



GALILEO Goes to COMO!

by Tim Brown, GALILEO Marketing Specialist

The Council of Media Organizations (COMO) conference took place at the Jekyll Island Convention Center October 31-November 2, and GALILEO contributed to the conference in many ways. The GALILEO booth, immediately identified by a tower of GALILEO balloons, was a busy area in the vendor hall, where librarians from every section of the state were able to meet the GALILEO staff and to obtain current information about GALILEO. Booth volunteers Susan Curtis, Dusty Gres, and Marcy Nader assisted the GALILEO staff in their efforts to greet booth visitors and to distribute information.

A COMO highlight was the appearance of Galileo Galilei himself at the grand opening of the vendor exhibition hall on

October 31. In celebration of Halloween, GALILEO's own Philip McArdle dressed in Renaissance costume, greeting booth visitors in the guise of our library's namesake. Galileo's appearance delighted COMO attendees and vendors alike, lending a festive air to the evening's proceedings.

Several GALILEO-related presentations were offered during COMO. Detailing such topics as "Spanish-language Resources," "The Digital Library of Georgia," "The Database of Online Resources" and "The Universal Catalog," the GALILEO sessions were consistently well attended. In addition, GALILEO database demonstrations were conducted at the GALILEO booth; GALILEO staff members Philip McArdle and Rand Raynor

demonstrated netLibrary, AncestryPlus, and *Informel*, and Susan Tuggle from the University of Georgia demonstrated the Georgia Government Records database.

One of COMO's most significant moments occurred on the final night of the conference, during the Georgia Library Association's annual awards ceremony and banquet. University System of Georgia Chancellor Dr. Stephen Portch was given a special award in appreciation of his dedication to Georgia's libraries and his consistent support of the GALILEO



Galileo explores COMO on Halloween.

initiative. Banquet attendees enthusiastically applauded this recognition of Dr. Portch, whose efforts have immeasurably enhanced the efficacy of Georgia's libraries.

EBSCO and ProQuest Continued for FY2003

by Karen Minton, Virtual Library Development Specialist

Budget reductions have been felt in all sectors in our present economic climate, but even before budget cuts were announced, GALILEO was faced with choosing between ProQuest and EBSCOhost databases. GALILEO has

generally received flat funding over the last years, but both ProQuest and EBSCO have continued to provide additional content, which requires more money. Groups within GALILEO have compared databases from the two vendors, assessing the

scope, content, usability, and other evaluation criteria to help the GALILEO Steering Committee decide between ProQuest and EBSCOhost databases.

Budget reductions, coming as a result of the economic downturn, declining revenues, and a decline in the value of endowments at private colleges and universities, had underscored the need to choose between these two popular suites of databases or a combination of the database offerings. The University System's GALILEO budget will be reduced 2.5 percent this year and 5 percent next year. ProQuest and EBSCOhost databases were targeted

because such a large portion of our funding goes toward buying these databases and because there is some overlap of journal titles.

Jayne Williams, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Library Services for the University System of Georgia, stated that choosing between these popular databases was not something the GALILEO Steering Committee wanted to do but was, rather, a necessity. "We want to be good stewards with the GALILEO communities' money," she said. *(continued, page 6)*

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Exposing Georgia's History through the Digital Library of Georgia

by Lauren Fancher, Director of GALILEO Support Services

Peter Gordon's diary is on the web for anyone to read, and the Digital Library of Georgia is responsible.

Gordon was Chief Bailiff of Savannah, Georgia in the 1820's, and Stephen Miller, the Director of the Digital Library of Georgia, believes that presenting images on the Web of documents such as Gordon's original journal pages with the words transcribed and searchable brings history into the hands of not only all Georgians, but the world. "Whether average citizens, civil war buffs, genealogists, K-12 students, Georgia legislators, or international researchers, we are on a mission to make materials unique to Georgia and Georgia history available to all," says Miller, who believes that these materials will enrich the lives and learning of all Georgia citizens. "For example, in his journal, Peter Gordon chronicled the early settlement

