to explain RSS: http://www.commoncraft.com/rss_plain_english.
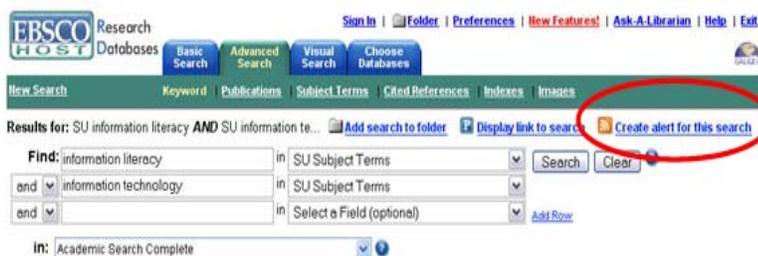
So, what are some ways that you can use RSS? Here are some ideas:
- **Keep up with daily news** without having to visit all of the individual websites of the newspapers
- **Keep up with recent research, an area of interest, or your favorite hobby** by receiving notifications when articles are added to a particular magazine or journal that you like (see RSS journal alerts in EBSCO) or when articles are added matching certain search criteria that you choose (see RSS search alerts in EBSCO)
- **Read blog entries from your favorite blogs** all in one place without having to go to each blog's site to check for new entries

In order to use RSS feeds, you will need an RSS reader, also called a feed reader or an aggregator. Some popular web-based readers are Google Reader (http://www.google.com/reader) and Bloglines (http://www.bloglines.com). Once you have chosen an RSS reader, you can add the feed URLs to your reader in order to see the updated information.

Now that we know what RSS is and how we can use it, let's see how we can find them using GALILEO databases.
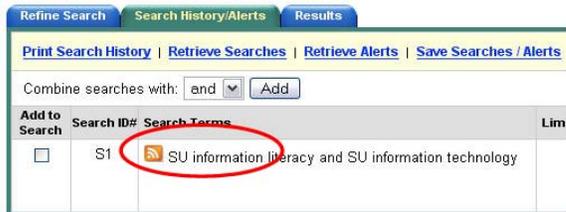
Most EBSCO databases allow you to set up search alerts and journal alerts as RSS feeds, and the recent addition of the one-step alerts make it even easier. RSS feed alerts can be created directly from any search results list, the Search History/Alerts tab, or the Publications list by clicking on the orange RSS icons.
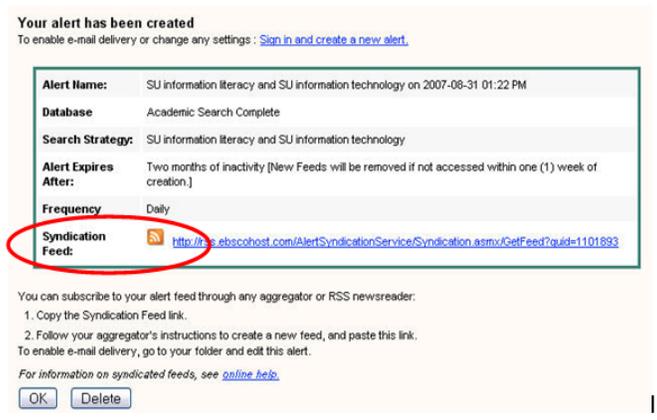

To set up **RSS search alerts in EBSCO**

1) Run a search using the **Advanced Search** tab
2) **Click the orange RSS icon** or the "Create alert for this search" link

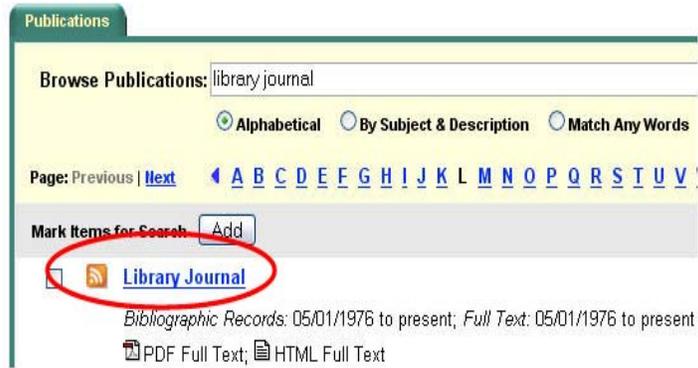Or, you can click the Search History/Alerts tab and then click the orange RSS icon beside the search you want.

