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GALILEO
Interconnected Libraries

WHAT IS GIL?

GIL is the integrated library management system for acquiring, cataloging, accessing, and circulating the collections of USG institutions. It provides the integrated, web-based universal catalog of all USG book collections.

USG library users may request materials (universal borrowing) directly from institutional libraries, from other GIL libraries, or from their own computers at home or in the dorm.

GIL is an extension of GALILEO, Georgia's virtual library that provides access to thousands of resources for free to Georgia residents. Voyager software from Ex Libris is the enterprise application that GIL uses for library management.

WHAT IS GIL EXPRESS?

Library patrons use GIL Express to borrow materials across the system. GIL and GIL Express form the gateway to all information resources in USG institutions, the Atlanta History Center, and Georgia Archives.

Students, faculty, and staff have access to all eligible circulating material at all USG libraries through onsite and remote requesting services. Delivery of all GALILEO, GIL, and GIL Express resources depends on the bandwidth and robust services of PeachNet, the USG network infrastructure.

GIL BY THE NUMBERS

- The USG has more than **15 million** bibliographic records representing **16 million** items.
- Of the USG's holdings, **64%** are unique by institution (only one institution owns the title).
- The annual cost savings for libraries using GIL Express is **$1.6 million**.

KEY BENEFITS

- GIL reduces significant costs for USG institutions by reducing hardware needs with higher-level reliability and redundancy, requiring fewer technical staff because of consolidated hosting, and offering economies of scale for pricing of hardware, software, and maintenance.

- GIL-Find offers a more modern search interface, providing facets and the ability to text and share.

- Access to all USG library collections using common interface and search capabilities

- Higher baseline level of service and support with flexibility for local environments and needs

- Better search outcomes because of consistency in bibliographic entries

- Consistent technical environment and backup

- Collaboration resulting in best practices

- Data about use of collections that guide libraries in cooperative development of their holdings

HELPFUL TERMS

- **Enterprise applications** are software systems centrally supported and used across USG institutions.
- **Bandwidth** is the amount of data that can be transmitted in a fixed amount of time.
- **PeachNet** is the statewide network that supports all information and instructional technology efforts for the USG and the Georgia Public Library Service.
- The **universal catalog** includes the holdings (with availability) of all USG institutions, plus the Georgia Archives.
- **Universal borrowing** includes up-to-date information so users can request materials from one USG library for delivery to any other USG library.

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