

Report for RACL November 13, 2008



Collections / Databases

E-Collection Development Committee

The E-Collection Development Committee has undertaken an evaluation of the core package of resources provided via GALILEO to all participating communities. Representatives from USG, private colleges and universities, Technical Colleges, K12, and public libraries are reviewing current and alternative resources in order to ensure equal access to information for all Georgians as required by the GALILEO mission. Challenges include diversity of needs, flat and decreased funding, and budget reductions at participating institutions. The group of 60 has formed four subteams, which are meeting via the Wimba online classroom environment and making use of web discussion forums as an alternative to traveling for face-to-face meetings.

CSA Discontinued for USG Institutions

Due to budget constraints, Cambridge Scientific Abstract (CSA) databases were removed from GALILEO menus on October 31, 2008. This cancellation only affected University System of Georgia institutions, and does not include PAIS International. At this time there are no plans for other cancellations.

Affected CSA databases:

- AIDS and Cancer Research Abstracts
- Algology, Mycology & Protozoology Abstracts (Microbiology C)
- Animal Behavior Abstracts
- Applied Social Sciences Index and Abstracts (ASSIA)
- Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts Set and Oceanic Abstracts (ASFA)
- Bacteriology Abstracts (Microbiology B)
- Biological Sciences Set
- Biology Digest
- Biotechnology and Bioengineering Abstracts
- Biotechnology Research Abstracts
- Calcium and Calcified Tissue Abstracts
- Ceramic Abstracts / World Ceramics Abstracts
- Chemoreception Abstracts
- Computer and Information Systems Abstracts
- Conference Papers Index
- CSA Natural Sciences Collection
- CSA Social Sciences Collection
- CSA Technology Collection
- Ecology Abstracts
- EIS Digests of Environmental Impact Statements
- Electronics and Communications Abstracts
- Entomology Abstracts
- Environmental Engineering Abstracts
- Environmental Sciences and Pollution Management Set

- ERIC*
- Genetics Abstracts
- Health and Safety Sciences Abstracts
- Human Genome Abstracts
- Immunology Abstracts
- Industrial and Applied Microbiology (Microbiology A)
- Mechanical Engineering Abstracts
- MEDLINE**
- Neurosciences Abstracts
- Nucleic Acids Abstracts
- Oceanic Abstracts
- Oncogenes and Growth Factors Abstracts
- Physical Education Index
- Plant Science
- Pollution Abstracts
- Risk Abstracts
- Social Services Abstracts
- Sociological Abstracts
- Solid State and Superconductivity Abstracts
- Toxicology Abstracts
- TOXLINE (toxicology)**
- Virology and AIDS Abstracts
- Water Resources Abstracts

*ERIC and Medline can be accessed through both the EBSCOhost and FirstSearch interfaces.

**Toxline can be searched as part of the NLM Gateway.

UGA, Dalton, West GA, North GA, Augusta are the only institutions that chose to continue CSA on their own. Others have explored with ProQuest particularly resources within the CSA Suite.

EBSCOhost 2.0

The first redesign of the EBSCOhost interface since 2002 is now available. The new look and feel, based on extensive user testing and feedback, results in a simpler search experience with more powerful results management.

Key features of EBSCOhost 2.0 include the following:

- Clean, simple-to-use Basic Search screen
- Customizable results page with collapsible, selectable panes
- Enhanced clustering for multiple fields
- Inclusion of all limiters when searching multiple databases
- Image Quick View 2.0--thumbnail images provide preview of graphical content in applicable PDF results
- Navigable breadcrumb trail on results page
- Hover windows for previewing articles in results list
- Citations for articles and images (AMA, APA, MLA, more)

EBSCO has set up project web site that includes a Flash introduction, FAQs, screenshots, and other information. The site is at <http://support.ebsco.com/ebscohost2>

Georgia Health Go Local Now Available in GALILEO

Georgia Health Go Local, an exciting new resource that provides information and links to local health resources in Georgia communities, is now available in GALILEO. Georgia Health Go Local connects to and is linked from MedlinePlus.gov, the consumer health portal of the National Library of Medicine. Georgia Health Go Local is a joint project between the National Library of Medicine and Georgia academic and health institutions.

Digital Library of Georgia

The HomePLACE-supported DLG project "Columbus Public Library Association Minutes, 1881-1883" went into production on June 10, 2008. In addition, phase two of "The 1936 Gainesville Tornado: Disaster and Recovery," which included adding an extensive online exhibit as well as redesigning the existing project website, was implemented by July 8, 2008 (further refinements may be forthcoming).