(DLG) offices at the University of Georgia Libraries, Miller provided a tour of their operation, explaining that "The Digital Library of Georgia is being built as a digital repository of primary source material of importance to the history and culture of Georgia, including letters, official documents, diaries, first-hand accounts, maps, photographs, books, and newspapers." Many of these documents have been carefully preserved in the University of Georgia Libraries Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library. Moving past staff members sitting at computer terminals transcribing the digitized images of letters that were written before their grandparents were born, Miller described the relationship of the Digital Library of Georgia with GALILEO. "The Digital Library of Georgia is a GALILEO initiative based at the University of Georgia Libraries. GALILEO

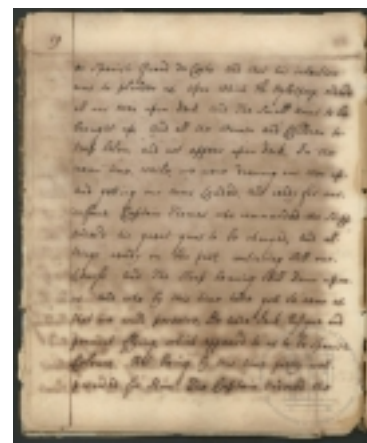
Georgia Government Documents database, one of the original GALILEO projects, is now part of the Digital Library collection. We are also making plans to continue digitizing the holdings of the Georgia Newspaper Project, which located and microfilmed about 90% of all the newspapers ever published in Georgia."

We stopped to talk to Tara Hottenstein, a Library Associate II who is marking up a digitized 1863 letter from Washington, Georgia for the Southeastern Native American Documents collection. On her computer screen, she sees an image of the document above a work area where she transcribes the text and tags or annotates key areas in the transcription. She is using SGML, or "Standard Generalized Markup Language," to tag aspects of the text in the transcription, such as non-standard spellings, personal names, additions or deletions of text, addresses, dates, drawings, non-textual images such as postmarks, foreign languages, and gaps due to paper damage or ink blots. SGML tags are searchable, allowing, for example, researchers to search for all letters with an address from a certain town. The DLG is also using XML, or Extensible Markup Language, a simplified form of SGML that allows for ease of web publication. (Note: The DLG maintains a comprehensive set of digitization guidelines on its website at <http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/guide.html>.)

Since learning how to transcribe and mark-up the documents, Hottenstein has become inspired by Georgia history, and even is considering a PhD program in history. "Through reading and transcribing the documents, I began to be fascinated by the complexity of the relationships and politics between the Native Americans

and white settlers."

As we continued our tour, Miller elaborated about the partnerships and collection development policies for the DLG. Other databases in development include the Georgia



A Page from Peter Gordon's Journal

Legislative Documents (partners include GALILEO, DLG, Georgia State University, Emory University, SOLINET, and the Georgia Department of Archives and History); the daily diary of President Jimmy Carter (partners include GALILEO, DLG, and the Carter Presidential Library and Museum); the Georgia HomePLACE databases, which include the Vanishing Georgia Collection of photographs, the Georgia Marriage Index Project, and Historical Maps (partners include GALILEO, DLG, Georgia Public Library Service and the Georgia Department of Archives and History); the Georgia Books Project; Baldy Editorial Cartoons; and Arts of the United States. The Institute for Museum and Library Services has provided funding for the Georgia Legislative Documents, and Georgia Public Library Service is providing LSTA funding for the Georgia HomePlace Projects. (continued, page 6)



Pet cat reaches for a drink of fresh milk. Cobb County, ca. 1915

of Georgia, covering the activities and role of founder James Oglethorpe, the Creek Indians, and the founding of Savannah. His candid observations on the difficulties and problems of the era lend an immediacy to Georgia history that is often lost or overlooked by textbooks."

