



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

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

Angular Vandelay Import Screen

Experimental Angular Staff Catalog

In 3.3, major infrastructure improvements were made to lay the groundwork for a more modern Evergreen architecture. Many interfaces were moved to a new version of Angular, including a new staff catalog interface. We also implemented support for Ubuntu 18.04 and PostgreSQL versions 9.6 and 10. This ongoing maintenance ensures that Evergreen stands strong.

In 3.4, two Evergreen features got major refreshes. Bookings received a complete overhaul and added new features including editable reservations, a notes field in the reservation record, and a calendar view. OPAC Carousels went from add-on to become fully integrated into the Evergreen codebase, which included adding Carousel management tools.



Evergreen 3.4

Release date:
10/2/19

Release Manager:
Galen Charlton

36 New Features

62 Bug Fixes

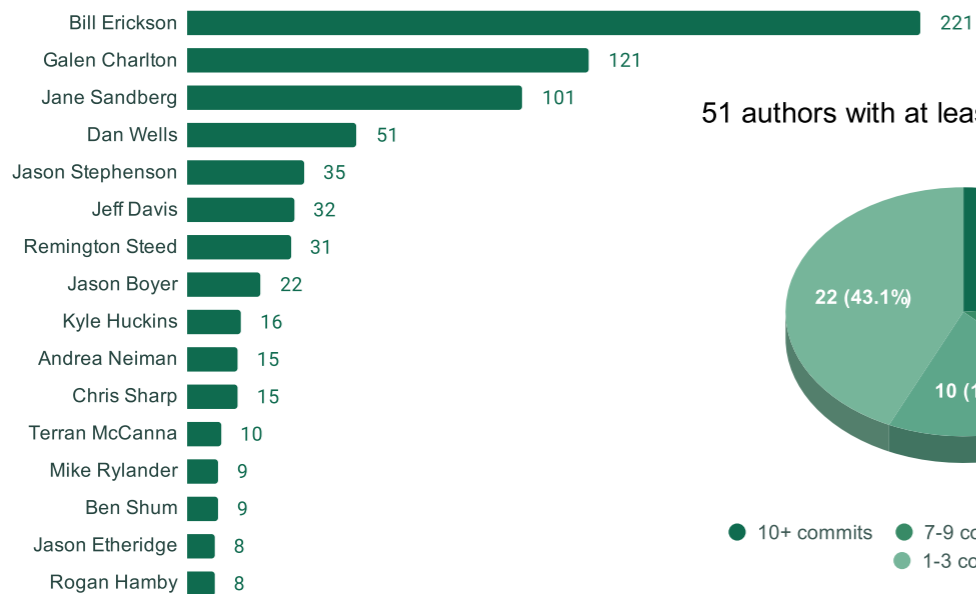
32 Contributors

16 Organizations

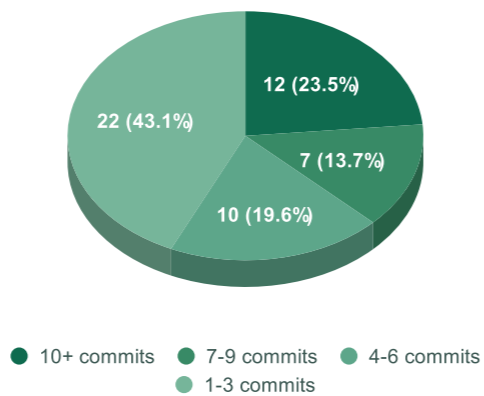
Committed to Evergreen

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.

Top authors, 2019 (all with 8+ commits)



51 authors with at least one 2019 commit



2019's New Core Committers

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.