3) When the pop-up screen appears with the search alert information, you can **copy the syndication feed URL and then paste it into your feed reader.**
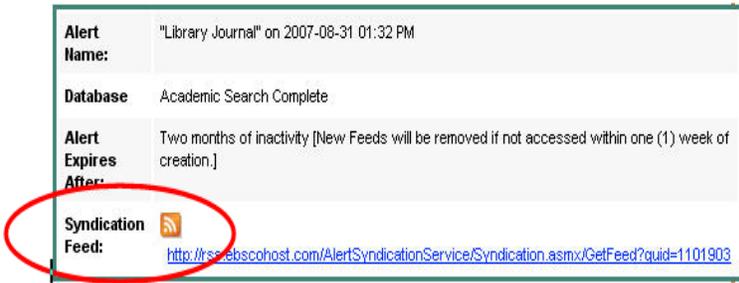

To set up **RSS journal alerts in EBSCO**

1) Click the **Publications** link in the green sub-toolbar and search for your desired journal.
2) **Click the orange RSS icon** beside the correct journal.

3) When the pop-up screen appears with the alert information, you can **copy the syndication feed URL and then paste it into your feed reader.**

Additional information about RSS feeds in EBSCO may be found by searching for "RSS" in the EBSCO Knowledge Base (http://support.epnet.com/knowledge_base/search.php).

COMING SOON!

**Look for GALILEO Presentations and visit the
GALILEO Exhibit Booth at these Upcoming Fall Conferences.**

COMO (Georgia Council of Media Organization) Conference
October 17-19 - Jekyll Island Convention Center, Jekyll Island

Georgia Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference
October 18-19, The Classic Center, Athens

USG Annual Computing Conference
October 24-26, Rock Eagle

Georgia Educational Technology Consortium Conference
November 14-16, Georgia International Convention Center, College Park

UPCOMING ONLINE GALILEO TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

EBSCOhost Databases
Oct 1   2:00-3:00 p.m.   New Features and Resources
Oct 10   2:00-3:30 p.m.   K-12 Resources
Oct 22   10:00-11:30 p.m. Literary Reference Center & Consumer Health Center
Oct 29   2:00-3:30 p.m.   Business Searching for Academic Libraries
Nov 5   10:00-11:30 p.m. Business Searching for Public Libraries
Nov 12   2:00-3:30 p.m.   Literary Reference Center & Consumer Health Center

Kids InfoBits for Elementary School (K-12 consortium)
Oct 23   2:00-2:45 p.m.
Nov 29   2:00-2:45 p.m.

SIRS Discoverer/WebFind (elementary and middle school)
Oct 9   11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Nov 1   3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Dec 5   11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

SIRS Researcher (high school)
Oct 9   3:00-4:00 p.m.
Nov 1   11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Dec 5   3:00-4:00 p.m.

Announcements about new training opportunities are made through the GALILEO e-mail list. You may also find upcoming training opportunities by checking the training registration site at
http://www.usg.edu/oiit/training/register.phtml.
If you have suggestions for classes you would like to see, please contact Karen Minton at karen.minton@usg.edu.

Glittering Gold

Many thanks to all those who attended the GOLD GALILEO Conference this past August. Thanks to our wonderful presenters for the outstanding sessions. Special thanks to the GOLD Advisory Committee for their planning and hard work! To view the presentations from the GOLD/GALILEO Conference, go to http://www.georgialibraries.org/lib/gold/ggugc2007/.

Enjoy these images from the conference

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Many thanks to George Hazelton of Henry County Public Library, for the use of his photographs

New GALILEO User Views in Beta Preview

GALILEO is pleased to announce the upcoming beta release of five new interfaces for each of the GALILEO user communities: Scholar (academic), Library (public library), and High-School, Teen, and Kids (K-12). Based on functional requirements (PDF) gathered by the Community Customization Working Groups, new interfaces for the GALILEO communities have been prototyped and revised in an ongoing usability testing process, including user interviews regarding the user flow model and terminology. Task-based user-testing with benchmark users is now underway, in coordination with development and integration with SFX, WebFeat, and library catalogs.

Plans are for the new interfaces to appear in beta via a preview link on the GALILEO homepage for Fall 2007, with a transition to production in late December 2007. Institutions will be asked to beta test their site to help uncover issues; beta means that some changes will continue to be made based on findings from usability and beta testing.