On a recent visit to the Digital Library of Georgia

and UGA work together to provide the manpower for digitizing and making the materials available online. So far, much of the source material has come from the UGA Libraries, but we are expanding to include materials from libraries and archives throughout the state. The UGA Library acts as a depository for state government documents and the



A Chat with Dr. Lamar Veatch, Georgia's New State Library Director

by *Tim Brown, GALILEO Marketing Specialist*

On October 16, Dr. J. Lamar Veatch, Jr. assumed his post as Georgia's new State Library Director and Assistant Vice Chancellor of Library Development and Services for the University System of Georgia. A native of Louisville, Georgia, Dr. Veatch has returned to Georgia after serving as Alabama's State Library Director, where he was a leader in developing an online virtual library similar to GALILEO. He has also served as a director of public libraries in Texas and Colorado, as well as in Vidalia and Louisville, Georgia.

Dr. Veatch heads Georgia's Public Library Service (GPLS), which administers state and federal

funding for Georgia's fifty-eight public library systems. Dr. Veatch is enthusiastic in his vision for GPLS and Georgia's public libraries. "We are in a wonderful position to contribute to a more educated Georgia through traditional and non-traditional library services to the public. The library is a public institution available everywhere in the state; there are 317 public library facilities that provide an opportunity for life-long learning. Everyone has access to the library, which makes GPLS unique as an educational public service; it is also unique in the partnership that exists on both state and local levels. I want to see GPLS be the best it can be as a service to the public."

GALILEO is integral to Dr. Veatch's vision for GPLS. "It is important that we actively promote the use of technologies such as GALILEO as resources available to everyone through the public libraries; we will ensure that the public understands that GALILEO is a service for all of Georgia's citizens."

While discussing the priorities for Georgia's libraries during the next few years, Dr. Veatch emphasized the importance of emerging technologies. "Our main priority will be to utilize effectively the technological advances that have happened so suddenly in the recent past. We want to refine the services that are currently available and to take advantage of new technologies

as they come along, such as distance learning. We must also build upon and upgrade our current infrastructure—building new facilities and finding ways to replace outdated equipment."

An overarching priority for GPLS will be to tell the library story to the citizens of Georgia. "We want to make people aware of how important the public libraries are to the state, and to publicize the services available through the library. The mission of GPLS is to assist local public libraries in providing better library services. Anything we can do to promote and assist in providing library services is what we are about; we are a service organization for the citizens of Georgia."

Guest Perspective

The GALILEO Steering Committee: A View from the Chair

by *Charlene Hurt, GALILEO Steering Committee Chair and University Librarian and Library Director, Georgia State University*

Being this year's chair of the GALILEO Steering Committee is a privilege and a responsibility, especially since we have such a wonderful and highly regarded resource to protect and grow. Long before I moved to Georgia I knew about GALILEO and its unique mission of serving all library users in the state. As I think about what I hope to accomplish this year, this

particular aspect of GALILEO seems the one most in need of care and development. We began last spring with a special social event at the annual Regents Academic Committee on Libraries (RACL) meeting that enabled us to meet with our colleagues from the public library community. This year we've planned two joint meetings, one of which was held October 24. At that meeting we heard a presentation on legislative issues and library advocacy from members of the academic and public library communities, and had an opportunity to welcome

the new State Librarian, Dr. Lamar Veatch, and hear a bit about his plans for the future. We are now beginning to plan a joint meeting for March 28-29. I look forward to a closer partnership between the various constituencies of GALILEO as we work to enhance this great resource.

This will also be a year in which to make some important decisions about which databases we can afford to continue, especially if budget cuts are very deep. The Collection Development Committee under the leadership of Bill Potter has done an excellent job of comparing the relative strengths of the databases, with much help from Joan Conger of UGA, and we have the information needed to make informed

choices. We will also be looking at changes in the way we access GALILEO, thanks to the improvements Brad Baxter and the Development Team have developed that give us more flexibility and options (DOOR). On a more basic level, we will get used to a new URL. And by the time you read this we should have the new GOLD database available.

I've always believed that the decisions citizens make can only be as good as the information they have to make those decisions. That seems especially important now. The citizens of Georgia are fortunate to have GALILEO, and we will work hard to make sure it's giving them what they need.

Congratulations!

We are pleased to announce that **Karen Minton**, GALILEO Virtual Library Development Specialist, has earned her Master of Library and Information Science degree (M.L.I.S.) from the University of Alabama. Please join us in congratulating Karen for her achievement.