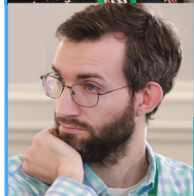
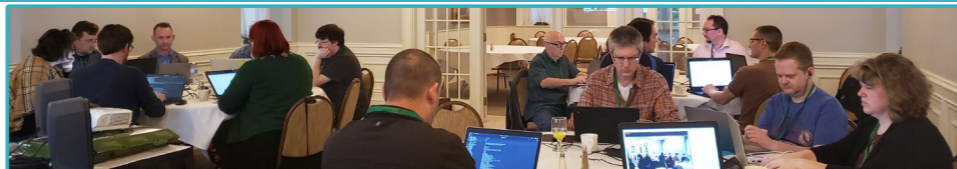
Jason Boyer is a Senior Systems Administrator for the Equinox Open Library Initiative and has worked in libraries since 2000. He has worked in the Evergreen community since 2008 and has been contributing patches nearly as long. He enjoys long walks through stack traces and absentmindedly letting log 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

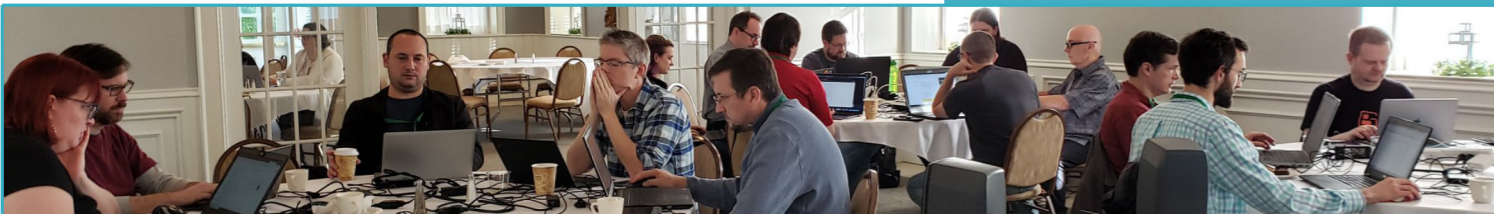


Galen Charlton of Equinox Open Library Initiative discussing committer activity



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

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



Every other year we descend on the Harrison House. They've gotten wise to us. This year, we were told, "we're checking the coffee pot frequently and keeping more brewing." The caffeine fueled a productive week. With 21 folks from seven institutions many bugs were reviewed, 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



Keynote speaker Ather Sharif spoke to the importance of accessibility in design

The annual Evergreen Conference is always reliable for sharing knowledge and collegiality. "This venue was unique for an Evergreen conference" said Scott Thomas, CEO of the Albright Memorial Library in Scranton explaining the casino facilities on premises. "Attendees were also able to experience the Valley Forge Historic Site and shopping at the King of Prussia Mall."

The three-day conference, plus a pre-conference, had 169 attendees for sessions. 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, hack-fests for development and documentation, and a session focusing on the future of Evergreen.



Local arrangements provided by PAALS.

Working Groups

Acquisitions Interest Group Tiffany Little, tlittle@georgialibraries.org

The Acquisitions Interest Group (AIG) meets once a month to discuss pre-determined topics or open discussion. You can find out more about the Acquisitions Interest Group at the community wiki: <https://wiki.evergreen-ils.org/doku.php?id=acq:interest-group>

Cataloging Working Group Jennifer Weston jennifer.weston@equinoxinitiative.org

The Cataloging Working Group holds 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.

Documentation Interest Group Debbie Luchenbill, deborah@mobiusconsortium.org

In 2019 Dig continued to release manuals for major releases, created quick-start docs for new and casual



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users, updated the style guide, moved docs to a new community server and began moving towards Antora. DIG meets on IRC monthly on the first Thursday at 2 p.m. ET. All are welcome!

Outreach Committee Rogan Hamby, rhamby@equinoxinitiative.org

The goal of the Outreach Committee is to organize activities to increase the visibility of Evergreen in the larger library community and bring recognition to those who help make the Evergreen community what it is.

New Developers Working Group Terran McCanna tmccanna@georgialibraries.org

The New Developers Working Group was formed in 2019 to bring together those interested in getting more involved in Evergreen coding. The group meets monthly to walk through code examples and work on bug fixes.

Student Success Working Group Jane Sandberg, sandbej@linnbenton.edu

The Student Success Working Group helps Evergreen libraries better meet the needs of students. In 2019, we looked at the booking module, citation generation, hourly loans, patron accounts and potential Evergreen features related to course materials.

