All these resources ripe for the picking...

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What is GALILEO?

GALILEO, an initiative of the University System of Georgia, is a virtual library providing access for Georgia Citizens to a rich collection of databases, popular magazines, scholarly journals, encyclopedias, ebooks, and government documents, as well as digital collections related to the history and culture of Georgia. This initiative seeks to provide equal access to information for all Georgia citizens through their public library. GALILEO serves more than 2,000 institutions, including the University System of Georgia, K-12 schools, public libraries, the Technical College System of Georgia, and a group of private academic colleges, universities, and schools. At this time, only educational institutions are eligible to participate in GALILEO.

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Who Makes the Decisions about GALILEO?

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia retains ownership of the GALILEO project. The permanent governance structure for the GALILEO project consists of a GALILEO Steering Committee to manage the project, to recommend strategic direction, prepare budgets, and implement continuing evaluation procedures. The Office of Information and Instructional Technology of the Board of Regents advises the Steering Committee concerning strategic direction and budget guidelines. The GALILEO Steering Committee consists of representatives from the GALILEO user communities.

GALILEO the Initiative

Through collaboration and resource sharing, GALILEO seeks to provide equal access to information for all Georgia citizens. While individual libraries benefit from the cooperative sharing of resources — lower costs and increased access to a wider range of materials — the goal is to improve library services for all Georgia citizens. No matter where a citizen lives in the state of Georgia, a library nearby provides access to GALILEO.

GALILEO Funding

GALILEO funding has always been complex; no single line item in the state budget represents all of the funding streams. Initially, funding was provided from the lottery for all of the then-participating public educational groups (more have been added). However, over time, all lottery funding has been replaced by regular funds directed through agency budgets on behalf of the groups of participating public institutions (USG, K-12, public libraries, and technical colleges) or federal or grant funds. Private institutions (academic and K-12) contribute all of the funding themselves.

In some cases, additional funds have been supplied from the agency or institutional budgets to help meet rising costs. For some resources, additional institutions are given complimentary access by the vendor because enough other institutions are willing to pay. Federal LSTA grant funding through the Georgia Public Library Service also provides support for all participants for some resources. The special materials in the Digital Library of Georgia have been made available with the assistance of multiple grants, including LSTA and ILMS funds. In addition, different communities work together to buy resources with their own dollars. In this way, the collaborative purchasing of all groups makes the prices lower than any community could get individually.
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GALILEO, an initiative of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, is a virtual library providing access for Georgia Citizens to a rich online collection of databases, popular magazines, scholarly journals, encyclopedias, ebooks, and government documents, as well as digital collections related to the history and culture of Georgia.

GALILEO Services

- Need help? A central support staff manages electronic resources and handles support issues encountered by your patrons and staff.
- So many resources, so little time? With localization tools, GALILEO can help your library manage all of your electronic resources in one place.
- Need professional development contact hours or to learn about a new resource? GALILEO provides online and on-site training opportunities on databases, searching skills, features, and more.
- Want to keep up with GALILEO news and announcements? Sign up for the GALILEO email list and the GALILEO Planet Newsletter.
- Need to report on the value of your services? Check out the GALILEO usage statistics tool.

Databases and Other Electronic Resources

- Libraries can extend their collections to include many different electronic resources through cost-sharing facilitated by GALILEO.
- A centerpiece of the GALILEO core collection is the EBSCOhost product suite: Academic Search Complete, Alt Health Watch, Advanced Placement Source, Business Source Complete, Consumer Health Complete, History Reference Center, Student Research Center, Kids Search, Searchasaurus, Vocational and Career Collection, and more.

GALILEO Features

- Scholar, Library, High School, Teen, and Kids interfaces
- Federated search tools allow easy searching across multiple databases
- Find It links citations in one database to full text in another.
- Find Cited Article
- Journals and Magazines A-Z allows you to find magazines in any GALILEO database.
- Add links to GALILEO resources right on your library homepage with GALILEO Express Links – as single databases or a custom list.

Just as Pilates helps to develop a strong core and greater flexibility, GALILEO provides libraries with a strong core collection of databases for their programs, affording them greater flexibility in how they use their budgets.

GALILEO saves your library money by leveraging the power of all libraries across the state to get the best price for electronic resources.

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Get More Out of GALILEO...

- Looking for library catalogs? Check out the Library Catalogs category under Browse by Type.
- Need book reviews? Find them in Book Index with Reviews, NoveList, or use the Advanced Search in Academic Search Complete or MasterFILE Premier to limit your search to book reviews.
- Want help with readers’ advisory? NoveList can be your best friend.
- Curious about Georgia? Discover the Digital Library of Georgia’s unique primary sources related to Georgia’s history, government, and culture, including Georgia Government Publications and the Vanishing Georgia collection of historic photographs, while The New Georgia Encyclopedia tells the stories of Georgia through the ages.
- Having a staff training? GALILEO can provide you with handouts, giveaways, and even presentations on a variety of topics.
- Need to learn about ISBN-13 or Web 2.0? GALILEO provides you with online journals and databases geared towards the field of library and information science.
- Need a friend in the Internet wilderness? GALILEO provides support and serves as a resource for all librarians across the state in many areas, including staff and user training, electronic resource management, and new library technologies.
- Setting up public workstations or Internet filtering for research? GALILEO FAQs offer tips for configuring computers and filtering solutions to access GALILEO databases.
- Looking for materials to help you teach GALILEO to your patrons? Go to Help > Support for Libraries for materials, presentations, training opportunities and more.
- Having technical problems with GALILEO databases? Use the Contact Us form to tell us so we can help.

Promote Your Library’s Online Resources

- New Brochure & Access Bookmarks for Library Patrons
- Customizable Posters with Areas for Library Branding
- And much more...

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- GALILEO can get you involved in the library community through working groups, user group meetings, and trainings.
- A key ingredient to GALILEO’s success is collaboration, which results in a whole that is greater than the sum of its parts.
- Your feedback helps GALILEO become better for everyone. GALILEO is dynamic, with ongoing assessment efforts to ensure continued improvement, including the annual user survey, focus groups, usability testing, the Contact Us comment form and more.