The Alternative Press Index (API)

by Judy Kelly, Director of Virtual Library Development

If your library users are looking for viewpoints not normally represented by CNN, AOL-Time-Warner, The New York Times, or their hometown papers, The Alternative Press Index (API) may be the tool you need. It can help track down answers to questions such as: What does the radical feminist publication "Off Our Backs" say about women in Afghanistan? How is welfare reform being covered in the progressive labor press?

Though it is not a full-text database, as an OCLC FirstSearch database, the API provides links to GOLD holdings from the Georgia Libraries Journal List. The API is currently available to the following GALILEO consortia: The University System of Georgia, Technical College Libraries, and AMPALS (Atlanta-Macon Private Academic Libraries), a private consortium representing

such universities as Emory, Agnes Scott, and the Atlanta University Center.

The database is produced by The Alternative Press Center (APC), a non-profit collective dedicated to providing access to and increasing public awareness of the alternative press. Since it began in 1969, it has indexed 880 newspaper and periodical titles to provide access to the practices and theories of radical social change. The API is international and interdisciplinary, covers the social sciences and humanities, and includes both popular and scholarly magazines and journals.

The online directory of the publications indexed API can be browsed by title or subject (it is available on the APC web site at www.altpress.org). Entries include typical information

about a publication (phone, address, web site, editorial staff, subscription prices, circulation figures, ISSN, etc.). However, in addition, it tells where a publication is indexed (in API as well as others indexes and databases). If a publication has been reviewed, the entry provides the bibliographic citation to the review(s) that can be found in Katz' "Magazines for Libraries" and elsewhere. The directory does include some publications that are not indexed in the API. The link to the journal title list on the scope screen for this database in GALILEO goes to the online directory.

If you are looking for links to free Internet sites on alternative organizations and issues, the APC web site provides links arranged by site name or subject (from Activism and Africa to Zapatistas and 'Zines).

Let Us Know!

Have you or your patrons discovered GALILEO search tips that you would like to share with other GALILEO users? If so, please send your comments and suggestions to galileo.planet@usg.edu future editions of the *GALILEO Planet*.

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I'm My Own Grandpa! (Or, Adventures in Genealogy)

by Rand Raynor, GALILEO Support Specialist

Georgia's public libraries have gotten very crowded in the past few months. Over one billion people have arrived, and let me tell you, most of them are very, very old. My Grandpa Lou is there, sixty years after he opened his first delicatessen in Brooklyn. Your Great Aunt Fanny is there, not to mention Great-Great-Great Grandpa Roscoe. How is this possible, you ask?

Sorcery? Necromancy? Superman spinning the Earth in the reverse direction? No, silly! They're all here courtesy of AncestryPlus, GALILEO's newest database, available only in public libraries.

Distributed by the Gale Group, AncestryPlus is the enhanced library version of Ancestry.com, providing access to thousands of data-

bases, primary source document images, and many genealogical research tools. Check out the actual images of U.S. Federal Census records for the years 1790 to 1920. Explore the Gale Group's Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, featuring published lists of millions of passengers who arrived in America in the seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth cen-

turies. You'll even find the Salem Witches, an historical database listing hundreds of individuals accused of witchcraft in New England between 1647 and 1697. (I think my great Aunt Mildred is listed there. If not, she ought to be!)

What's that? You don't know how to get started on your genealogical research? AncestryPlus has a section titled Getting Started, which will put you on the right track. Also, the Learning Center provides vast resources for taking your research to the next level. So what are you waiting for? AncestryPlus is fun! It's fascinating! And it's only at your public library!

GALILEO Library Door Decal

At their July 27 meeting, the GALILEO Steering Committee approved an initiative to increase awareness of GALILEO through the use of library door decals. These decals, displayed on participating libraries' entrances, are intended to inform patrons about GALILEO's world of information at the moment that they enter the library, as well as to provide a visual link among all GALILEO libraries. During fall 2001, each GALILEO library has received two decals for display—a large version (8 1/2 x 11 inches) and a small version (3 1/2 x 5 1/2 inches). The decals, displayed prominently at the library's entrance, will designate the facility as a "GALILEO Participating Library." The decals are transparent and reverse-printed, meaning that they are to be placed on the inside of a glass door or window, to be viewed from the outside. Additional decals will be available from GALILEO Support Services.



