



GEORGIA PUBLIC
LIBRARY SERVICE

GEORGIA ONLINE DATABASE

Georgia libraries have easy access to materials statewide by using the power of the OCLC WorldCat Resource Sharing interface. Requests are made through an interlibrary lending mechanism that automatically refers requests to each potential lender until filled.

What is GOLD?

The Georgia Online Database (GOLD), Georgia's Group Access Capability, provides a quick, easy and affordable way to process interlibrary loan requests. Libraries in Georgia, even those that are not cataloging using OCLC, can access and use the OCLC WorldCat Resource Sharing interface to interact with more than 200 Georgia libraries. In addition, GOLD libraries may join larger resource sharing groups, such as SOLINE and LVIS, to further broaden the number of potential lenders or submit requests through a referral agent to access libraries internationally for materials outside of Georgia.

GOLD participants can search more than 100 million master bibliographic records in OCLC WorldCat to determine which libraries hold an item needed. They can request the item from other GOLD members through SOLINET, LVIS or through other OCLC members as referral agents.

What do members need to get started?

To participate in WorldCat Resource Sharing, GOLD members just need Internet access and an OCLC authorization number and password. New users can receive training through the Georgia Public Library Service (GPLS) or SOLINET. Contact a GOLD or SOLINET representative for more information about group resource sharing.

Why use GOLD/OCLC ILL?

Improved library service. Group access gives library users an interlibrary lending fill rate of 95 percent, with most loans shipped within four business days.

Improved resource sharing. In addition to more than 100 million items in WorldCat, library users will also have access to the resources of document suppliers, such as:

- British Library Document Supply Center
- Chemical Abstracts Service
- ERIC Documentation Reproduction Service

- Information on Demand
- The Information Store
- Institute for Scientific Information's The Genuine Article
- National Technical Information Service
- University Microfilms International

Improved productivity. By using the OCLC WorldCat Resource Sharing interface, GOLD participants are spared many of the time-consuming tasks associated with interlibrary lending. Using OCLC WorldCat Resource Sharing in conjunction with statewide union catalogs such as PINES and GIL or with an institution's local automation system allows libraries to streamline interlibrary lending workflow.

Low cost. Costs for WorldCat Resource Sharing are contained through a low annual subscription fee (for unlimited access) that is customized to individual GOLD participants' needs. This prevents unanticipated extra charges due to spikes in usage, restoring predictability to institutions' resource sharing budget. As a result, GOLD participating libraries can honor their reciprocal agreement to lend materials to other GOLD members at no charge.

Who uses GOLD?

Libraries of all types, public and private, participate in GOLD. GOLD participants are either:

OCLC members: Participants that contribute all current cataloging to OCLC WorldCat via online cataloging systems or attach holdings through batch services

Affiliate members: Participants that use OCLC for selective services, such as OCLC WorldCat Resource Sharing, CatExpress and FirstSearch, and also submit holdings via batchload



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How did GOLD begin?

Administered by the Georgia Public Library Service (GPLS), GOLD was established in 1988 to process interlibrary loans electronically. GOLD replaced GLIN, a manual interlibrary lending network service established in 1969. Since that time, funding has come from state and LSTA sources as well as OCLC transaction/subscription fees paid by members. GPLS provides coordination and training with support from SOLINET and OCLC.

A GOLD and GALILEO user group alliance has also helped equalize interlibrary lending and facilitate sharing of local resources.

GOLD Local Holdings

Maintenance

Members of GOLD are required to union list serial holdings using the OCLC Local Holdings Maintenance (LHM) service. Detailed holding statements enhance the value of local holdings viewed through OCLC WorldCat Resource Sharing, FirstSearch and GeorgiaCat.

In addition, GOLD serial holdings entered in OCLC will appear in the *Georgia Libraries Journal List (GOLD)*, a database available via GALILEO. GOLD offers many LHM training workshops during the year.

Going for the GOLD

- GOLD's membership roster includes more than 200 libraries across the state.
- GOLD libraries have contributed more than 22 million bibliographic records to OCLC WorldCat and GeorgiaCat.
- More than 800,000 serials holdings from Georgia libraries are in WorldCat and GeorgiaCat.
- Georgia libraries filled more than 167,000 interlibrary loans through the OCLC ILL system during FY2008.

What do libraries say about GOLD?

Ingram Library, University of West Georgia

Location: Carrollton, Ga.

Holdings: 423,903 book titles

Subscriptions: 1,247 titles

Staff: 13 professional, 16 nonprofessional

"GOLD has dramatically increased resource sharing among academic, public and school libraries/media centers in Georgia and, coupled with today's technology, gives citizens in the most remote areas easy access to materials. This collaboration among Georgia's libraries greatly reduces the number of 'information poor' residents in our state and provides our users the widest range of materials possible for the tax dollars expended."

— **Charles E. Beard**
(1940-2004)

library director emeritus

GLA Memorial Resolution established in his honor June 26, 2004

Dougherty County Public Library System

Location: Five branches, based in Albany, Ga.

Holdings: 282,311 book titles

Subscriptions: 152 titles

Staff: 11 professional, 33 nonprofessional

"GOLD provides access to a wealth of information for our library system. Consequently, despite the financial limitations inherent in most rural library system budgets, we can still supply a wide range of quality materials to even the most remote library user. This is the very essence of information sharing."

— **Teresa Cole**
library director

GOLD on the Web

GOLD partners with the following organizations to support Georgia's libraries:



www.georgialibraries.org



<http://gil.usg.edu>



www.galileo.usg.edu



www.gapines.org



www.solinet.net