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OpenAthens: A New Way to Access Library Resources

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The Georgia Southern University Libraries are updating how students, faculty, and staff log into the Libraries' electronic resources, including databases, journals, articles, ebooks, and more! In coordination with [GALILEO](#), we are adopting the [OpenAthens](#) authentication system, which will make using library resources easier and more reliable, improve security, and allow GALILEO and the University Libraries to offer new resources and services.

On October 15, 2019, we will begin a multi-week process of updating the Libraries' electronic resources. During this time, students who are off-campus may be asked to log in using different forms, including a new form that is similar to MyGS. This is normal, and eventually you should only see the new form. You should see no change when accessing resources when you are on-campus. OpenAthens uses a different technology to manage access to resources than proxy-based authentication, which will change the syntax of the links the Libraries use to access subscribed databases and content.

As a result, you will also need to update any bookmarks, saved links, or reading list links that you maintain apart from the Libraries' web presence.

For more information about OpenAthens, including tips and FAQs, see the [Libraries' OpenAthens LibGuide](#). If you experience any difficulty logging into one of our electronic resources or have any questions, please [contact us](#)!

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