Spotlight on the Linn Libraries Consortium

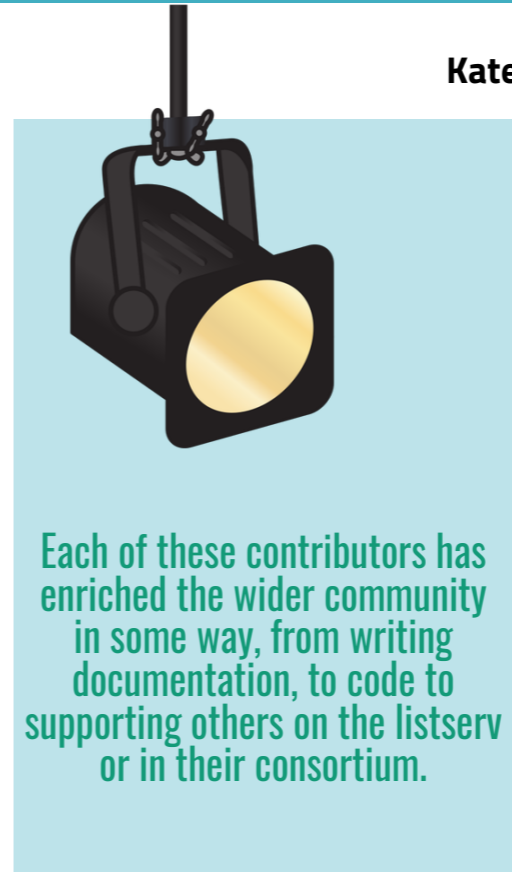


- The Linn Libraries Consortium is a group of 5 municipal libraries and one community college library in Linn County, Oregon.
- Linn County has no countywide library service so the consortium looks to serve the literacy and library needs of unincorporated Linn County.

- Consortium members share an Evergreen ILS, and some have been sharing an ILS since 1995.
- Using a shared courier since 2016 - patrons at smaller libraries can access 15 times as many unique titles as before, and libraries can collaborate on collection and cataloging work.



2019 Spotlight Contributors



Kate Coleman (Jefferson County Library, Missouri Evergreen)

Ken Cox (individual community member)

Lynn Floyd (Indiana State Library, Evergreen Indiana)

Anna Goben (Indiana State Library, Evergreen Indiana)

Jeff Klapes (Lucius Beebe Memorial Library, NOBLE)

Mary Llewellyn (Bibliomation)

Chauncey Montgomery (COOL)

Sylvia Orner (Scranton Public Library, PaILS)

Jennifer Pringle (BC Libraries Cooperative)

Chris Sharp (GA PINES)

Jason Stephenson (C/W MARS)

Remington Steed (Calvin College)

Forest Growth

2019 was a busy year for Evergreen with both expansion in existing consortia and new installations. The Pennsylvania based PAILS added six new library systems: Clearfield and Dubois, Clymer, Degenstein, Adams, Indian Valley, and Wayne-Plke. Missouri Evergreen added five new systems, Barry-Lawrence, Montgomery, Heartland Regional, Seymour County, Ray County and Camden County. Another MO library, Ozark Regional chose to go to Evergreen as a stand alone institution. North Carolina's NC Cardinal added Halifax County, Braswell Memorial, Harold D. Cooley, and Madison County to their ranks. Evergreen Indiana 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. Additionally, Westchester Library System in New York state selected us as their next generation solution and migrated their 38 libraries to Evergreen in bulk in 2019.

SITKA bolstered our ranks 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.

In the Czech Republic we saw the nonprofits People in Need and Montessori Czech Republic automate for the first time using Evergreen as well as the Evangelical Theological Seminary join the existing Evergreen powered Common Catalog. Additionally the Czech government has adopted Evergreen for their Security Services Archive Library.



Credits

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

Jason Boyer (proofreading, writing)

Ruth Frasur (proofreader)

Anna Goben (so many many photos, chair person's introduction)

Rogan Hamby (editor, layout, photos, writing)

Andrea Buntz Neiman (editor, proofreader, writing, graphs & screenshots)

Jane Sandberg (writing)

Amy Terlaga (writing)

The Entirety of the Evergreen Community - more people contributed indirectly to this report than we can list here.

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

Jason Boyer, Chris Burton, Holly Brennan, Galen Charlton, Garry Collum, Ron Gagnon, Anna Goben, Tiffany Little, Terran McCanna, Chris Owens, Mike Rylander, Chris Sharp, Scott Thomas, Jessica Woolford

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