According to Toni Zimmerman, Director of Resource Sharing and Interlibrary Cooperation for GPLS, Georgia libraries have an important role to play in bringing about economic recovery in 2009 and beyond. “This conference must serve as a celebration of where we have been and also be a constant reminder of what we must do to stay the course,” she said. “For this year’s theme, we have adopted a familiar abbreviation — re: — as our power symbol, because it will always prompt a call to action on the words that follow. “Re:” is used throughout this year’s conference theme, “re:invention, re:investment and re:source sharing — Two decades of collaboration.”

The keynote speaker will be Helene Blowers, digital strategy director for the Columbus (Ohio) Metropolitan Library. Her presentation, “Finding the Phoenix — Feathers, Flight & the Future of Libraries,” will examine how libraries must creatively evolve to meet customers’ needs in a rapidly changing culture. Blowers will also discuss the “re:birth” of new service models that could soon supplement or replace older formats and service delivery designs.

Conference organizers are holding the line on costs this year, Zimmerman said. Registration will again be $35 per person, with an early-bird discount of $5 prior to Monday, July 20. This conference is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services to GPLS under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act.
UPCOMING GALILEO, DIGITAL LIBRARY OF GEORGIA, NEW GEORGIA ENCYCLOPEDIA CONFERENCE APPEARANCES

GOLD/GALILEO Users Group Meeting, July 31, 2009, UGA Continuing Education Center, Athens

Council of Media Organization (COMO) Conference, October 7-9, Ironworks Convention Center, Columbus

Georgia Educational Technology Conference (GAETC), November 3-5, Georgia International Convention Center, College Park

National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS), November 13-15, World Congress Center, Atlanta

Look for GALILEO/DLG/NGE presentations at each of these conferences. Make plans now to attend and visit the GALILEO Exhibit Booth at these conferences this Fall.

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New Georgia HomePLACE Projects Go Online at the Digital Library of Georgia
By Ed Johnson, Projector Director, Georgia HomePLACE

All the Georgia HomePLACE-supported collaborative digitization projects for FY09 have now officially entered production at the Digital Library of Georgia, offering GALILEO users convenient online access to important new historical and genealogical resources.

The Georgia historic newspapers digitization initiative continues apace, adding more newspapers from historically significant “fall line” cities including Columbus and Milledgeville (following in the footsteps of last year’s Macon Telegraph Archive). These newspaper projects digitize microfilm generated by the Georgia Newspaper Project.

The Columbus Enquirer Archive (http://www.galileo.usg.edu/express?link=cole) provides access to issues published from 1828 to 1890. The extensive collection consists of more than 30,000 newspaper pages, providing full page images that are both full-text searchable and can be browsed by date.

The Milledgeville Historic Newspapers Archive (http://www.galileo.usg.edu/express?link=miln) provides access to eleven newspapers published in Milledgeville from 1808 to 1920. The massive collection offers more than 49,000 newspaper page images, which are both full-text searchable and can be browsed by date.

Collaborative digitization efforts with public libraries in Macon, Augusta, and Atlanta have added new local history and family history collections to the Digital Library of Georgia.

Finding aids for the Hosea Williams Collection and the Dr. Alton Hornsby Collection have been added to the online finding aids (http://www.galileo.usg.edu/express?link=aafa) at the Auburn Avenue Research Library in Atlanta. The finding aids cover 142 boxes of Williams papers and 20 boxes of Hornsby papers; they include biographical information as well as detailed container listings.

African American Funeral Programs for the East Central Georgia Regional Library (http://www.galileo.usg.edu/express?link=fpro) provides online access to more than one thousand funeral programs with dates from 1933 to 2008, mostly associated with the Augusta area. The collection is searchable, and can be browsed by the deceased’s name, year of death, city, or funeral site. This online African American funeral program collection is said to be the first of its kind in the nation.

