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News - GALILEO's Twentieth Birthday

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GALILEO went online September 21, 1995. The “world wide web” was only five years old, and only 3 percent of America’s 18 million online users had signed on to the web, according to the Pew Research Center: http://www.pewinternet.org/2014/03/11/world-wide-web-timeline/

From a few databases and a simple interface to today’s Discover search and other services, GALILEO has grown, evidenced by more than 1.7 billion user experiences. In honor of

GALILEO’s twentieth birthday, celebrations were held at Georgia education and library events.

A special cake break was held on June 8, 2015 at the Georgia Library Media Association’s Summer Institute, an annual event on school library media interests, with ProQuest providing the cake and drinks.

A presentation on "GALILEO: Growing a Generation of Learners" was delivered at the September 15, 2015 University System of Georgia (USG) Board Meeting as a special acknowledgement of GALILEO’s twentieth birthday.
To raise awareness of the advantages of using GALILEO resources with students and patrons, some libraries held local birthday celebrations on September 21, 2015.

An afternoon GALILEO Birthday Break was held at the 2015 COMO conference in the Exhibit Hall on October 8, with GALILEO staff and conference attendees singing "Happy Birthday." EBSCO Information Services sponsored the break. EBSCO also worked with GALILEO staff to develop birthday marketing materials, including a video that demonstrates GALILEO's value to Georgia's educational institutions and citizens.