Georgia HomePLACE completed its new "logic model" -- to implement outcomes-based-evaluation (OBE) as required by GPLS/LSTA/IMLS -- which was incorporated into the LSTA Project Application for FY09. The OBE features will be included in all planning and reporting activities from this time forward. However, the previously mentioned professional education grant has been indefinitely postponed (along with other new LSTA initiatives), due to the difficult budget situation facing Georgia in FY09.

With respect to the Georgia historical newspaper digitization initiative, the initial prototype usability evaluation was completed (including an interpretive report) and the digitized Macon Telegraph was made available in a demonstration phase. Now in production, the Macon Telegraph Archive provides online access to early issues of the Macon Telegraph ranging from its inception as a weekly newspaper in 1826, through the daily issues of the early twentieth century. Consisting of over 50,000 newspaper pages, the archive provides historical images that are both full-text searchable and can be browsed by date.

"The 1936 Gainesville Tornado: Disaster and Recovery" collection is now substantially expanded and enhanced through completion of the second phase of a collaborative digitization project. The initial phase, completed last year, provided online access to a digitized version of original historical film depicting extensive storm damage in Gainesville from the severe 1936 multi-funnel tornado strike, generally regarded as the fifth deadliest in U.S. history. An interactive map provided geographically-based access to selected film clips for which shooting locations have been identified. The recently completed second phase adds a multi-media online exhibit to tell a more complete story covering both the tornado strike as well as the extensive recovery effort afterwards (including the important role of President Franklin D. Roosevelt).

Access

GALILEO Upgrade

- The Scholar, Library, High School, and Teen interfaces became accessible in the GALILEO production system on March 17, 2008. Post-production usability testing of these interfaces is now in process. The Kids page is in development with prototyping underway. Work continues on back-end processes and systems, including the administrative systems for overall GALILEO and GALILEO Local Resource Integration. Auditing and revision of the databases within subject categories and sections is underway. Suggestions for and reactions to the user interfaces from users and library staff are being addressed through the GALILEO Change Review Process. Based on urgency, simplicity/complexity of implementation, and visibility, changes may or may not be evaluated beforehand with constituents, rolled out as they are made, and/or worked in as time permits. A list of recent changes that have been made based on community feedback is available in the current status report and in the GALILEO announcements website. Post-production usability testing has been conducted in August and September; the results will be analyzed and shared for review in late October.
- MetaLib Implementation: .The five lead institutions are continuing their individual implementation processes with MetaLib according to their internal schedules; Emory, Georgia Tech, and Georgia State have begun work. GALILEO has been working closely with these institutions to implement a support and maintenance model in preparation for implementation of MetaLib with the Scholar user view for the

academic libraries. GALILEO is in the process of exploring how best to incorporate MetaLib into the technical infrastructure of the GALILEO system.

- SFX Localization: Now in production, the SFX-LRI localization service has completed configuration for 26 institutions. Seventeen additional institutions have received workspaces, three of which are in implementation. Interested institutions should submit a request to GALILEO via the Contact Us link located in the top right corner of the GALILEO Homepage. An indexing problem with the SFX-FindIt system is affecting the A-Z lists for the academic community instance with the result that some titles, primarily locally-managed, are not appearing in the lists. The titles continue to appear in menus for linking services. GALILEO has been working with Ex Libris to resolve this issue.
- WebFeat Localization: A number of institutions have expressed interest in localization of the search feature to include databases managed by the library. GALILEO is beginning to work with interested sites to develop an approach for inclusion of these resources. Issues include additional costs and coordination with multiple vendors, administrative contacts, and systems. Sites that are interested in participating in this pilot should inquire via the Contact Us link. The WebFeat federated search solution has been purchased by ProQuest's Serials Solutions. The company is in the process of planning how the WebFeat product and their 360 Search product will be supported in the future. GALILEO is involved in early discussions regarding possible developments with a goal of preparing for eventual changes to the platform and minimizing impacts on GALILEO users.
- Courseware and Website Integration: The Courseware and Website Library Resource Integration (CWLRI) Working Group composed of librarians from the academic libraries has gathered requirements for the tools; their report has been finalized based on review with library colleagues and WebCT administrators. In addition, GALILEO has been in contact with the Technical College System of Georgia regarding their transition to the ANGEL course management system. A GALILEO "nugget" has been added inside ANGEL on the Resources Tab so that GALILEO can be available from within the course, not requiring students to use another password.