New Bibliographic Instruction Tutorial

by Tim Brown, GALILEO Marketing Specialist

Anytime, anywhere bibliographic instruction is now available through GALILEO. The Online Library Learning Center (OLLC) is a stand-alone, web-based resource created to provide students taking courses at a distance with access to instructional information about using a range of online library resources and services. Intended to serve as a System-wide resource, OLLC is accessible to all library patrons supported by GALILEO and GIL (GALILEO Interconnected Libraries, the library automation system used by the University System libraries).

The OLLC's ten-unit format is flexible. It provides information on a wide range of topics and is designed to serve as a self-paced tutorial or just-in-time learning resource. The OLLC begins with a basic introduction to research; subsequent units focus on the organization of library and information resources. The OLLC also includes a glossary of terms. Faculty can assign sections of the tutorial to supplement course materials or avail themselves of the assignments already incorporated within the resource.

Individual unit topics are as follows:

Unit 1: The nature of information, how information about a topic develops and grows, and how understanding this can assist with research

Unit 2: Developing a research question and understanding the research process

Units 2, 5, 6, 7: Identifying the needed research tools for specific tasks

Unit 3: The physical library and how it's organized

Unit 4: Databases and catalogs — how they work

Unit 5: Using GALILEO for locating periodical articles and other materials

Unit 6: Using GIL for finding books and other library materials

Unit 7: Tips for searching the Internet

Unit 8: Copyright, style manuals and citing sources

Unit 9: Evaluating sources

Unit 10: Information for Distance Education Students

For Your Information

- GALILEO marketing and instructional materials
www.usg.edu/galileo/materials/materials_form.phtml
- GALILEO training opportunities
www.usg.edu/oit/training/sched.html
- More about the GALILEO initiative
<http://www.usg.edu/galileo/>
- GALILEO questions and technical support
1-888-897-3697 or email: helpdesk@usg.edu
- To subscribe to GALILEO listserv, send an e-mail to listproc@gsu.edu with this message in the body:
subscribe galileo first name last name

The Online Library Learning Center results from collaboration among the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia's Advanced Learning Technologies, Library Services, and the Regents Academic Committee on Libraries (RACL). The content development team included facilitator Shirley Lankford, State University of West Georgia; Laura Burtle, Georgia State University; Steve Head, Floyd College; Kristin Nielsen, University of Georgia; Julie Wood, formerly of the Georgia Institute of Tech-

nology; and David White, Augusta State University. The effort was coordinated by Advanced Learning Technologies' staff members, who provided project management and instructional design expertise. Joe Cafiero, Brad Cahoon, Brent Mottley, and Jennifer Williams from the University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education's Web Instructional Development office provided production services. The combined efforts of these individuals have produced one of the most inclusive and effective library instructional tools available on the Web.

The Online Library Learning Center is located at www.usg.edu/galileo/skills/, or can be accessed through the GALILEO home page (www.galileo.usg.edu) in the "About GALILEO/Resources for GALILEO Users" section. For more information, contact GALILEO Support Services through the "comment" feature in GALILEO.



Farewell, Chancellor Portch

On November 13, Chancellor Stephen R. Portch delivered his final "State of the System" address to the USG staff. Dr. Portch, who has served as Chancellor of the University System of Georgia since 1994, will officially step down as Chancellor on December 31, 2001. On the day of the address, Dr. Portch was presented with a GALILEO cap, which he proudly wore. Dr. Portch, one of GALILEO's most ardent supporters, will be greatly missed.



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Georgia has been fortunate over past two years to provide the breadth of resources provided by both EBSCO and ProQuest, as well as by other databases within GALILEO, one of the longest-funded statewide virtual libraries. Other states are experiencing similar budget shortfall problems as well.