The Georgia State Fair, Macon, 1886-1960 (http://www.galileo.usg.edu/express?link=gsfr), from the Middle Georgia Archives in Macon, offers 151 photographs and four advertising fliers, dating from 1886 to 1960. The collection metadata is searchable, and the images can also be browsed by title, subject, or date. The project website also includes an introductory essay and finding aid to the physical collection, plus listings for related materials, related links, and suggested readings.

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Boy with chicken at the Georgia State Fair, Macon, 1959
GALILEO is pleased to announce a new feature for all GALILEO users: the GALILEO Toolbar, a browser plugin that provides quick and easy access to GALILEO and the rest of your library’s resources right from your Firefox or Internet Explorer web browser. Search in databases, find journals and magazines, and check your library catalog directly from the toolbar search box.

Quick links are also provided to go directly to key GALILEO resources.

The right-click menu allows users to highlight any text, including a name, title, search term, ISBN, or ISSN, and search for it in GALILEO databases or their library catalog. The right-click menu also offers options for OpenURL linking and pushing URLs or reloading webpages through the GALILEO proxy for remote access authentication.

A unique toolbar has been created specifically for each participating GALILEO institution and will be available for downloading from GALILEO through the “Get Your GALILEO Toolbar” link in the Getting Started section of the GALILEO homepage.

Libraries are welcome to request changes to their toolbar. Please see the GALILEO FAQs for a description of the changes that can be made: http://www.usg.edu/galileo/help/index.phtml?question=1244058178

Instructional materials are also available:
Informational Handout: http://www.usg.edu/galileo/docs/mats/GALILEOToolbarhandout.pdf
Video Tutorial: http://www.usg.edu/galileo/help/searching/tutorials.phtml
PowerPoint slides: http://www.usg.edu/galileo/docs/pres/GALILEOToolbarJuly2009.pptx
PowerPoint slides (for librarians): http://www.usg.edu/galileo/docs/pres/GALILEOToolbar-GOLD2009.pptx

GALILEO staff will offer free demonstration webinars. Please see the GALILEO Training page to register: http://www.usg.edu/galileo/help/library/training/

If you would like to add a link to download the toolbar on your library website, here is the Express Link: http://www.galileo.usg.edu/express?link=libx

Provided through the LibX toolbar software developed by staff at Virginia Tech, the GALILEO Toolbar is a result of the activities of the GALILEO Courseware and Website Library Resource Integration Working Group, a committee of librarians from participating institutions. Thank you to CWLRI Working Group for your assistance and feedback.
GALILEO Training Right at Your Desk

By GALILEO Staff

Training opportunities offered by both vendors and GALILEO staff can help you learn about the GALILEO environment and some of the great databases available.

Here are a few of the benefits to signing up for GALILEO training:

- The training sessions are offered online so no travel times or funds are required.
- Topics cover a wide range of resources designed for all audiences and grade levels.
- For most you will just need a computer with internal or external speakers. (Some vendor training requires a phone for audio.)
- Connecting to online classes is easy. You’ll receive instructions a couple of days before the class.
- Certificates of participation are sent to everyone who attends a class.

A summary of upcoming sessions is below. The fall offerings will be updated soon. For dates and times and to register for a class, visit http://www.usg.edu/galileo/help/library/training/.

- What’s in GALILEO for Elementary/Middle/High School—Separate sessions for each level will be offered several times.
- Journals and Magazines Abound in GALILEO—Learn how to find and use your online magazines
- SIRS Issues Researcher and SIRS Discoverer—Separate sessions. High schoolers should check out the updated Issues Researcher for cool tools.
- Encyclopaedia Britannica—Separate sessions for different levels
- GALILEO at the Reference Desk—Content in GALILEO that lends itself to quick reference

If you have any questions or need more information, please use GALILEO’s Contact Us feature or contact OIIT Customer Services at helpdesk@usg.edu.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER INSTITUTIONS

The following institutions joined the GALILEO family July 1, 2009. Welcome!

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Beulah Heights University

GISA Consortia group
Hope Schools of Excellence
Mill Springs Academy
Monroe Academy
Strong Rock Christian School
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