More information can be found at the GALILEO Upgrade Project website, including the most recent Project Status Report: <http://www.usg.edu/galileo/about/planning/projects/upgrade/project.phtml>

Communication

Training

The fall online training schedule includes sessions on the Scholar, Library, and K-12 interfaces; LexisNexis Academic, SIRS Researcher and Discoverer, Encyclopaedia Britannica, Heritage Quest Online and Ancestry Library Edition, and EBSCOhost 2.0. Registration for these sessions is available at <http://www.usg.edu/galileo/help/library/training.phtml>.

Conferences/Meetings/Presentations/Exhibits

GALILEO staff recently attended the American Library Association conference in Anaheim, California June 26 – July 1, 2008; the Ex Libris Technical Seminar and the Ex Libris Users of North America Conference in Long Beach, California, July 27-August 1, 2008; the GOLD/GALILEO Users Group Meeting in Athens, August 1, 2008; and the Council of Media Organizations (COMO) Annual Conference in Athens, Georgia, October 15-17, 2008. The Regents' Academic Committee on Libraries (RACL) Fall Meeting, normally held in person, will be conducted in several online sessions over several days in November in order to accommodate reduced travel budgets.

GALILEO Planet

The Spring/Summer edition of *The GALILEO Planet* is available at <http://www.usg.edu/galileo/about/news/>. The fall issue is in the planning stages and will be available soon.

GALILEO List Migration

The GALILEO List has been migrated to the following address: galileo@listserv.gsu.edu
Please use this email address from now on and be sure to update your address books to delete references to the old list address: galileo@mailbox.gsu.edu

Recognition

GALILEO was recognized for excellence in customer service at the Chancellor's Awards on Customer Focus. This GOLD Award for Team excellence in Customer Service was accepted by Lauren Fancher, Director of GALILEO Support Services and Brad Baxter, GALILEO Lead Programmer on behalf of the GALILEO Team. Accomplishments include faster loading pages, improved navigation, and improved turn-around time in response to users. <http://customerfocus.usg.edu/recognition/2008/team.phtml>



GALILEO Interconnected Libraries

Upgrades

Oracle 10G Upgrade was completed for all GIL Servers in August 2008 and for Georgia Tech in October 2008. All servers are using Solaris 10.

Plans are being made for upgrading to Voyager 7 over the December holidays. Pending satisfaction with testing.

Staff

Phil Williams, Director of Virtual Library Support and GIL Technical Coordinator retired May 2008. His position has not been filled, but many of the technical coordinating functions are being handled by Bob Trotter UGA GIL Service Site Coordinator. Phil Williams was honored by the Georgia Library Association with its first Library Support Services Award on October 16, 2008 at the 2008 Council of Media Organizations in Athens.

Randall Cravey, GSU Service Site Coordinator retired in April 2008. Kelly Robinson, Assistant Service Site Coordinator has been taking on Randall's duties.

Bob Trotter serves on the Ex Libris User Group of North America User Group (ELUNA) Board and represented ELUNA at the International ExLibris User Group (leGLU). Kelly Robinson, GSU serves on the Ex Libris Voyager Product Working Group.

VuFind

A review and pilot study is underway to determine whether the open source discovery tool VuFind, developed by Villanova University can be used by GIL Libraries to provide added functionality. Only the National Library of Australia and Villanova University are in production. Other libraries and consortia, including CARLI (Illinois libraries with similar technical environment to GIL) are also exploring this possibility.

Google Books

Plans are underway to add over 100,000 records for public domain resources from the University of Michigan's Google Book project to the Universal Catalog as well as to provide links in local catalogs to electronic versions of titles they hold that are included in this project. These books are a part of a new resource sharing project called the [Hathi Trust](#).

GIL Express

A plan to suspend GIL Express due to budget reductions was postponed until the end of the Fall Semester in response to USG students, faculty, and administrators. Other less costly courier options are being explored that might address budget reductions as well as to provide the service at some level. There is no commitment to extend beyond end of Fall Semester.

Workstation and workstation software

Workstations and workstation software is available at the GIL Website, <http://gil.usg.edu>. Internet Explorer 8 is not yet supported.

Other

With the aforementioned retirements, and the likely implications of a total cost recovery study by GSU, and other environmental factors, a review of GSU's GALILEO and GIL Support is underway. More information will be forthcoming.