Various members and groups within GALILEO's communities contributed their own evaluations and opinions to help in selecting between the databases. The GALILEO collection development committee reviewed comments, overlap, results of data compiled on various searches, statistics; discussed embargoes and exclusive titles; and heard presentations from ProQuest and EBSCO. The committee recommended that if at all possible, GALILEO should keep all databases except for Newspaper Abstracts and Dissertation Abstracts. The Committee recommended other less desirable alternatives, should funding not be available. The Committee directed its Chair, Bill Potter, to further negotiate with both vendors. Fortunately, the vendors were willing to work with GALILEO, and the Georgia Public Library Service announced it would provide additional funding from LSTA funds to support the continuation of both products. On December 7, the Steering Committee happily accepted the proposal from the Collection Development Committee and thanked the Georgia Public Library Service for its continuing support.

GALILEO URL Change

The GALILEO URL is changing. The use of the “peachnet” domain name is being gradually phased out in favor of the “usg” domain name in the University System Office web pages. Currently, both “galileo.peachnet.edu” and “galileo.usg.edu” resolve correctly to the GALILEO homepage, and both versions will continue to do so for the next year. Both versions of the galileo2 URL work as well. Although users will still be able to use either form of the URL, from now on, GALILEO communications will begin to refer to the URL “galileo.usg.edu.” GALILEO libraries may also want to change their own references to the URL; on July 1, 2002, users of the old URL will be redirected to an intervening page with a message regarding the change.

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“The richness of the material is echoed by the richness of our statewide partnerships,” Miller said thoughtfully.

We looked at a notebook full of records collected by the DeSoto Trail Regional Library from the Freedman's Bureau records held by the National Archives of the United States about a violent episode in Camilla, Georgia in 1868. The letters, affidavits, reports, and a newspaper clipping tell the story of a small town's struggles during Reconstruction. The DLG staff were in the process of developing “The Civil Unrest in Camilla, Georgia, 1868 Collection,” now available for viewing in the DLG. Additional content helps provide the context for this complex and challenging episode in Georgia history, including information about players and places, related links, and suggested readings. Miller explained, “This is an example of what we would like to do with materials from all over the state. By showing the original text and images and providing enhanced description and

context, we enrich our understanding of our history and ourselves. We hope to become the first stop for all Georgia students with their Georgia history projects and homework.”

As we headed towards the microfilming area, Miller talked about their criteria for selecting materials for digitization. “We have a nomination form on the web, and are hoping that the pockets of materials that are dwelling all over the state, not only in academic libraries and archives but also in small towns, city halls, public libraries, museums, and other places will be brought to our attention for possible digitization and presentation in the DLG. We know the materials are out there, and we want to be sure that people contact us.”

As we entered the microfilming area, it became evident by the stacks of newspapers, ironing apparatus, and microfilm cameras that the original Georgia Newspapers project is still going strong. For many years, the UGA Libraries have been collecting and microfilming runs of newspapers from all over the state, retaining a microfilm copy and negative in their holdings as well as sending master copies to the Georgia Department of Archives and History. With the advent of the Web, the project has become part of the DLG, which has begun

scanning the microfilm and providing the images in the Georgia Historic Newspapers database, focusing on the *Dublin Post*, the *Colored Tribune*, and the *Cherokee Phoenix*. “The *Cherokee Phoenix*,” Miller explained, “is one of the most important papers ever published in Georgia, as it was the first paper published in the Cherokee language, and it was published in both English and Cherokee. Making this accessible to researchers of the Southeastern Native American Indians is going to really enhance scholarship.”

As our tour concluded, Miller acknowledged that funding for the DLG is critical to its success. “We are leveraging every resource we can to get these materials digitized and are actively seeking partnerships that can help us take the Digital Library of Georgia to the next level. Digitization is time consuming and the development of descriptive and contextual information often requires scholarship, but the results are of such importance to the state. Researchers the world over will benefit and Georgia will be seen as leader for sharing its rich and complex history.”

For more information about the Digital Library of Georgia, see the GALILEO homepage or go to <http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/>.

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