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GALILEO Presentations and Pathfinders

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Within *About GALILEO, Resources for Librarians and Resources for Teachers and Faculty*, you will now find a section called "GALILEO Presentations and Pathfinders."

The presentations and pathfinders that are currently available are copies of presentations that were either given by or on behalf of GALILEO at various conferences and/or meetings over the course of the past year. In the future, we hope to continue to add new presentations and pathfinders to this section of *About GALILEO*.

The following presentations and pathfinders are currently available:

-*Express Links* by Andy Spinks, Media Specialist, Cobb County Schools;

-*Consumer Health and GALILEO* by Peter Shipman, Medical College of Georgia;

-*Mining the Sciences in GALILEO* by Teri Vogel, Librarian, Georgia State University;

-*Getting the Most from GALILEO on Current Event Resources* by Barbara Petersohn, Librarian, Georgia State University;

-*Open URL and SFX* by Selden Deemer, Librarian, Emory University; and

-*An Overview of GALILEO for K-12* by GALILEO Staff.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this new section, please feel free to contact GALILEO staff by submitting a comment using the "Contact Us" button on the GALILEO homepage.

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LexisNexis and SIRS Offers Free Presidential Campaign News

Philip McArdle, GALILEO Services Coordinator

As the 2004 presidential election approaches, LexisNexis has provided a free online service for all Web users. The LexisNexis Campaign 2004 News site provides links to recent full-text articles and media transcripts about President George W. Bush, Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry, major campaign staff and administration members, the upcoming party conventions, and major campaign issues.

Hundreds of articles are available from such sources as National Public Radio, the *Denver Post*, the *Los Angeles Times*, CNN, the *Guardian* (London), and CBS News. Topics range from terrorism and foreign policy to political advertising and campaign finance, and the article selection is updated daily. This site pro-

vides an easy, free way to learn more about the candidates, their platforms, and the issues that shape this year's campaign. Visit LexisNexis Campaign 2004 News at <http://www.lexisnexis.com/campaign2004/>

In *SIRS Researcher*, which is available through GALILEO at public libraries and K-12 schools, SIRS and ProQuest offer *Focus on the 2004 Election*, a special selection of news articles related to the presidential election. Articles are divided into four categories: The Candidates, The Issues, Campaign Trail, and Voting Process. For each category, the site provides background information and links to articles about specific topics. Look for *Focus on the 2004 Election* in the Database Features section of the *SIRS Researcher* search screen.

New Georgia Encyclopedia: The First Six Months

Kelly Caudle, Managing Editor - New Georgia Encyclopedia

From the virtual ribbon-cutting ceremony at the state capitol on February 12, 2004, through the first week of June, the *New Georgia Encyclopedia* (NGE) website has received nearly one million hits, averaging more than 200,000 hits per month.

The enthusiastic response thus far to the site has been gratifying for the project's partners—the Georgia Humanities Council, GALILEO, the University of Georgia Press, and the Office of the Governor—and encouraging for the staff, who are continuing to work very hard to complete the initial phase of the project (2,000 articles online by 2006). The site launched with approximately 700 articles online, plus special sections called *Features*, *Destinations*, and *Galleries*.

Over the past few months the NGE has been widely covered by the media statewide, with newspaper articles appearing in Columbus, Rome, Macon, Valdosta, Gainesville, Marietta, Savannah, and Athens, among other places.

Radio and television reporters and personalities have taken notice, too. The Georgia News Network, Georgia Public Broadcasting, and WSB-TV have all aired items about the project.

Even more satisfying is the news that educators in the state have discovered the NGE and are introducing schoolchildren to the site. Many media specialists and social studies teachers, in particular, report that the NGE is a valuable multimedia tool and that kids respond favorably to it. The June issue of *Georgia Magazine* features a story on the NGE and its place in social studies teacher Geri Collins's 8th-grade curriculum.

Who else uses the NGE? Statistics collected from the site reveal that the highest rate of institutional usage is, in order, the Gwinnett County Schools; Cobb County Schools; Bibb County Schools; Thomas County Public Library System; Franklin County Schools; Muscogee County Schools;



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Chickamauga City Schools; Washington County Schools; University of Georgia; and Lowndes County Schools.

What are users reading on the NGE? Statistics report that "Sherman's March to the Sea," "Martin Luther King Jr.," "Coca-Cola Company," "Jimmy Carter," and "Atlanta" are the most popular articles, followed by "Savannah," "Natural History of the Okefenokee Swamp," "Flannery O'Connor," "Alice Walker," and "Waterfalls."

