

GALE TRAINING EVALUATION, 2009-2010: STATUS REPORT (December 1, 2009 – March 1, 2010)

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As part of an ongoing assessment process, the Information Institute will engage in a number of activities to accomplish specific tasks related to the goals described below as well as the larger goals of the FEL.¹ This status report provides an update of ongoing evaluation activities from December 1, 2009 – March 1, 2010 for the Gale training and marketing effort, divided among the three tasks outlined in the project SOW.

Task 1: Measuring Usage of FEL-Gale Resources

The Information Institute is tasked with making both preliminary and post-training usage assessments of FEL-Gale resources. The purpose of this task is to determine the degree to which the Gale training program results in increased usage of FEL-Gale resources by Florida public libraries. To date, the Institute has (1) gained access to the Gale statistical portal, (2) participated in a webinar/teleconference to learn how best to use the portal, (3) reviewed the available reports in the portal, and (4) downloaded benchmark data (November 2009) from the portal to compare to usage data that will be gathered January through May 2010 to determine the degree to which usage has increased (or otherwise changed) during the period in which training and marketing occurs (November 2009 – October 2011). Downloaded benchmark data include the canned reports entitled: Usage Summary; Usage by Database, Session Time; Session Location, Date and Time; Journal Retrievals; and eBook Retrievals. See Figures 1-6 in Appendix A for example of the downloaded data from each report (Figures 4-6 show excerpted data from the first viewable page of multi-page reports).

The Institute is on schedule to continue downloading data monthly through May 2010, analyze the date, and report findings by the final report due June 15, 2010. In addition, the Institute is following up with Gale to check the status of the aggregated statistics database proposed at the meeting between the Institute and Gale at ALA Midwinter. The goal of this database is to incorporate all possible statistics that can be linked and cross-tabulated so that more in-depth and comprehensive analysis can be conducted by Gale, the State Library, and the Information Institute, thereby leveraging the data.

Task 2: Assessing Effect of FEL-Gale Training Program on Usability

The Information Institute is tasked with making post-training assessments of what Gale terms "usability," that is the ability of library staff to "become self-sufficient when using the FEL products" and "to train others (staff and community), using the FEL training program." The Institute will recruit librarians who have completed trainings (face-to-face or via the self-paced module) to participate in interviews and/or focus group evaluations to assess the degree to which the Gale training program provides library staff with the ability to "become self-sufficient when

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¹ See http://www.flelibrary.org/about/FEL-Stratetic-Goals2008-09.pdf

² Note that the Gale training and marketing efforts extend beyond the end date of this Information Institute evaluation. Additional evaluation will be necessary for the remainder of the Gale training and marketing efforts (i.e., through end of 2011)

³ Bastion, J. F. (2009). *FEL Marketing and Training Recommendations Report and Work Plan*. Farmington Hills, MI: Gale Cengage Learning, p. 3.

using the FEL products" and "to train others (staff and community), using the FEL training program." To date, the Institute has received from Gale (1) the list of tasks librarians should be able to perform after completing the trainings and (2) a list of librarians who have completed trainings as of February 15, 2010. See Table 1 in Appendix B for a list of the Gale trainings, including a schedule of when they are offered, and see Appendix C for the list of tasks librarians should be able to perform after completing the trainings.

The Institute will contact these librarians and ask them to participate in interviews and/or focus groups toward the end of March, allowing at least one month between the completion of training and the interview/focus group. A second group will be selected who have completed trainings through March and recruited to participate in interviews and/or focus groups toward the end of April. The data from both sets of interviews will be analyzed and reported in the final report due June 15, 2010.

Task 3: Identifying Awareness of FEL-Gale Resources

The Information Institute is tasked with making both preliminary and post-marketing awareness assessments of FEL-Gale resources. Gale's marketing efforts began in November 2009 so the Information Institute conducted the preliminary assessments in January and February 2010. Because the Information Institute evaluation project ends June 30, 2010, the post-marketing assessment will occur in late-April and May 2010. Future assessments should occur toward the end of the Gale marketing efforts (October 2011), possibly in late 2010 or 2011.

The purpose of this task is to determine the degree to which the Gale marketing plan affects awareness of FEL-Gale resources (See Appendix D for a copy of Gale's marketing plan. To date, the Institute has (1) obtained a list of all Florida public libraries and selected a random sample of 10% of those libraries, (2) called the Reference Desks at the sample libraries to set up pre-marketing interviews, (3) conducted the pre-marketing interviews, and (4) analyzed the data from these pre-marketing interviews. The following sections detail the data collection process, analysis, and findings.

Methodology

The purpose of this task is to determine the degree to which the Gale marketing plan affects awareness of FEL-Gale resources. The first portion of this task is to conduct targeted interviews with public librarians for a pre-marketing program score of awareness. To meet this goal the study team conducted interviews with Florida public librarians to determine the extent of their awareness of the Gale materials available through the Florida Electronic Library (FEL). The study sample was comprised of a random sample of 55 libraries (10%) that were pulled from the population of 547 Florida public libraries (outlets).

The first stage of this process was to contact the library and schedule a time that would be the least intrusive to the library's daily activities. This was done to limit the number of non-responses and reduce call back time. During this period, the study team found that two of the

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original 55 sample libraries were invalid variables because one was a private library and one was a non-service outlet (i.e., a processing center), and these were removed from the sample. The final sample totaled 52 public libraries: six main libraries, 41 branch libraries, and five non-responses (i.e., librarians who declined to participate in the interviews). After this information was collected, the interviews were conducted using a predetermined list of questions. In the beginning of each interview, the librarian was asked to state his/her job title in order to investigate any possible correlation between the awareness of Gale materials and a librarian's status within his/her library. Each interview lasted between 10-15 minutes, with responses manually recorded for subsequent analysis.

Findings

Findings are discussed below, according to three categories: (1) awareness, (2) recommendations, and (3) patron recommendation and personal use. Findings are reported with regard *only* to actual responses to the interviews and do not count the five non-responses, so although the sample included 52 public libraries, only 47 libraries count as responses. This section is followed by a discussion of the interview with the director of an anonymous library in the western part of the state, not considered part of the sample because of the anomalous nature of the library's attitude toward the FEL and the research, but included here for the general knowledge of the State Library.

