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Budget Cuts Hit GIL Express And GALILEO: Announcement of service suspension

September 19, 2008

Dear Georgia Southern University faculty, staff and students: Today we received the following announcement from Merryll Penson, Executive Director of Library Services at the University System of Georgia's Office of Information and Instructional Technology, regarding how state budget cuts are leading to the October 1 suspension of the GIL Express Courier service and the cancellation of Cambridge Scientific Abstracts from the suite of GALILEO databases. Ms. Penson's message follows.

Bede Mitchell, Dean of Henderson Library

>>> Merryll Penson <merryll.penson@USG.EDU> 9/18/2008 9:54 PM >>>
GIL Express Announcement

The recent decline in state tax revenue collections has forced the University System of Georgia to plan for budget cuts for the current fiscal year. Given the level of these cuts, there is insufficient funding available to continue GIL Express operations, at least where on-line requesting and delivery of books is concerned. The costs were also increasing due to high fuel costs. Over 85,000 books were shared among USG libraries during FY08. On-line requesting and delivery of GIL Express books, therefore, will be suspended beginning October 1, 2008. This suspension will allow continuation of most GALILEO electronic resources for the current fiscal year.

Only on-line requesting that requires books to be shipped to another library is being suspended. Patrons can still check out books from any University System of Georgia library with a current and valid institution issued-picture ID. A current and valid government issued picture ID such as a driver's license or a Georgia ID card, a US passport or a US military ID are also acceptable. An example of a walk-up request: A Georgia Tech student can walk into Georgia State's library and check out books from their collection as a walk-up (also called on-site) transaction.

The [CSA Illumina](#) set of GALILEO databases/indexes will also be cancelled effective November 1, 2008.

We hope this will be the end of any changes in the GALILEO/GIL services for the remainder of the fiscal year. In the meantime, be assured that our staff and the staff of other University System libraries will continue to work with you to help you meet your information needs.

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