



EVERGREEN™ The 2019
Community Annual Report



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2019 in the Rear Mirror

Progress takes time and patience. 2019 was a year of great endeavor and many firsts throughout the community. Many new libraries adopted the Evergreen ILS; developers took on new projects and roles. For some libraries, it was their first experience with the web client. A variety of sub-communities launched or were revitalized, including Acquisitions and New Developers. Some splashy new features like the OPAC carousels and Angular staff catalog made their first appearances.

At the same time, it was not a year of great, cataclysmic change for the project. The web client continues to settle into its new Angular framework, with a significant amount of developer time and work going into bug cleanup and Angular conversion. The community met regularly both at home and internationally to extend the conversations about the things we want to pursue as we collaborate to grow the Evergreen project.

The Evergreen Project Board, after some unexpected setbacks, restarted the process of achieving non-profit status with the IRS for the project in 2019. Things are back on track, and expected to pass the final stages in spring of 2020. Thank you for being part of the progress, growing pains, and joys of the Evergreen community!

Anna Goben
The Evergreen Project Board President
Evergreen Indiana Coordinator

Releases & Features

Evergreen 3.3

Release date:
4/3/19

Release Manager:
Dan Wells

13 New Features

71 Bug Fixes

20 Contributors

9 Organizations

Notable New Features:

- Angular Staff Catalog (experimental version)
- MARC Import/Export Interface Updates & Angular Port
- View Bookings in OPAC
- Privacy Waiver (allow others to use account)
- Booking Module Redesign
- Carousel Enhancements
- Per-column Grid Filters
- Server-side Print Template Management
- Aged Billings & Payments

Infrastructure isn't sexy, but it's crucial!

In 3.3, major infrastructure improvements were made to lay the groundwork for a more modern Evergreen architecture. Among these were Bill Erickson's work on moving interfaces to the new version of Angular, including a new staff catalog interface. Additional infrastructure work by Jason Stephenson and Ben Shum resulted in support for Ubuntu version 18.04 and PostgreSQL versions 9.6 and 10.

New looks for old friends

In 3.4, two Evergreen features got major refreshes. Jane Sandberg gave the Bookings module a complete overhaul and added new features including editable reservations, a notes field in the reservation record, and a calendar view. Galen Charlton took the OPAC Carousels add-on and integrated it fully into the Evergreen codebase, which included adding Carousel management tools.

Evergreen 3.4

Release date:
10/2/19

Release Manager:
Galen Charlton

New Features: 36

Bug Fixes: 62

Contributors: 32

16 Organizations

Committed to Evergreen

Evergreen is not an anonymous collective. Each contribution comes from a human dedicated to improving the library experience. Every contribution helps make Evergreen what it is. These are the contributors with five or more commits in 2019.

55 committers

807 commits

1 commit each: 18 (pie graphic?)

2 commits: 6

3 commits: 4

4 commits: 2

5 commits: 1

6 commits: 5

7 commits: 4

8 commits: 2

9 commits: 2

More than 10: 11

Top 15:

221 Bill Erickson

121 Galen Charlton

101 Jane Sandberg

51 Dan Wells

35 Jason Stephenson

32 Jeff Davis

31 Remington Steed

22 Jason Boyer

16 Kyle Huckins

15 Andrea Buntz Neiman

15 Chris Sharp

9 Ben Shum

9 Mike Rylander

8 Rogan Hamby

8 Jason Etheridge

Jane Sandberg is the Electronic Resources Librarian at Linn-Benton Community College. She's been interested in open source library software since her library school days, an interest that only intensified when she started using Evergreen in 2013.

Jane is thrilled to be a core committer. In this role, she is looking forward to developing her skills at providing feedback on submitted patches, and doing what she can to move Evergreen forward.

Jason Boyer is the head of the MIS Division of the Indiana State Library and has worked in libraries since 2000. He has worked in an Evergreen library since 2008 and has been contributing patches nearly as long. He enjoys long walks through stack traces and absentmindedly letting log lines scroll by in a minimized terminal.

Jason is honored to be added as a core committer; Evergreen is very important to him and the opportunity to have a more direct impact on its progress is exciting. He also hopes to assist others in improving Evergreen by also offering feedback and support to patch writers and testers.