Another interesting piece of information is that the most

popular external link that visitors access from the NGE is.... GALILEO!

Finally, there is evidence that interest in the NGE beyond the state borders is strong. For users who don't visit the site by typing in the NGE web address, the single most common way of entering the NGE is through the search engine Google. The next most popular referrer is AOL. And what's the ranking after that? The Canadian, Australian, and United Kingdom versions of Google.

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www.newgeorgiaencyclopedia.org

Upcoming 2004 Conferences

GOLD/GALILEO, August 20, 2004, Athens, GA <http://www.georgialibraries.org/lib/gold.html>
-Digital Decathlon: Ten New and Forthcoming Resources from the Digital Library of Georgia

Council of Media Organizations (COMO), October 13-15, 2004, Athens, GA,
-Digital Library of Georgia Update -Promoting GALILEO at Your Library -GALILEO for Genealogy -GALILEO for K-12 -No Passport Required: How GALILEO Can Help You Travel the GLOBE to find International Business Information -Consumer Health Resources in GALILEO. For Information on COMO, go to <http://www.library.gsu.edu/gla/events/como/2004/>

USG Annual Computing Conference, October 20-22, 2004, Rock Eagle, GA,
-Open URL -Authentication.
For information on Rock Eagle, go to <http://www.usg.edu/rockeagle/re04/>

Technology Leadership Conference (TLC), October 27-29, 2004, Athens, GA,
For Information on TLC, go to <http://techservices.doe.k12.ga.us/tlc/>

Georgia Educational Technology Consortium (GaETC), November 10-12, 2004, Macon, GA,
For information on GaETC, go to <http://www.gaetc.org/conference04f.htm>

Be sure to visit the GALILEO booth in the Exhibit Hall at most of these conferences.

A Fiction Reader's Guide to the Next Best Book

At Georgia Public Libraries - NoveList®

Are you a fiction reader? If so, how do you decide which book to read next? With so many different novels covering such an array of genres and themes, and the countless opinions of these books from everyone under the sun, how do you find a book that will suit you? The answer was just made a whole lot easier by your local public library.

Even with the complete suites of electronic research materials, state-of-the-art computers equipped with World Wide Web capabilities, and countless programs offered by libraries to all age groups, fiction readers are still among the most commonly served patrons in public libraries. Because of this, your public library, in cooperation with GALILEO (Georgia Library Learning Online), is delighted to introduce NoveList®, an online readers' advisory service designed to help

fiction readers find the perfect book.

In the past, readers would find their next novel by sifting through best-seller lists, hearing about a book from a friend, or perhaps through a recommendation from a librarian. But the trouble remained that tastes in books differ so greatly from one reader to another, that advice on a novel to read was not always "good advice" for every reader. But now there is a science to fiction, and it's based solely on the interests of the individual reader. NoveList® gives librarians and patrons an instant advantage in locating suitable books because it uses novels, topics, and genres that a particular reader has already enjoyed as the basis for finding new books to read. NoveList® takes much of the guesswork out of searching for books and serves as a useful tool for librarians wishing to better

serve their readers, or for readers to help themselves.

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And the next time you want to read about a kingdom in a far away land, curl up with the perfect mystery, or find other works by your favorite author, you'll know where to look to find exactly the right book for you.

Your GALILEO Staff -- Meet Katie Gentilello



Katie Gentilello is the Photographic Supervisor for Photographic Services at the **Digital Library of Georgia** (DLG).

Before coming to the DLG, Katie worked at Wolf Camera as an Imaging Specialist and was a student assistant with Photo Services while in college. Katie has been at the UGA library for nearly seven years, first with CHIPS (Computer, Hardware, Imaging and Preservation Services) and more recently with the **Digital Library of Georgia**. The best thing about working with DLG... "I am able to come face to face with unique, historical documents and

make them accessible to millions of people." In her spare time, Katie loves spending time in her herb and perennial garden. "It's become such an obsession I'm considering returning to school to pursue a horticulture degree. I'm not sure how that will tie in with my other interests in photography but I'm eager to explore the possibilities!"

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Common Support Issues and Questions

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GALILEO Support Services receives many questions everyday from GALILEO users. These questions run the gamut from technical to genealogical. Because a number of these questions are similar in scope and should be addressed in a larger forum, a new common support issues and questions column will appear in this and subsequent issues of the *GALILEO Planet*.