<u>Awareness</u>

The first question in the interview asked whether librarians are aware of the FEL; 91% (n=43) of sampled librarians were aware of the FEL, and 9% (n=4) were not (See Figure 7). The librarians interviewed were branch managers (n=17), assistant managers (n=5), and reference librarians (n=25). From the 43 librarians that were aware of the FEL, 22 (51%) mentioned Gale specifically. Of those 22, 16 (73%) were able to provide the name of specific databases available through the FEL. Librarians indicated that they were aware of the following FEL-Gale databases (See Figure 8 for a breakdown of the frequency with which librarians mentioned each of these databases):

- A-Z Diseases & Conditions,
- Gale Biography Resource Center,
- Gale Virtual Library,
- General OneFile,
- Health Reference Center Academic,
- Health and Wellness Resource Center,
- InfoTrac (Student Ed., Junior Ed.),
- Junior Reference Collection, and
- LitFinder.

These nine databases are the *only* databases that interviewed librarians could identify by name and they comprise only 13% of the entire Gale collection offered through the FEL, indicating that there is considerable room for improvement in librarians' awareness of FEL-Gale resources.

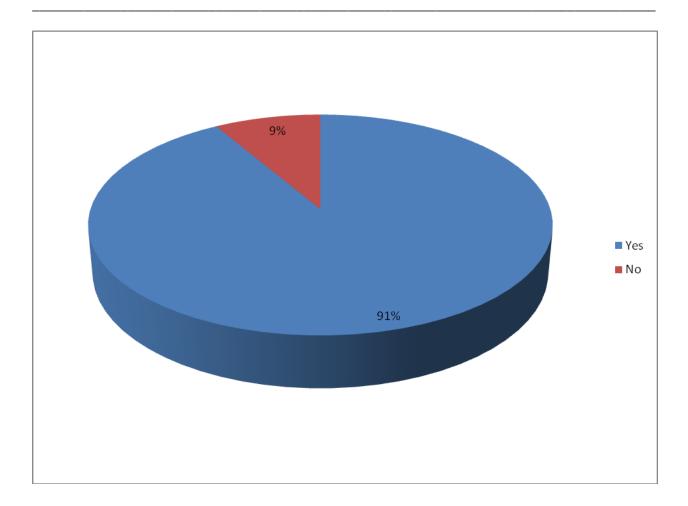


Figure 7. Librarians' awareness of the FEL.

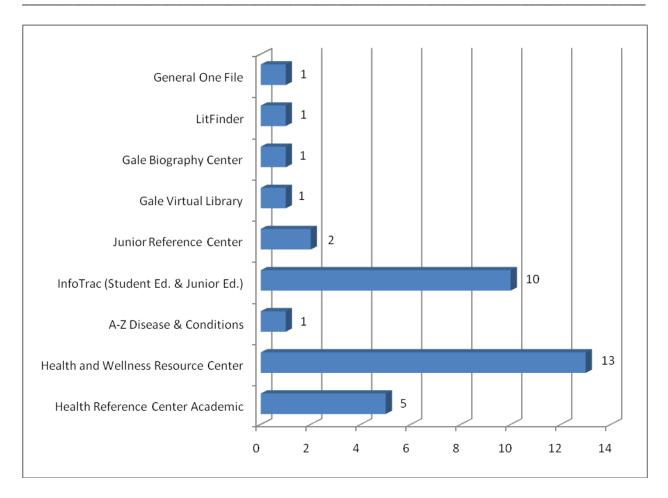


Figure 8. Frequency of mentions of the *only* databases librarian interviewees identified by name.

Recommendations

Many of the interviewed librarians provided ways that the FEL might be improved. Findings show that 30% (n=11) encourage better marketing and promotion within the library (Figure 9). Other recommendations include the following:

- More public outreach (11%; n=4): Suggestions focused on individual libraries promoting the FEL, either within library facilities or on library websites;
- Additional resources (8%; n=3): Suggestions included adding other databases and individual resources like any encyclopedia series, National Geographic Index, Learning Express, and Facts on File; and
- More user-friendly website interface (8%; n=3): Suggestions included providing a multilevel search instead of the power search, instructions for at-home log-in access, a betterorganized homepage, and more quick links.

Several of the librarians interviewed (35%; n=13) gave no recommendations, which indicates that they might be content with the already existing product. The remaining 8% (n=3) are

librarians who provided "other" recommendations, which include tailored training, an optional search tool, better accessibility, and offering a trouble shooting option such as a help section.

Librarians who recommended providing additional resources primarily focused on databases they were concerned about losing if their budgets were cut. Some of the databases they recommended were Reference USA, Facts on File, Learning Express, Gale Directory of Print Broadcast Media, Novelist, General Reference Gold, National Geographic Index. There was also encouragement for the State Library to purchase an online encyclopedia subscription and more e-books for inclusion in the FEL.

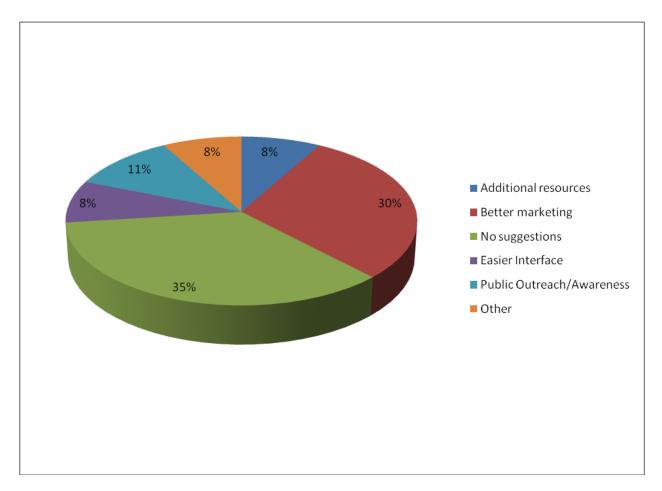


Figure 9. Recommendations provided by librarians.