The Hack-A-Way



Galen Charlton of Equinox Open Library Initiative discussing core committer activity



Foreground, Blake Graham-Henderson (Mobius), Bill Erickson (KCLS), Ted Peterson (Mobius) problem solving

Ruth Frasar (Evergreen Indiana, top) and Remington Steed (Calvin College, bottom) involved in discussions

Every other year we descend on the Harrison House. The staff are always great but we have one trait that stretches capacity - not WIFI - coffee. They've gotten wise to us though. This year, we were told, "we remember your group, we're checking the pot frequently and keeping more brewing." Aside from generating a collective sense of calm the caffeine also fueled a productive week. With 21 folks from 7 institutions many bugs were reviewed, nearly 20 patches submitted and even more pushed to master. Most importantly the discussions touched on immediate needs, where we can leverage other technologies, new initiatives for documentation and even experimental testing of outside technologies.



Meeting at Valley Forge

The annual Evergreen International Conference is always a sure bet for the sharing of knowledge and collegiality, but the 2019 conference took that a bit more literally.

"This venue was unique for an Evergreen conference because there was a casino just a five minute walk away," explained Scott Thomas, formerly executive director of the PalLS consortium and now chief executive officer of the Albright Memorial Library in Scranton. "Attendees were also able to experience the Valley Forge Historic Site and shopping at the King of Prussia Mall," noted Thomas.

The three-day conference, plus a pre-conference day, had 169 attendees for sessions ranging all across library and system interests. Topics included resource sharing, collection development, e-resources, cataloging, acquisitions, coding, features in upcoming releases. Eight different interest groups met and the conference included lightning talks, hackfests for developers and documentation, and a session focusing on the future of Evergreen.

The keynote speaker was Ather Sharif, award-winning expert on improving web accessibility for people with disabilities.

Local arrangements and expertise were provided by the Pennsylvania Integrated Library System (PalLS).

For Every Role A Working Group

Outreach?

Student Success Working Group

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The Student Success Working Group helps Evergreen libraries – especially academic and school libraries -- better meet the needs of students. In 2019, we examined topics such as the Evergreen booking module, citation generation, hourly loans, patron accounts, and login issues. The group also laid some foundations for new potential Evergreen features related to course materials.

New Developers Working Group

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The New Developers Working Group was formed at the 2019 conference to bring together people in the Evergreen community who are interested in getting more involved in Evergreen coding. The group meets monthly to walk through code examples and work on bug fixes. More info at: <https://bit.ly/2trEtsz>

Cataloging Working Group

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In 2019, the Cataloging Working Group held regular monthly online meetings designed to encourage collaboration. Participants regularly made presentations and often connected with other interest groups for programs like DIG for Catalogers. The group also routinely contributed to Launchpad, provided feedback for the Angular Staff Catalog, and maintained the Tabular Release Notes document for the Evergreen community. Follow their activity on the group's updated wiki!



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Acquisitions Interest Group

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The Acquisitions Interest Group (AIG) has had several iterations; its current incarnation was rebooted at the 2019 Evergreen Conference. With the Angularization of Acquisitions interfaces, there has been a renewed interest in using the module for several Evergreen sites. The group currently meets once a month to discuss either pre-determined topics or an open mic format for either troubleshooting or open discussion. You can find out more about the Acquisitions Interest Group at the community wiki: <https://wiki.evergreen->

Spotlight on the Linn Libraries Consortium



Forest Growth

2019 was a busy year for Evergreen's with both growth in existing consortia and new installations.

Existing consortia saw a lot of growth in the United States. The Pennsylvania based PAILS added six new library systems: Clearfield and Dubois, Clymer, Degenstein, Adams, Indian Valley, and Wayne-Pike. Missouri Evergreen added five new systems, Barry-Lawrence, Montgomery, Heartland Regional, Seymour County, Ray County and Camden County to their statewide consortium. Additionally, another MO library, Ozard Regional chose to go to Evergreen as a stand alone institution. North Carolina's NC Cardinal added Madison County to their ranks. Indiana Evergreen added four library systems, Clayton-Liberty, Henry Henley, Ridgeville and Spiceland. Bibliomation in CT added the Killingworth Library. In Ohio, the COOL consortium added Bucyrus and Wilmington.

SITKA bolstered the ranks of Evergreen libraries in Canada by adding the Vancouver Community College, Vancouver Island University, Selkirk College, Camosun College, the Royal BC Museum and Archives and the YMCA of Greater Vancouver.

Additionally Westchester Library System in New York state selected Evergreen as their next generation solution and migrated their 38 libraries to Evergreen in bulk in 2019 showing Evergreen's attractiveness for a variety of both growing and established consortia.

Credits

Thank you to everyone who worked on the Annual Report this year.

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We also want to recognize those who served on the Oversight Board in 2019.



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