This inaugural column discusses the topic of Internet browsers and cookies with a focus on their importance in the functionality of GALILEO.

First, browsers! The Internet glossary found on <http://www.GetNetWise.org> defines a browser as a “program that allows a user to find, view, hear, and interact with material on the World Wide Web.” Examples of browsers are Netscape Navigator, Microsoft Internet Explorer, Macintosh Safari, Mozilla Firefox, and Opera. Of course, there are other browsers that can be located and downloaded from the World Wide Web. The most common browsers that have been tested and will work properly with the databases and other resources offered through GALILEO include Microsoft Internet Explorer 5.x & 6.x; and Netscape Navigator 4.7, 6.x, 7.x.

If you are not currently using one of these browser versions while utilizing the GALILEO system, you may encounter problems such as login prompts, broken navigation features, or jumbled web pages. The newest versions of both Netscape Navigator and Internet Explorer (IE) can be downloaded from the GALILEO Downloads page (<http://www.usg.edu/galileo/downloads.phtml>).

Next, Cookies! Many databases accessed via the GALILEO environment require that your browser’s privacy settings be set to accept both first- and third-party cookies. The most common technical problem that results from not accepting first- and third-party cookies is the presentation of a username and password prompt by a licensed database.

Cookies, in computer lingo, are small packets of information that are sent to your PC when you access or browse certain websites. They help browsers remember specific information like passwords, webpage preferences, and shopping cart information. Cookies can be either temporary session cookies that are discarded once you close your browser or persistent cookies that remain on your hard drive until you delete them.

Besides being labeled as session or persistent, cookies

are recognized as being first-party or third-party. First-party cookies are associated with the host domain. GALILEO places first-party session cookies to record a user’s login and session information and to route users to the proper GALILEO server. Once you close your browser, all GALILEO cookies are discarded.

Third-party cookies are set by websites that open within the GALILEO frame. In most instances, all databases open within the GALILEO frame; therefore, any cookie that a database tries to set will be seen as a third-party cookie. Internet Explorer 6.0 blocks all third-party cookies by default. Because of this, IE users who do not have their browser configured to accept third-party cookies may experience a variety of technical problems such as the aforementioned username and password prompt.

Directions for setting your browser to accept first- and third-party cookies can be found at <http://www.usg.edu/galileo/cookies.phtml>.

Cookies are integral to the proper functionality of GALILEO and other research databases. GALILEO cookies are not stored or used together personal information; they are used

for the purpose of authentication, navigation, and technical support. Privacy of personal information is a very important issue to many GALILEO users. If you are concerned that other sites may be collecting personal information, you can easily delete any cookies stored on your computer by following the directions found within the Browser Settings, Specifications, and Questions document found at http://www.usg.edu/galileo/browser_help.phtml.

Please feel free to submit a comment to GALILEO Support Services if you have any additional questions related to GALILEO, browsers, or cookies by using the “Contact Us” button located within the banner frame on the GALILEO homepage.



KUDOS...



Congratulations to Dr. Patterson "Toby" Graham, Director of the Digital Library of Georgia on receiving the Alabama Library Association's non-fiction author award for his book, *A Right to Read: Segregation and Civil Rights in Alabama's Public Libraries, 1900-1965*. Dr. Graham was presented this award during the author luncheon at the Alabama Library Association's conference in April, 2004. GALILEO congratulates Dr. Graham on this honor.

Upcoming Training Sessions

SIRS Database Training

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

September 29 Atlanta Fulton County Public Library,
Atlanta

Upcoming Training

Plans for fall training are underway. Announcements about training are made through the GALILEO listserv. You may also find out about upcoming training opportunities by checking the training registration site at <http://www.usg.edu/oiiit/training/register.phtml>.

If you have suggestions for upcoming training, please contact Karen Minton at karen.minton@usg.edu.

CONGRATULATIONS

GALILEO congratulates David Singleton, Deputy Director of Georgia Public Library Service and recent recipient of the American Library Association's Sullivan Award for Public Library Administrators Supporting Services for Children. The award was donated by Peggy Sullivan, Ph.D., former President of ALA and a long-time champion of children's services. The award honors an individual who has shown exceptional understanding and support of public library service to children while having general management/supervisory/administrative responsibility that has included public library service to children. In its first year of existence, the 2004 Sullivan Award was presented to Deputy State Librarian David W. Singleton at the ALA Conference in Orlando, FL on June 29, 2004.



David Singleton with Peggy Sullivan at the ALA awards Ceremony in Orlando

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