Patron Recommendation and Personal Use

Some libraries host FEL resources on their own websites with no mention of the FEL, and others link to the FEL and subscribe to databases already in the FEL, although it is not known whether systems are purchasing additional licenses to databases (Gale and otherwise) the State Library already buys for the FEL or not. Responses to how often they recommended the FEL to patrons varied because librarians were not given categories from which to select their responses; rather, they were free to respond in their own terminology. Overall, about half the

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librarians recommend the FEL not very often or never (n=18 and n=5, respectively), and about half recommend the FEL often (n=4), 20% of the time (n=1), 50% of the time (n=3), a few times per week (n=5), and daily (n=6). See Figure 10 for a breakdown of how often the librarians recommend the FEL to their patrons.

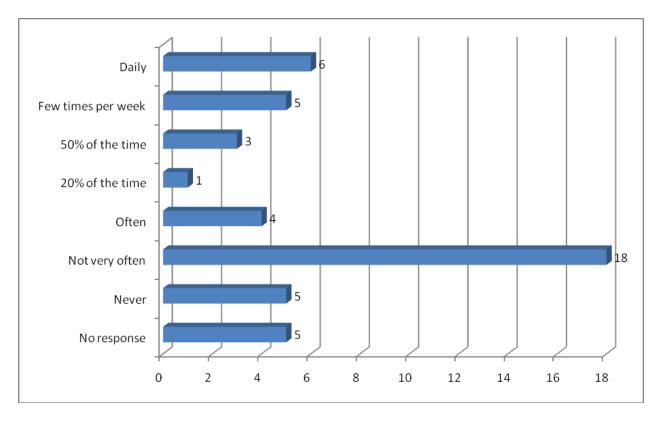


Figure 10. Frequency of recommendations of the FEL to library patrons.

As for personal use of the FEL, responses ranged from daily to never, with a little more than half of the librarians using not very often (n=20) or never (n=5) and a little under half using the FEL a few times per week (n=9) or daily (n=7). See Figure 11 for more detail on the frequency with which librarians indicate they access the FEL for personal use. Note that the responses to this question may not necessarily indicate *personal* use of the FEL because several librarians mentioned that they only access the FEL to use OCLC or when they are assisting virtual patrons via Ask a Librarian (chat or email) because FEL is available to all Florida citizens. These uses are more in line with the previous interview question that asked about frequency of recommending the FEL to library patrons, suggesting that librarians may not have completely understood this question.

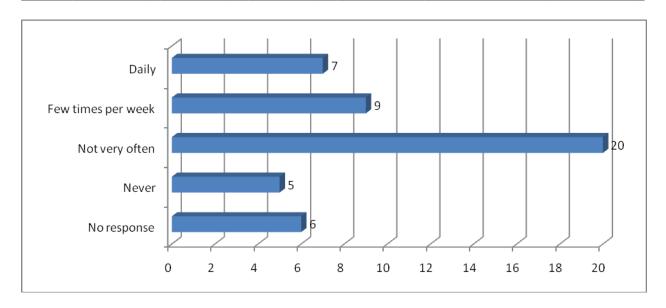


Figure 11. Frequency of librarian use of the FEL for personal use.

Anomalous Public Library System

One of the libraries from the original sample was a library from the western region of Florida. When this library was first contacted, the interviewer was told to obtain permission from the library administration to conduct any survey or interview with employees of the library system. The library director denied permission for the Institute to conduct the interview with the librarians, because the staff is entirely unaware of the FEL. This is intentionally done by the library director, who said, "The FEL is a black hole." According to the library director, only she and her administrative staff are aware that the Gale databases that the library system uses are actually part of the FEL. Instead of hosting a link to the FEL from the library's website, the FEL resources are hosted on the website with no mention of the FEL or the State Library. This is because the library's website is believed to be more familiar to its patrons. However, the library director believes that the FEL is a good resource with valuable materials, but has a difficult user interface.

Next Steps for Task 3

The Institute will select a new random sample of 10% of Florida public libraries and conduct the second round of interviews (post-marketing) in April 2010. That data will be analyzed, compared with the pre-marketing data, and reported in the final report due June 15, 2010.

Summary and Implications

The Information Institute's evaluation of the effectiveness of the Gale training and marketing efforts builds on previous evaluations of the FEL that the Institute has conducted for the State Library. Since 2002, the Information Institute has assisted in the clarification of the

status and goals of the FEL,⁵ developed criteria and measures to assess the FEL,⁶ and developed evaluation plans and strategies for the FEL. In addition, the Information Institute has developed and conducted evaluations of the FEL website and of individual components of the FEL. These evaluations have included usability, functionality, and accessibility testing of various components of the FEL for the State Library and Archives of Florida (State Library). Also, the Information Institute has completed marketing studies⁸ and developed an evaluation database of key statistical indicators to describe FEL activities. As an ongoing evaluation effort, evaluation of the FEL builds upon initial evaluations of this product as reported in Evaluation of Selected Components of the Florida Electronic Library (2004) and 2005-2006 Florida Electronic Library Evaluation Activities: Usability, Functionality, and Accessibility (2006). 10 More recently, the Information Institute completed a summary evaluation of selected aspects of the FEL for Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) reporting, ¹¹ an assessment of Ask-a-Librarian (AAL) chat reference questions, ¹² an updated FEL five-year plan, an assessment of public library and school needs to better provide consumer health information via the FEL, a continuation of assessment of the AAL component of the FEL, and provision of support to the State Library regarding the maintenance, use, and analysis of FEL statistics. 13 14 15

Findings from the evaluation of the Gale marketing and training efforts will provide additional information on the FEL that the Information Institute can analyze in the context of the previous FEL evaluations conducted for the State Library. In addition, this evaluation melds

⁵ Information Use Management and Policy Institute. (2003). *Review and Evaluation of Selected Florida State Library Projects*. Tallahassee, FL: Florida State University, Information Institute.

