

RACL Executive Committee (RACL)
Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2023

RACL Exec Attendees:

Angiah Davis
David Edens
Julius Fleschner (Chair)
Sonya Gaither
P. Toby Graham
Debbie Holmes

LaVerne L. McLaughlin
Andrea Stanfield
Jeff Steely
Ru Story-Huffman
Laura Tolliver (for Melissa Whitesell)
Bradley Warren

GALILEO/USG Staff:

Brad Baxter
Lucy Harrison
Russell Palmer
Sean C Purcell

Barry K Robinson
John Stephens
Joy Woodson

Agenda and Minutes:

Julius Fleschner called the meeting to order. Roll was taken. David Edens moved to approve the agenda. Toby Graham seconded. Agenda was approved. Minutes from the previous meeting had not yet been completed, so will be sent out for review and approval via email.

Additional GALILEO Updates: Lucy shared that the GUGM (GIL User Group Meeting) was virtual this year and we had really, really good attendance. Everybody seemed excited about the sessions. This was not the official kickoff for the FOLIO and ReShare migration (that will come later), but it was an opportunity to get some folks pumped up and excited about it. Lucy thanked the members for allowing their staff the time to attend that virtually over the three days of GUGM. All of the recordings are up now.

Lucy thanked Julius and Russell for stepping in and making the in-person full RACL meeting go smoothly when she had to step out at the last minute. The next full RACL will likely be virtual, but incoming chair Melissa will make that determination.

Lucy noted that they will be funding an additional year of the full PowerNotes subscription for USG. PowerNotes will be at the Galileo Annual Conference, they've had some training sessions, they are reaching out to your institutions. However, the uptake is still going pretty slowly. This was made possible through some funding from the Central Office, specifically for the USG, but if we don't get some additional uptake here over the next year, it will probably not be renewed for an additional year after that. Lucy encouraged members to please take a look at it. They are also rolling out some AI tools, though those are still in the very early stages and are not part of the base subscription that GALILEO is paying for, but there has been some interest

from some faculty members at some USG institutions about these tools so libraries may get asked about it. These AI tools can be used to generate topics, for example, or to summarize articles on the web, but in a way that makes it very transparent to both the instructor and the student that AI is being used.

Additional Member Updates:

Sonya Gaither requested that members reach out to her offline about how instructional liaison programs are being handled, so that she can present some ideas to their new Provost.

GIL/Alma Updates:

Sean Purcell provided some updates in Sean Boyle's absence.

Committee Highlights:

- Acquisitions: HathiTrust presentation at GUGM
- Analytics: Reviewed release notes, Offered open meeting time at GUGM
- Cataloging: Working to identify small database cleanup projects for next FY
- Fulfillment: Working with OPAC to review new "My Library Account" functionality
- GALILEO Portfolio Analysis: Begin review of overlap between aggregators across platforms EBSCO/ProQuest/Gale
- GKR: Charge statement has been posted to the GKR website (<https://www.gaknowledge.org/about/overview>)
- OPAC: Tested and/or released new functionality in Primo VE – Persistent Search History for users, Guest warning messages, etc.
- Special Collections: Working on recruiting new committee members
- RACL Library Impact & Value: Assessing attributes that are being passed by USG institutions through OA

The full GIL/Alma updates report is available [here](#).

Normally RACL Exec would approve the incoming committee Vice Chairs at this meeting, but there are still a number of vacant positions to be filled so we will handle that via email instead.

Sean also provided a head's up on FY24 Committee tasks, which include selecting/electing vice-chair and/or other officers for FY24, and working on FY24 goals. While committees can carry over previous goals, they will also consider new goals based on current/upcoming projects or products – for example, FOLIO, ReShare, Panorama, data cleanup, etc. Goals are due in late summer so that both new and old committee members can weigh in. Sean B will update listservs at the end of June, and new invites to the GIL Coordinating Committee and Institutional Leads meetings will be sent out at the end of June.

FOLIO and ReShare Update:

Barry Robinson, Director of Technology for GIL/GALILEO/UGA libraries provided an update.

Currently there are a couple of tracks we're working on. One track is to complete the contract and ensuring GIL needs are met. So staff and committee members have been meeting with EBSCO over the last few weeks to discuss the remaining development items that FOLIO needs. We are comparing our list with what EBSCO is doing for MOBIUS and for the Library of Congress, along with the general FOLIO and ReShare roadmaps. We are getting those documented along with use case scenarios and that will be finishing up soon. We are also getting acquainted with our peers that are going to FOLIO as well as trying to prepare some tools and some access for GIL community to have access to some initial trainings and a sandbox environments so that people can get started. One of the first tools will be EBSCO Connect, which is EBSCO support and training. Some people may already have EBSCO Connect accounts. We'll be working with our committees to identify the best training paths.

