What is GALILEO?

GALILEO stands for **G**eorgi**A** **LI**brary **LE**arning **O**nline, an initiative of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. A World Wide Web-based virtual library, GALILEO provides access to multiple information resources, including secured access to licensed products. Participating institutions may access over 100 databases indexing thousands of periodicals and scholarly journals. Over 2000 journal titles are provided in fulltext. Other resources include encyclopedias, business directories, government publications, and electronic books.

Georgia leads the nation in providing common online resource-sharing for all educational communities. The provision of materials via GALILEO multiplies the journal titles available in many small libraries from the hundreds to the thousands. Formerly, the databases in GALLEO were either purchased locally or not at all, resulting in unequal access and duplicate spending. Now citizens around the state of Georgia can share their resources through this unique and innovative project. As GALILEO has entered the schools and daily lives of the citizens of Georgia, it has become a community project with opportunities for the entire state to learn and experience cooperative growth. Today, because of GALILEO, Georgia is leading the nation and the world in maximizing public access to information and education.

GALILEO Primary URL: http://www.galileo.usg.edu
More about GALILEO databases: http://www.usg.edu/galileo/about/inst/db_lists/

When did GALILEO start?

GALILEO was launched on September 21, 1995.
For more information: http://www.usg.edu/galileo/about/history.phtml

Who has access to GALILEO?

All Georgia citizens have home access to GALILEO via passwords available to registered public library patrons from their public libraries. In addition, students, faculty, and staff of all University System institutions, adult technical colleges, K-12 schools, and most of the state's academic private colleges and universities have access to GALILEO. Passwords change four times every year. On-site access at GALILEO institutions does not require a password.

For more information: http://www.usg.edu/galileo/about/policies/accesspol.phtml
More about GALILEO Communities: http://www.usg.edu/galileo/about/inst/

Who makes 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, to prepare budgets, and to 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.

For more information: http://www.usg.edu/galileo/about/governance/

Where can I get more information about GALILEO?

Regular announcements about changes to GALILEO or problems affecting the GALILEO system are posted on the GALILEO Announcements Page at this address:
http://www.usg.edu/galileo/status/

These announcements are also posted to the GALILEO e-mail list, along with information about other issues affecting the GALILEO community. Subscription information is available at this address:
http://www.usg.edu/galileo/help/library/list.phtml

To subscribe to the *GALILEO Planet*, go to http://www.usg.edu/galileo/about/news/

For other information about GALILEO, contact OIIT Customer Services by e-mail at helpdesk@usg.edu.

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