⁶ Information Use Management and Policy Institute. (2003). *Measures and Statistics to Assess the Florida Electronic Library (FEL)*. Tallahassee, FL: Florida State University, Information Institute.

⁷ Information Use Management and Policy Institute. (2003). *Florida Electronic Library: Pilot Project Functionality Assessment*. Tallahassee, FL: Florida State University, Information Institute; and *Functionality Assessment of the Ex Libris Application* (2004), in progress.

⁸ Information Use Management and Policy Institute. (2005). *Marketing the Florida Electronic Library: A Survey of Selected Local Library Manager Views*. Tallahassee, FL: Florida State University, Information Institute (draft); & & Information Use Management and Policy Institute. (2006). 2005-2006 Florida Electronic Library Evaluation Activities: Usability, Functionality, and Accessibility. Tallahassee, FL: Florida State University, Information Institute.

⁹ Information Use Management and Policy Institute. (2005). *Evaluation Activities for the Florida Electronic Library: Data Collection Strategies and Statistics - Interim Report*. Tallahassee, FL: Florida State University, Information Institute (draft).

¹⁰ Information Use Management and Policy Institute. (2004). *Evaluation of Selected Components of the Florida Electronic Library*. Tallahassee, FL: Florida State University, Information Institute (draft); & Information Use Management and Policy Institute. (2006). 2005-2006 Florida Electronic Library Evaluation Activities: Usability, Functionality, and Accessibility. Tallahassee, FL: Florida State University, Information Institute.

¹¹ Information Use Management and Policy Institute. (2007). *Florida Electronic Library Five-Year Evaluation* 2003-2007. Tallahassee, FL: Florida State University, Information Institute.

¹² Information Use Management and Policy Institute. (2007). *Who's Asking? Geography & Demographics of Florida's Ask A Librarian Service*. Tallahassee, FL: Florida State University, Information Institute.

¹³ Information Use Management and Policy Institute. (2008). 2007—2008 Evaluation Activities for the Florida Electronic Library. Tallahassee, FL: Florida State University, Information Institute.

 ¹⁴ Information Use Management and Policy Institute. (2008). 2007—2008 Evaluation Activities for the Florida Electronic Library: Ask A Librarian Service. Tallahassee, FL: Florida State University, Information Institute.

¹⁵ Information Use Management and Policy Institute. (2008). 2007—2008 Evaluation Activities for the Florida Electronic Library: Public Libraries and Consumer Health Information Resources and Services. Tallahassee, FL: Florida State University, Information Institute.

with work the Institute is conducting in the areas of consumer health information and E-government, other usability assessments of electronic resources, such as the Hurricane Preparedness and Response web portal, ¹⁶ and efforts to measure, understand, and expand broadband connectivity in Florida public libraries. ¹⁷

However, it must be understood that data from this evaluation are preliminary data *only*. Since the Gale efforts will continue through October 2011, future evaluations should be conducted that measure usage of FEL-Gale resources through the end of 2011, assess the effectiveness of trainings offered in the second half of 2010 and through October 2011, and measure any changes in awareness of FEL-Gale resources that occur as the result of marketing efforts through the end of 2011. In addition, findings from the current evaluation of Gale training and marketing through summer 2010 are likely to inform future evaluation and other activities that the Information Institute would conduct on the FEL and Gale training/marketing in the 2010-2011 cycle.

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¹⁶ See http://hurricanes.ii.fsu.edu

¹⁷ McClure, C. R., Mandel, L. H., Snead, J. T., Bishop, B. W., & Ryan, J. (2009). *Needs Assessment of Florida Public Library E-Government and Emergency/Disaster Management Broadband-Enabled Services*. Tallahassee, FL: Florida State University, Information Institute.

Appendix A

EXAMPLE DOWNLOADED DATA

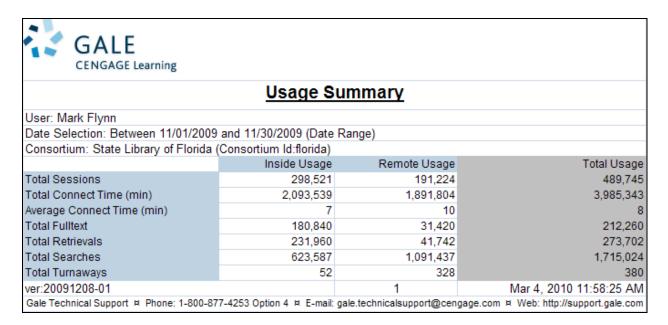


Figure 1. Download of November 2009 Usage Summary Report.

