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Here’s a friendly reminder of a way to search GALILEO directly from your Firefox or Internet Explorer toolbar!

With the GALILEO Toolbar, you can:

- Link directly to key GALILEO resources, such as EBSCO databases and Encyclopaedia Britannica
- Search for articles across EBSCO databases
- Find full-text magazines or journals
- Find books in a library near you
- Highlight any search term, ISBN, ISSN, or book title or author on the web and use the right-click menu to search for it
- Access full-text research articles from off-campus using the “Reload via Proxy” option on the right-click menu

The toolbar was implemented and tested with the assistance of the Courseware and Website Library Resource Integration Working Group of librarians from the GALILEO participating libraries, and was launched in November 2009.

Activate your toolbar at http://www.galileo.usg.edu/scholar/databases/libx/

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New Zach S. Henderson Library homepage unveiled today

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Welcome back to campus! We invite you to explore our newly redesigned homepage, which is part of an ongoing process of redesigning the entire Henderson Library website. We’d love to know what you think of it.

Library Catalog

You’ll notice that the default library catalog search is the GIL-Find interface, which we’ve been providing as an alternative since August 2009 (see the original announcement here). We’re still providing a link to the GIL Classic interface, which can be more useful for exact title searching.

GIL-Find, the University System of Georgia’s implementation of the open source software VuFind, is an alternative interface option for accessing the catalog that we hope will provide an improved ‘search & discovery’ experience for you. GIL-Find features keyword searching and multiple, easy to use facets for narrowing a search result set.

The GIL-Find interface is more visually appealing than GIL Classic, and incorporates book covers, “more like this” suggestions, and persistent URLs. (Every page in GIL-Find has a static link, so you can share these links via Facebook, e-mail, etc.) GIL-Find incorporates Web 2.0 features such as reviewing and tagging. Additional features that students enjoy are links to Google Books that are included with some records, the ability to text a record to a mobile phone, and easy citation formatting. GIL-Find also links directly from each search or record display to the same item in GIL Classic.

Databases

You’ll also notice a new way to search for articles, e-books, videos, etc., in our databases. The “Articles/Databases @ GALILEO” tab on our homepage links you directly to our three main general databases: Academic Search Complete, OmniFile Full Text Mega Edition, and Web of Science. You can also use the drop-down menu of subjects to find recommended databases for various types of topics. All of these are accessible from any location with the GALILEO password (only needed off-campus). Of course, you can always go directly to the GALILEO homepage at http://www.galileo.usg.edu to navigate as you’ve already been doing.

Please tell us what you think of our new design! Leave a comment below, or use our online suggestion box.

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Athens Historic Newspapers Archive now available in GALILEO

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The Digital Library of Georgia is pleased to announce the availability of a new online resource: The Athens Historic Newspapers Archive

http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/athnewspapers

The Athens Historic Newspapers Archive provides online access to five newspaper titles published in Athens from 1827 to 1922. Consisting of over 57,000 newspaper pages, the archive provides historical images that are both full-text searchable and can be browsed by date. The site will provide users with a view into the history of Athens in its early years as the home to the first state-chartered university in the nation and its eventual growth into the largest city in northeast Georgia.

The archive includes the following Athens newspaper titles: Athenian (1827-1832), Southern Banner (1832-1882), Southern Watchman (1855-1882), Daily/Weekly Banner-Watchman (1882-1889), Daily/Weekly Athens Banner (1889-1922).

The Athens Historic Newspapers Archive is a project of the Digital Library of Georgia as part of the Georgia HomePLACE initiative. The project is supported with federal LSTA funds administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Georgia Public Library Service, a unit of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. Digitization is also made possible through a grant provided by the Francis Wood Wilson Foundation, Inc.

Other newspaper archives available through the Digital Library of Georgia include the Atlanta Historic Newspapers Archive (1847-1922), the Macon Telegraph Archive (1826-1908), the Columbus Enquirer Archive (1828-1890), the Milledgeville Historic Newspapers Archive (1808-1920), the Southern Israelite Archive (1929-1986), and the Red and Black Archive (1893-2006). These archives can be accessed at http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/MediaTypes/Newspapers.html

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