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and Agencies* **IN THE NEWS**

Digital Library of Georgia

Digital Library of Georgia Launches New Website

The newly redesigned website of the Digital Library of Georgia (DLG) is now available at <https://dlg.usg.edu>. The site connects users to over 500,000 digital objects in more than 700 collections from over 130 institutions and 100 government agencies. The new site is designed to provide quick and direct access to these resources for all audiences and was developed by incorporating input from end users, librarians, and other stakeholders. The redesign incorporates a new logo design for the DLG and improved navigational tools.



Digital Library of Georgia
Sharing Georgia's History & Culture Online

- learning in schools and higher education, lifelong learning, scholarship, and personal interest;
- find information for librarians and archivists on digital library standards, best practices, and services that DLG provides; and
- locate materials that promote new resources and partners.

"We're excited about this fresh new design, and think that it will improve the search experience for Georgians and other

researchers seeking out the unique and valuable resources within the Digital Library of Georgia," said Lucy Harrison, assistant vice chancellor for academic library services and executive director of GALILEO.

Online visitors to the site will now be able to:

- conduct full-text searching of DLG-hosted collections along with item-level metadata searches;
- perform textual and visual browsing of DLG databases and other web-based collections and sites items can be searched by subject, time period (timeline), geographic location (map browsing), genre, and repository;
- expect seamless, responsive access to an accessible virtual library on Georgia history and culture that combines DLG databases with resources freely available through other repositories, organizations, and vendors;
- carry out self-sufficient information seeking that meets the needs of Georgians across a broad range of ages and educational backgrounds and for a variety of uses, including structured

Julie Walker, state librarian of Georgia, noted, "Georgia's public libraries are excited to support the DLG's new interface, and will enjoy how simple it is to discover freely available and reusable historical images. Students of all ages will be able to integrate these primary sources into their websites, research, and homework assignments."

Public libraries around the state are being provided with printed materials, including rack cards and stickers, as well as a freely downloadable digital press kit to encourage use of the new site. The online press kit, available at <https://sites.google.com/view/dlg-docs/dlg-documentation/promotional-materials/dlg-press-kit> includes:

- a press release;
- a library reference staff training slide deck and webinar;

- a one-page handout of new features available on the DLG's new website;
- a DLG "Quick Facts" document with information about the DLG, its public library partners, communication channels, and our historic newspaper milestones;
- a badge graphic to share within posts on social media;
- a link to DLG educator resources; and
- the new Digital Library of Georgia logo.

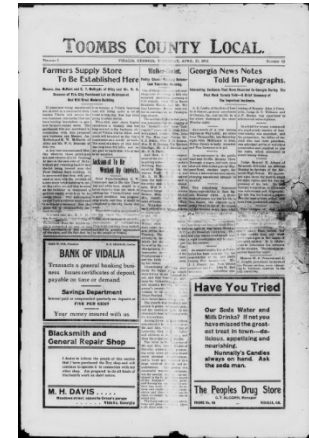
Early, Montgomery, and Toombs County Newspapers Added to Georgia Historic Newspapers Website

Georgia HomePLACE and the Digital Library of Georgia are pleased to announce the addition of nearly 27,000 pages of South Georgia newspapers dating from 1863–1927 to the Georgia Historic Newspapers (GHN) website at <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/>.

Cameron Asbell, director of the Ochopee Regional Library System, which includes Montgomery and Toombs counties, said, "Making these newspapers available online provides a unique glimpse into a dynamic time when the area was transitioning from waterways to railways as the primary transportation of goods. This region was shaped by agriculture, timber, and transportation, and we are fortunate that now much of the everyday history recorded in newspapers can be found online for everyone to read." GHN includes some of the state's earliest newspapers, providing perspectives often missing in history books, including important

African American, Roman Catholic, and Cherokee newspapers, as well as local and regional papers from across the state.

Consisting of six titles and over 4,000 issues covering Early, Montgomery, and Toombs counties, this newest digital collection provides historical images that are both full-text searchable and browsable by date. Issues are freely available online through Georgia Historic Newspapers.



"Newspapers remain the number one most frequently requested digital primary source format in Georgia's public libraries," said HomePLACE Director Angela Stanley. "We tend to think of Facebook as our virtual community meeting place, but newspapers have been filling this role since the 17th century. We're excited to be able to offer greater geographical coverage in communities across South Georgia."

GHN is compatible with all current browsers, and the newspaper page images can be viewed without the use of plug-ins or additional software downloads. Annually, the Digital Library of Georgia microfilms more than 200 current newspapers and digitizes over 100,000 historic newspaper pages with funding from GALILEO, the Georgia Public Library Service, and its partners.