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Product Description Academic OneFile	Sessions Full	Text Retrievals 5,697	Retrievals 9,646	Searches 51,696	Turn-Aways
Agriculture Collection GCRC Gale Business Resources	9,211	60	103 3.283	41,975 1,118	
Biography Resource Center (Z39)	1,123	692	696	1,123	
Biography Resource Center - Periodicals	1,125 791	11,852	11,854 104	1,125 837	
Biography and Genealogy Master Index Books & Authors	91	59	59	55	
Business Economics and Theory Business Index ASAP and Backfile	9,261	20.992	102 22.967	42,113 2.798	
Business and Company Resource Center	1,790	473	1,535	4,731	
Civil War, The Communications and Mass Media Collection	76 9,207	418 18	420 42	492 42,052	
Company Information Database	1,121	0	2,407	1,121	
Computer Database Criminal Justice Collection	9,605 9,302	5,596 197	7,977 334	29,341 42,685	
Culinary Arts Collection	9,252	131	211	42,175	
DLB Complete Online Educator's Reference Complete	823 9,340	234 283	325 442	3,903 42,721	
Environmental Studies and Policy	9,181	7	17	41,879	
Expanded Academic ASAP Fine Arts and Music Collection	12,142 9,322	11,429 123	17,689 241	37,519 42,638	
florida Database	10,937	49	56	35,357	
odors Travel Guides	696	21 48	22	3,539	
Gale Associations Unlimited	1,084	48 0	2,742	1,096	
Sale Biography Resource Center	4,051 359	7,070	9,082	12,713 304	
Sale Directory Library Sale History Resource Center	359 2,978	58 2,315	2,325	5,622	
Sale Literary Databases	9	0	0	24	
Sale Ready Reference Shelf Sale Virtual Reference Library	26 15,140	12 2,450	2,607	53 86,683	
Sardening, Landscape and Horticulture	9,182	20	53	41,914	
General Business File ASAP General OneFile	6,887 20,151	434 28,826	482 38,403	27,102 66,857	
General Reference Center Gold	12,835	13,248	17,777	36,199	
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lealth Reference Center Academic	10,252	7,822	10,648	32,177	
fealth and Wellness Resource Center History Resource Center: World	3,965 1,764	8,079 1,131	10,441	10,951 3,956	
Home Improvement Collection	9,177	43	70	41,855	
Hospitality, Tourism and Leisure InfoTrac Communication & Mass Media eCollection	9,171 4,508	85	133	41,837 6,421	
nfoTrac Communication & mass media econection	4,521	70	81	6,408	
nfoTrac Diversity Studies eCollection nfoTrac Environmental Issues and Policy eCollection	9,747 4.532	178 134	216 248	33,330 6,375	
nfoTrac Garden, Landscape & Horticulture eCollection	4,488	4	6	6,279	
nfoTrac Gender Studies eCollection	9,721 9,711	14	14 16	33,306 33,265	
nfoTrac General Science eCollection nfoTrac Information Science & Library Issues eCollection	9,711	150	333	33,265	
nfoTrac Insurance and Liability Collection eCollection	258	0	0	1,122	
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nfoTrac Religion and Philosophy eCollection	9,802	526	931	33,221	
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iterature Resource Center (Z39)	1,130	2,863	2,863	1,130	
iterature Resource Center - MCA iterature Resource Center - Periodicals	1,088	8,203	8,203	1,088	
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lursing and Allied Health Collection	9,253	77	104	42,243	
Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center Popular Magazines	7,991 13,396	14,122 596	14,315 873	30,670 44,732	
Professional Collection	8,516	875	1,197	20,813	
Psychology Collection Science Resource Center	9,425 1,636	162 7,391	294 9,416	42,992 4,378	
Scribners	367	12	12	987	
mail Business Resource Center	161 824	115	145	465 3 903	
Something About the Author Online Student Edition	7,589	12,410	15,109	28,974	
Student Edition - K12 Student Resource Center Gold	376 1	457 0	469 0	872	
Student Resource Center Gold Student Resource Center Junior	433	0 251	0 251	2,382	
he New York Times	676	5	5	3,445	
Wayne What Do I Read Next?	572 2,745	20 18	4,140	1,147 3,464	
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Figure 2. Download of November 2009 Usage by Database Report.

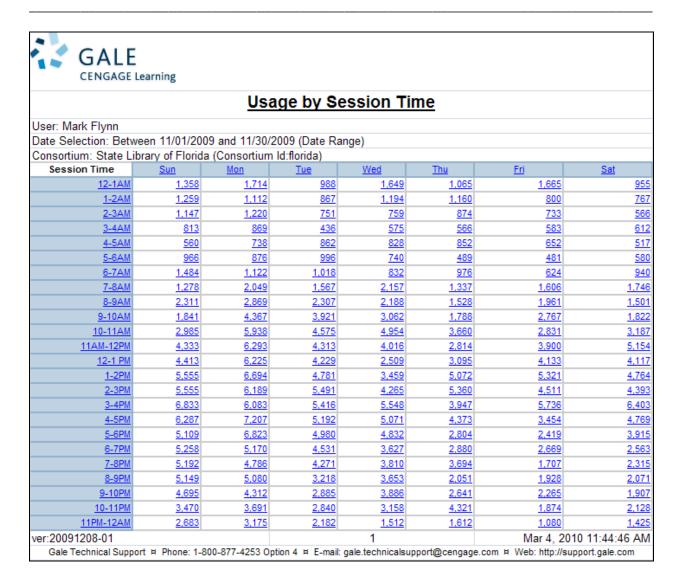


Figure 3. Download of November 2009 Session Time Report.

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State Library of Florida Alachua County Library Dist	riet				
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		11AM-12PM	11:05 AM	82	
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			11:15 AM	82	4
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			8:10 PM	0	
			9:00 PM	5	
		9-10PM	9:05 PM	0	
			9:25 PM	164	
			9:30 PM	1	1
			9:35 PM	0	
		10-11PM	10:10 PM		
		10:20 PM	82		
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Figure 4. Download of November 2009 Session Location, Date and Time Report (Excerpt of First Viewable Page).

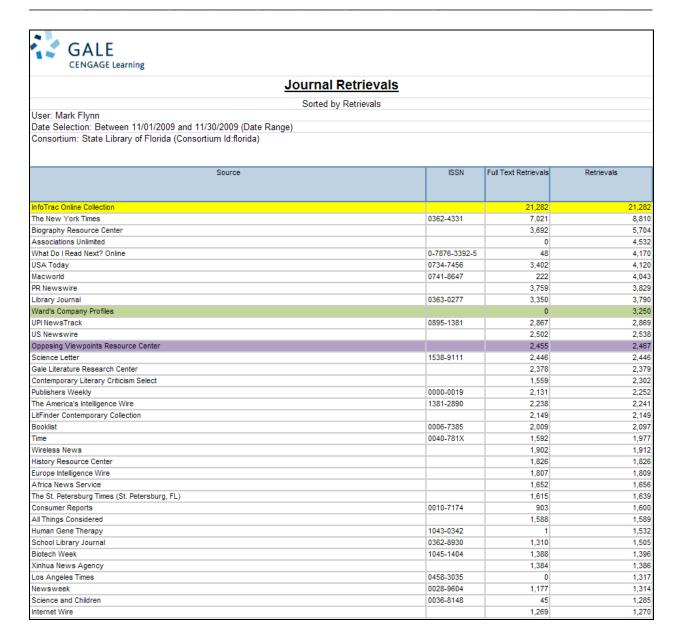


Figure 5. Download of November 2009 Journal Retrievals Report (Excerpt of First Viewable Page).

