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TO: GOLD & GALILEO Member Libraries
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MEMO: 10-An invitation to honor collaboration!

Enclosed is a special invitation to GOLD and GALILEO members and library guests to attend this year's GOLD/GALILEO Annual Users Group Conference, to be held at the University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education Conference Center and Hotel in Athens, Georgia on Friday, August 13, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Come join your colleagues — librarians, paraprofessionals and technical staff from academic, public, K-12, and special libraries throughout Georgia and the Southeast — at this premier networking event!

Hand in hand with our observance of milestone birthdays for GALILEO and PINES in 2010, Georgia librarians can look forward to celebrating another coming of age this year, as the GOLD/GALILEO Users Group Conference turns 21. The number 21 symbolizes maturity, legitimacy and progressive civic involvement making our 21st conference theme, "**Collaboration Comes of Age**," a cause for both celebration and respect for all that Georgia libraries have accomplished through creative collaborations. Join us as we honor the importance of resource sharing — and turn all these treasured resources and events into one GOLDen occasion!

This year's unprecedented economy is testing the resolve of the entire GOLD and GALILEO library collaboration community. As we face up to hard times, we must face down an overwhelming number of "sun, moon and stars"-type requests. Our state-wide collective response to these terrestrial matters has become the stuff of legend — but is there more we can do to leverage our limited resources and insure that librarians are the future's most relevant information providers?

Our keynote speaker will be Tom Sanville, who joined LYRASIS in April as its director of licensing and strategic partnerships following his longtime stint as head of the pioneering consortium OhioLINK. Tom will explain why 'coming of age' does not simply mean reaching a plateau of effectiveness or benchmarking efficiency. He plans to show us how consortium-based activity can and must be exploited to its fullest extent. Also returning for 2010 is our extremely popular resource exchange program that helps participants swap copies of locally designed user-education tools.

Along with a spotlight session about GALILEO's first 15 years, "Collaboration Comes of Age" will include two sets of concurrent programs and updated versions of the popular training showcase. Other sessions are designed to cover everything you need to know right now — from finding new grant opportunities to stellar tips about increasing your online magnitude to an orbital overview of open access and scholarly communications.

A serendipitous celestial anniversary to our celebration suggests there is indeed more to do before our quest is complete. 2010 marks the 400th anniversary of the publication of Galileo Galilei's *Starry Messenger*, a work that changed our view of the solar system and our place in it. Come rediscover how our continued partnership can initiate a library zenith of new economic and educational opportunities for the citizens we serve.

For more details about our annual gathering — including hotel accommodations for the night before (**special rates at the Georgia Center hotel available if reserved before July 13**) — please visit the GPLS Web site and conference image box at <http://www.georgialibraries.org/lib/>

Early-bird registration, for the discounted price of \$30, is available only until August 2! Non-discounted online registration of \$35 will continue through August 11. As always, attendees earn continuing education contact hours that can be applied toward certification. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (404) 235-7129 or by e-mail at zimmerman@georgialibraries.org.

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