In the early fall time frame, we hope to have a pretty fleshed out, high level timeline for the next couple years until go-live in June 2025. There's a couple of tools, though, that we are going to have access to prior to go live: Bibliograph and Panorama. Panorama is likely going to be in spring of 2024. It's the analytics and data visualization tool that can be hooked up to multiple data sources. We can go ahead and hook it up for Alma and begin using it immediately, and that would give us historic access to Alma data as we move forward.

Looking further out, we would use GUGM in Spring 2024 as an opportunity to identify any gaps or additional training we might need, and to begin discussing policies and/or opportunities to do things more collaboratively. There will be some initial training via EBSCO Connect prior to GUGM, so that people to have enough information to be come into GUGM knowing the right questions to ask. Formal training will likely not kick off until later in 2024.

Last Copy in Georgia Program:

Last Copy in Georgia is a program that has been in place for many years. The idea is that USG libraries send the last copy of a particular work that is held within an academic library, public or private, to UGA. UGA folks then review for suitability for retention, including its availability in other editions and formats, the cost of format preservation, and how available that work is outside of Georgia. Nan McMurray, who's been UGA's longtime Director of Development, faithfully led this program for many years. At this point there's really only 6 USG institutions that are regular participants in the in the program. Nan is retiring very soon, so in the short-term UGA does not have the resources to manage this program. Also, some changes and renovations within UGA libraries are putting significant strain on their ability to provide offsite storage for items within UGA's collection.

So for now UGA will need to pause the Last Copy in Georgia program. Once they get past the short-term crunch with the limitations on storage and staffing they will consider restarting the program. However, it would also be helpful if RACL could think about the value and the appropriate approach for Last Copy Georgia in the context of a regional and national print preservation environment that is much more sophisticated and better developed than it was when we started the program; and also in the context of a changing digital content and technology framework. Over the past five years, they have retained 3000 items, but 98% of those items have

never circulated since UGA received them. And most of those that have circulated have only circulated once. So it would be good to discuss how effective the program is in serving USG in the way that we that we might hope a preservation resource sharing program might

After some clarification on the short-term approach as well as some initial thoughts on a longer-term strategy, Sonya Gaither suggested that UGA work on a recommendation to bring back to RACL Exec on how to move forward. Lucy pointed out that there was a similar conversation around ERIC microfiche at the RACL meeting, and that the new Panorama analytics tool may provide opportunities to look at library collections and compare them with others in- and outside of the USG. Toby agreed that there should be some technology solutions that would help USG update the way their approach to print retention and preservation within the university system.

Laura Tolliver asked for clarification on how to handle things that are last copy in Georgia. Toby suggested that they provide a list of those materials to UGA and his staff could at least review the list and provide some feedback and advice, but would not want to prevent libraries from making decisions that provide the greatest strategic value to users.

Brad Warren asked if there is a collection development group that could be tasked with reviewing this programmatically and providing suggestions and recommendations on how to move forward. There have been task forces in the past, but COVID got in the way of implementing recommendations. Lucy suggested that this could be part of the RACL-specific strategic planning, which will largely be informed by FOLIO, ReShare, and Panorama. This is an opportunity to reexamine goals, to talk about opportunities for additional collaboration and ways that RACL can move forward with some shared print collections or shared digital collections. We can use this migration to a new platform as an opportunity to reexamine some of that.

Toby committed to reach out to his staff and try to provide some instructions or guidelines that USG libraries can use in the meantime, while the larger issues get worked out.

Strategic Planning:

Lucy provided some thoughts on RACL-specific strategic planning. Of course RACL will have input into all GALILEO goals, but there are also goals that are specifically for USG libraries. The assumption is that RACL goals will be mostly dependent on FOLIO + ReShare plans. GIL staff are developing a [Libguide for the project](#) which includes some guiding principles. These are based on the principles we used when migrating to Alma/Primo, but have been updated to reflect the open source nature of FOLIO and priorities that have shifted in the seven years since the previous migration. Lucy suggests discussing these over the course of the next few months and using the full RACL meeting in the fall to determine whether these are the guiding principles that we would like to move forward with. The committee agreed to that approach.

Sonya Gaither moved to adjourn the meeting. Andrea Stanfield seconded.

Meeting Adjourned