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Acronyms, Initialisms, & Abbreviations Dictionary , 41st ed., 4v, 2009	978141445330	2,569	2,57			
The College Blue Book , 36th ed., 6v, 2009	978002866142 ⁻	600	60			
Acronyms, Initialisms, and Abbreviations Dictionary , 40th ed., 4v, 2008	978141443747	504	51			
Gale Encyclopedia of Medicine, 3rd ed., 3rd ed., 5v, 2006	1414404859	332	44			
St. James Encyclopedia of Popular Culture , 5v, 2000	978155862529	292	3			
Who's Who Among African Americans , 23rd ed., 2009	978141445345	308	3			
Encyclopaedia Judaica , 2nd ed., 22v, 2007	9780028660974	303	3			
Encyclopedia of African-American Culture and History , 2nd ed., 6v, 2006	9780028660714	250	2			
Encyclopedia of Philosophy , 2nd ed., 10v, 2006	0028660722	224	2			
Gale Encyclopedia of Alternative Medicine , 2nd ed., 4v, 2005	978078769396	133	2			
St. James Encyclopedia of Popular Culture , 5v, 2000	1558625291	146	1-			
Encyclopedia of Religion , 2nd ed., 15v, 2005	002865997X	133	1-			
Dictionary of American History , 3rd ed., 10v, 2003	9780684314150	129	1			
Vorld of Earth Science , 2v, 2003	9780787693329	116	1			
Encyclopedia of Latin American History and Culture , 2nd ed., 6v, 2008	9780684315904	119	1			
Biology , 4v, 2002	978002865886	98	1			
Gale Encyclopedia of Genetic Disorders , 2nd ed., 2v, 2005	1414404735	70	1			
Grzimek's Animal Life Encyclopedia , 2nd ed., 17v, 2004	70787677507	92	1			
West's Encyclopedia of American Law, 2nd ed., 13v, 2005	978078769373	87				
Encyclopedia of Small Business , 2nd ed., 2v, 2002	0787677256	82	!			
3ale Encyclopedia of Multicultural America , 2nd ed., 3v, 2000	978078767727	66				
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Gale Encyclopedia of Children's Health: Infancy through Adolescence , 4v, 2006	0787694258	66				
Gale Encyclopedia of Cancer , 2nd ed., 2v, 2006	978141440484	32				
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Contemporary Authors, New Revision Series , Vol. 179, 2009	978141445660					
Scholarships, Fellowships and Loans , 21st ed., 2005	0787693979	58				
IcGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Science and Technology , 10th ed., 20v, 2007	0071594043	54				
ncyclopedia of the American Constitution , 2nd ed., 6v, 2000	978002865986	1				
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Encyclopedia of African-American Culture and History, 2nd ed., vol. 5	978002866071					
Biology, vol. 1	978002865886					
The Gale Encyclopedia of Science , 4th ed., 6v, 2008	978141442884	1				
Encyclopedia of Occultism and Parapsychology , 5th ed., 2v, 2001	0787677787	45				

Figure 6. Download of November 2009 eBook Retrievals Report (Excerpt of First Viewable Page).

Appendix B

TOPICS, VENUES, AND SCHEDULE OF GALE TRAINING COURSES

Table 1. Topics of Gale Training Courses, with Venues and Schedule 18

COURSE	VENUE(S)	SCHEDULE
A Healthy Perspective: Health Research Using FEL	Instructor-led	3/11/10
Resources (105)	online	(3pm – 4pm)
	Self-paced	Available at all times
	module	
CFLC – Gale Training Workshops (201)	Face-to-face	
A World of FEL/Gale Resources: A General Product	Volusia County	1/25/10
Overview	Library Support	(9am – 12pm)
	Center	
	CFLC	4/13/10
	headquarters	(9am - 12pm)
Homework Help Using FEL Resources	Volusia County	1/25/10
	Library Support	(1pm - 4pm)
	Center	
	Leesburg Public	1/27/10
	Library	(9am - 12pm)
	CFLC	4/13/10
	headquarters	(1pm - 4pm)
FEL Quick Start – General and Academic OneFile	CFLC	1/26/10
Searches	headquarters	(9am - 12pm)
	Leesburg Public	1/27/10
	Library	(1pm - 4pm)
	Volusia County	4/15/10
	Library Support	(9am - 12pm)
	Center	
Getting Down to Business: Effective Use of FEL	CFLC	1/26/10
Business Resources	headquarters	(1pm - 4pm)
A Healthy Perspective: Health Research Using FEL	Leesburg Public	4/14/10
Resources	Library	(1pm - 4pm)
	Volusia County	4/15/10
	Library Support	(1pm-4pm)
	Center	4/4 4/4 0
Patron Outreach – Creating Easy Access and Increasing	Leesburg Public	4/14/10
Usage of FEL Resources	Library	(9am – 12pm)
FEL Quick Start – General and Academic OneFile Searches	Instructor-led	3/15/10
(102)	online	(11am – 11am)
	Self-paced	Available at all times
Following the Translat Hedgest with FELD was at	module Instructor lad	2/20/10
Following the Trends: Understanding FEL Reports and	Instructor-led	3/30/10 (7:30am 8:30am)
Analysis Data (109)	online	(7:30am – 8:30am) Available at all times
	Self-paced	Available at all times

¹⁸ For more information on the individual trainings, see http://www.flelibrary.org/training. The site does not include individual URLs for each training topic; rather all topics are available at this same URL.