Tentative Release Schedule

Beta/Preview:

- Scholar: Monday, September 10, 2007
- Teen, High School, Public Library: week of September 24-week of October 1, 2007
- Kids: to be determined; extensive revisions proposed based on usability testing
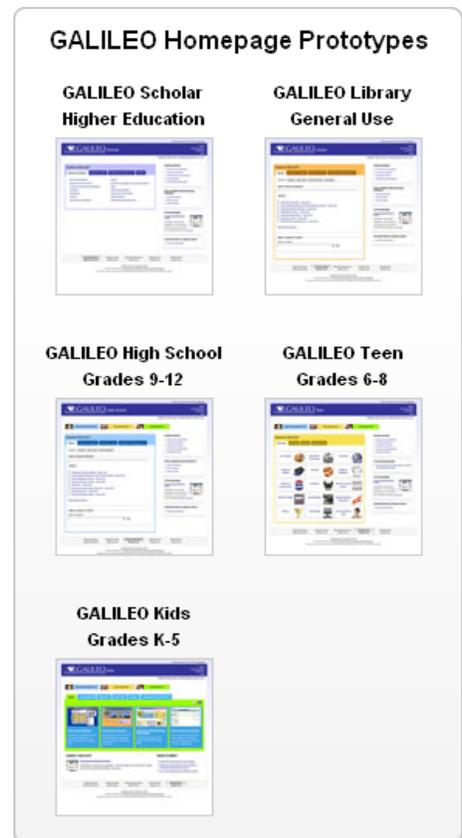
Production:

- All: week of December 17, 2007

User View Features

- Each view accessible to all audiences through user-tested flow model
- Each view has unique user-tested labeling and categories
- Each view has unique presentation of searching and resource discovery features, currently in testing
- Faster page loading speed
- Every page book-markable per institution
- Subject-based browsing of both databases and ejournals
- Quick-searching opportunities contextualized throughout the interfaces by subject and type
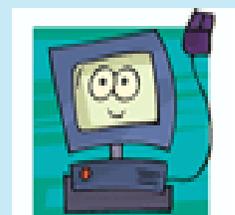
View Presentation on New User View Development (PDF)

GALILEO Homepage Prototypes

GALILEO Scholar
Higher Education

GALILEO Library
General Use

GALILEO High School
Grades 9-12

GALILEO Teen
Grades 6-8

GALILEO Kids
Grades K-5

For more information on the GALILEO upgrade, go to http://www.usg.edu/galileo/about/planning/projects/upgrade/redesign.phtml

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Quick and Easy Ways to Show and Tell About GALILEO

Ready-to-go PowerPoint presentations make it easy to highlight GALILEO at staff development events, student orientations, or other training opportunities. New PowerPoints are now available in the GALILEO presentations collection for your use in presenting, training, or even printing as instructional handouts. More will be added, so check back later for PowerPoints on other topics.

- GALILEO Tutorial for Teachers by Pat Wall, Fulton County Schools
- EBSCOhost Databases
- Auto Repair Reference Center
- Book Index with Reviews
- Business Source Complete (Business Searching Interface)
- Consumer Health Complete
- Kids Search
- Literary Reference Center
- NoveList
- NoveList K-8
- Searchasaurus
- Student Research Center

GALILEO Presentations Site: http://www.usg.edu/galileo/help/library/presentations.phtml

Getting RSS Feeds from ProQuest

By GALILEO Staff

ProQuest offers several content-specific feeds that provide updates for articles and other content related to particular subject areas (http://proquest.com/syndication/rss/). Here are some of the examples of the feeds provided:

- **Curriculum Match Factor**, which includes business-related information from ABI/INFORM such as marketing, finance, economics, and international business.

- **Dissertations and Theses**, which sends an update when items are added matching subject terms in the areas of **education, engineering, biological sciences, earth and environmental sciences, political sciences, sociology,** and **physics.**

- **Health Sciences,** which provides updates for new articles from the many health science journals.

Getting RSS Feeds from Britannica

Do you enjoy those **daily quotes and historical tidbits** in the Britannica databases? Now you can have a feed to see those each day along with other interesting information. Britannica offers a few feeds that inquisitive learners may appreciate (http://www.britannica.com/feeds). These include:

- **This Day in History**

- **Quote of the Day**

- **Britannica Blog**

- **Advocacy for Animals**

- **Behind the Headlines**

- **New and Revised Articles**

Now that we've found some RSS feeds using the GALILEO databases, we hope you will consider ways that you and your library can use RSS feeds to stay up-to-date.

COMING IN NOVEMBER

The GALILEO Annual Survey
Here's your chance to tell us what you think!
Don't miss this opportunity to give us your feedback on GALILEO.

Take the GALILEO Annual Survey--November 6-12, 2007.

Look for the announcement coming soon!