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Table 1. Topics of Gale Training Courses, with Venues and Schedule (Continued)

COURSE	VENUE(S)	SCHEDULE
Getting Down to Business: Effective Use of FEL Business	Instructor-led	3/12/10 (10:30am –
Resources (107)	online	11:30am)
	Self-paced	Available at all times
	module	
Homework Help Using FEL Resources (104)	Instructor-led	3/15/10
	online	(4pm - 5pm)
	Self-paced	Available at all times
	module	
Making It Personal: Customizing Your FEL Products (108)	Instructor-led	3/30/10
	online	(11am - 12pm)
	Self-paced	Available at all times
	module	
NEFLIN – Gale Training Workshops (201)	Face-to-face	
FEL Quick Start – General and Academic OneFile	(ALL at NEFLIN	1/28/10
Searches	headquarters)	(no time listed)
Getting Down to Business: Effective Use of FEL		1/28/10
Business Resources		(no time listed)
A Healthy Perspective: Health Research Using FEL		1/28/10
Resources		(no time listed)
Patron Outreach – Creating Easy Access and Increasing	Instructor-led	3/11/10
Usage of FEL Resources (103)	online	(9am – 10am)
	Self-paced	Available at all times
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PLAN – Gale Training Workshops (201)	Face-to-face	All times in CST
Making It Personal: Customizing Your FEL Products	(ALL at PLAN	2/2/10
	Offices)	(9am - 12pm)
Following the Trends: Understanding FEL Reports and		2/2/10
Analysis Data		(1pm - 4pm)
The Power of Web 2.0: Best Practices Using FEL		2/3/10
Resources		(9am - 12pm)
Patron Outreach – Creating Easy Access and Increasing		2/3/10 (1pm 4pm)
Usage of FEL Resources Power of Web 2 Or Post Practices Using FEL Resources	Salf maad	(1pm – 4pm) Available at all times
Power of Web 2.0: Best Practices Using FEL Resources,	Self-paced module	Available at all tilles
<i>The</i> (106)	module	

Table 1. Topics of Gale Training Courses, with Venues and Schedule (Continued)

COURSE	VENUE(S)	SCHEDULE
SEFLIN – Gale Training Workshops (201)	Face-to-face	SCILDULL
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A World Full of FEL/Gale Resources: A General	Palm Beach	1/13/10
Product Overview	County Library	(9:30am - 12pm)
Trounct Overview	Broward – North	2/9/10
	Regional	(10:30am - 1pm)
	Palm Beach	2/10/10
	County Library	(9:30am - 12pm)
Homework Help Using FEL Resources	Palm Beach	1/13/10
Homework Help Using I LL Resources	County Library	(1pm - 4pm)
	Broward – North	2/9/10
	Regional	(1:30pm - 4pm)
	Palm Beach	2/10/10
	County Library	(1pm - 4pm)
SWFLN – Gale Training Workshops (201)	Face-to-face	(19111 – 49111)
5 WI LIV - Gate Training Workshops (201)	(ALL)	
The Power of Web 2.0: Best Practices Using FEL	(ALL)	1/14/10
Resources		(9am – 12pm)
A Healthy Perspective: Health Research Using FEL		1/14/10
Resources		(2pm - 5pm)
Patron Outreach – Creating Easy Access and Increasing		2/11/10
Usage of FEL Resources		(9am – 12pm)
Homework Help Using FEL Resources		2/11/10
Homework Help Using FEL Resources		(2pm – 5pm)
The World of FEL/Cale Personnes A Coneral Durduct	Salf paged	Available at all times
The World of FEL/Gale Resources: A General Product	Self-paced module	Available at all tilles
Overview (101)	module	_

Appendix C

LIST OF TASKS LIBRARIANS SHOULD BE ABLE TO PERFORM AFTER COMPLETING THE GALE TRAININGS

The following tasks were provided by Gale-Cengage learning as the post-training assessment for librarians completing the Gale trainings –

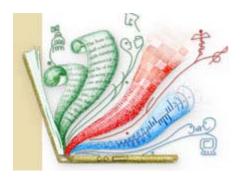
- 1. Demonstrate the ability to conduct the most efficient search in the designated database
- 2. Demonstrate the ability to search using a variety of limiters
- 3. Demonstrate the ability to use the tools resident in the designated database
 - a. Create Search Alerts
 - b. Use bookmarking feature
 - c. Use the share feature
 - d. Create mark list
 - e. Use of Gale created Web 2.0 tools
- 4. Demonstrate the ability to manage results using both outlines and map views, filter, export and share results
- 5. Demonstrate the ability to assist patrons in using the FEL Gale resources
- 6. Demonstrate the ability to articulate a general overview of the content resident in the designated

These tasks were provided by Sharon Norris.

Appendix D

GALE MARKETING PLAN

FEL Marketing and Training Recommendations Report and Work Plan





Submitted by: Gale Cengage

Date: 6/4/2009

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Executive Summary

On May 27th and 28th of 2009, Gale Cengage met with their FE clients in Tallahassee, Florida for the purpose of outlining the requirements for a marketing and training program for the FEL product suite. The meeting objectives were as follows:

- Validate the marketing and training needs of FEL
- Define performance metrics for a successful marketing and training program
- Identify current FEL product usage trends for both library staff and the community at large
- Review and validate preliminary program work plan.

Based upon these objectives and the ensuing discussions, the FEL team determined that a successful marketing and training program would have the following attributes:

- **Effective:** The training must be standardized, interactive and be presented in an intuitive and easy to use manner. Training must be provided in a blended learning format, leveraging on-demand web courses, on-site instruction and interactive live Webinars.
- On time: The project will be completed and ready for delivery according to the schedule contained in this work plan. The schedule may be adjusted if agreed to by the development team.
- **Usability:** FEL users must be able to become self-sufficient when using the FEL products. Library staff must also have the ability to train others (staff and community), using the FEL training program.
- Measurable Outcomes: Evaluation metrics will be established based upon end user ability to use
 the FEL, as well as how FEL usage has impacted their lives. Ongoing evaluation tools will be put into
 place in an effort to measure usage, user experience and ongoing performance. Evaluation tools
 must take into consideration "situational factors."
- **Sustainable:** Program will support the FEL on an ongoing basis through a process of continuous improvement.

Recommendations

In order to meet these program objectives defined previously, the FEL team accepted the recommendation to create a blended learning program that would provide a modular, multimedia approach for both staff and community training. The FEL team agreed to a select number of course topics to be developed within the scope and timing provided in the program work plan (included herein).

Based upon the May 27th and 28th FEL meetings, the team made the following specific recommendations related to the marketing and training program:

- Deliver a modular, blended learning solution based upon the approved work plan that provides a combination of the following:
 - o Curriculum-based learning focusing on product features, functionality and best practices
 - o On-demand learning
 - o Webinar learning
 - Hand-On Site Instruction.
- Courses should geared toward both librarians and the community at large
- Train-the-trainer reference tools should be included as part of the program
- Have initial courses ready for delivery in support of the October 2009 Directors Meeting
- Develop a formal marketing campaign that coincides with the development and launch of the FEL training program
- Provide opportunities for regional and local branding of FEL, while maintaining an FEL Gale Cengage partnership brand identity
- Develop both summative (course-centric) and formative (program-centric) evaluation metrics and tools
- Provide regular and ongoing evaluation summative and formative reports
- Schedule a quarterly program review meeting for the purpose of evaluation and continuous improvement.

Work Plan

This work plan documents our understanding of the project purpose, background, evidence of success, deliverables, approach, schedule, and team for this project.

Project Purpose

Gale Cengage has currently engaged in the process of designing and developing a comprehensive marketing and training program for the Florida Electronic Library (FEL). The primary objectives of this program are to increase usage of FEL in public libraries through a targeted, dynamic end user experience.

Project Background

The FEL has identified the need to be supported through a formal, tactical marketing and training program with their Gale Cengage partner.

Deliverables

The pricing provided is based on the following tangible outputs, which will be created as a result of this project:

	Deliverable	Description		Specifications
>	Work Plan	Documentation of development team's understanding of the purpose, background, success indicators, deliverables, approach and schedule for the project along with a description of the project team's roles and responsibilities.	•	8-10 pages
A	Curriculum Map and Blue Print	The curriculum map will identify the appropriate courses and learning flow based upon the role of the end user and their specific needs. The program blueprint will identify strategies, performance metrics and enabling technology that will provide the right "blend" of learning for the end user community.		 Program objectives Standard course templates Blended learning strategy Learning objectives Evaluation criteria Process for continuous improvement
A	Course Development	Product Support courses based upon client need, learning objectives and technology-enabled delivery mechanisms		Blended learning courseware
>	Marketing Materials	Marketing materials that promote the FEL product and service offering, conveying brand, value proposition	•	Sell sheets Posters Web site Press releases Articles Blogs

Project Approach and Schedule

This section lists the steps required to produce the deliverables of this project, along with estimated timeframes for completion. The tasks in bold indicate critical milestones that can significantly effect the project schedule if delayed.

It is the mutual responsibility of all project team members to adhere to the schedule or negotiate schedule changes before the start of affected tasks.

Task	Who	Date			
Design Phase					
Conduct start-of-work meeting	FEL and Gale Cengage	5/27/09 - 5/28/09			
Create work plan	Gale Cengage	5/27/09			
Review work plan	FEL and Gale Cengage	5/27/09 – 5/28/09			
Revise and finalize work plan	FEL and Gale Cengage	5/29/09 - 6/5/09			
Validate marketing and training content	FEL and Gale Cengage	5/29/09 – 6/19/09			
Validate end user requirements	FEL and Gale Cengage	5/29/09 - 6/19/09			
Define strategies for blended learning	FEL and Gale Cengage	5/29/09 - 6/19/09			
Validate course topics	FEL and Gale Cengage	5/29/09 - 6/19/09			
Define evaluation criteria and performance metrics (summative and formative)	FEL and Gale Cengage	5/29/09 – 6/19/09			
Define course development schedule	Gale Cengage	5/29/09 – 6/19/09			
Create Curriculum Map and Blueprint	Gale Cengage	6/3/09 – 6/22/09			
Review Curriculum Map and Blueprint	FEL and Gale Cengage	6/23/09 - 6/29/09			
Client Sign-Off Curriculum Map and Blueprint	FEL	6/30/09			
Development Phase					
Define Learning Objectives	Gale Cengage	7/1/09 – 7/7/09			
Review and Sign-off Learning Objectives	FEL and Gale Cengage	7/8/09 – 7/10/09			
Develop course design templates (for standard delivery)	Gale Cengage	7/8/09 – 7/15/09			
Review and Sign-off Course Design template	FEL and Gale Cengage	7/15/09 – 7/17/09			
Develop Audio and Video Scripts	Gale Cengage	7/8/09 – 7/17/09			
Review and Sign-off audio/Video scripts	FEL and Gale Cengage	7/21/09			
Create initial visual design	Gale Cengage	7/1/09 – 7/17/09			
Review and Sign-off Visual Design template	FEL and Gale Cengage	7/21/09			
Create course evaluation (summative)	Gale Cengage	7/1/09 – 7/8/09			
Review and Sign-off Course Evaluations	FEL and Gale Cengage	7/1/09 – 7/8/09			
Create initial course prototype	Gale Cengage	7/8/09 – 7/27/09			
Client course prototype review	FEL and Gale Cengage	7/28/09 – 7/31/09			
Course revisions	Gale	8/3/09 – 8/6/09			
Client sign-off	FEL and Gale Cengage	7/31/09			

Task	Who	Date	
Develop functional module demo	Gale Cengage	8/3 – 8/6	
Review and sign-off of functional demo	FEL and Gale Cengage	8/7/09	
Begin comprehensive course development	Gale Cengage	8/8/09 – 12/31/09	
Deploy and Launch Phase	•	·	
Determine course availability schedule	Gale Cengage	8/1/09 – 8/15/09	
Provide marketing awareness and support	Gale Cengage	8/1/09 – 10/9/09	
Deliver courses	Gale Cengage	9/1/09	
Launch Readiness	FEL	10/1/09	
Course Evaluation (summative)	FEL and Gale Cengage	9/1/09 – 10/9/09	
Provide monthly quality reports to client	Gale Cengage	10/9/09 - Ongoing	
Solicit report feedback for continuous improvement process (formative)	FEL and Gale Cengage	9/1/09 – 12/31/09	
Quarterly Program Evaluation and Review (formative)	FEL and Gale Cengage	10/15/09 - Ongoing	

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