2021 EVERGREEN™

Annual Report

2021 in Review

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We welcomed OpenSRF 3.2.2 and Evergreen releases 3.7 and 3.8 which included a new Bootstrap public catalog skin, and Angular rewrites of several key staff interfaces.

We hosted our second virtual conference, themed Vital Libraries, Healthy Evergreen and moved our monthly board meetings to videoconference. We learned more than we wanted to about force majeure and trademark infringement.

The Evergreen Project was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) in June of 2018 and after years of effort, we formally completed the transition away from the Software Freedom Conservancy! Full ownership of all Evergreen trademarks and registrations were officially transferred to The Evergreen Project.

As we plan for our future, we've formed new committees around strategic planning, bylaws, financial oversight, and trademark enforcement. We know that our success is firmly rooted in the health of our community and we thank all of you for your continued contributions and support!

Jeanette Lundgren
President, Evergreen Project Board
Executive Director, CW MARS

3.7 & 3.8 Releases

Participants in the Evergreen Project open source community represent a broad and deep cross section of the automated library ecosystem including, but not limited to, library and library consortium staff and administrators, software designers and developers, system and application administrators and other support providers. This community is indebted to all of the individuals who put their time and expertise into making the Evergreen Integrated Library System a viable, sustainable, and continually evolving solution for modern libraries of all types and sizes.

In 2021, the Evergreen community shone a spotlight on two invaluable participants. Chris Burton, Technology Coordinator for Niagara Falls Public Library, and Irene Patrick, Electronic Resources Librarian at the State Library of North Carolina, have both played crucial roles in the evolution of the Evergreen ILS.
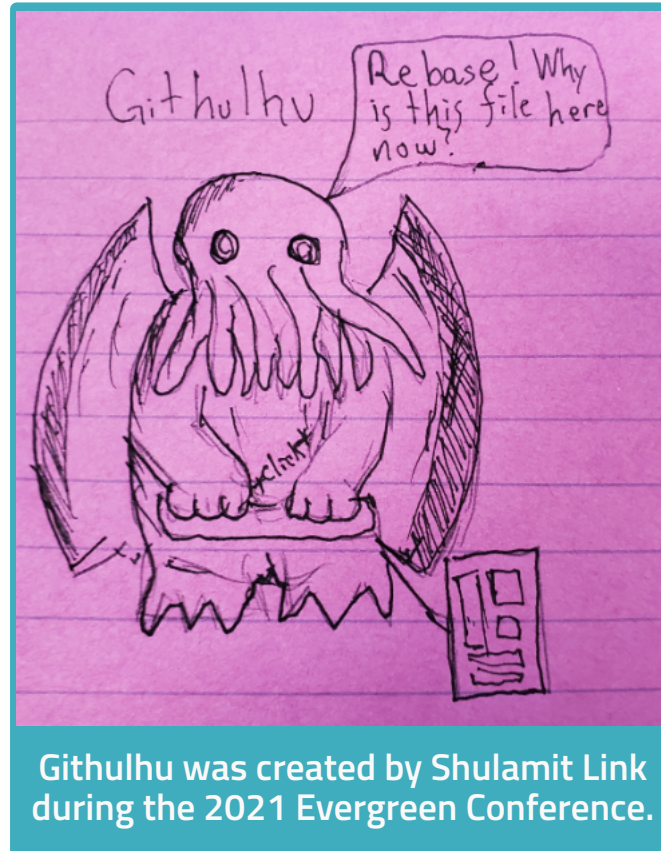
Chris took the Evergreen Community by storm when, as his first contribution, he embarked on a systemic rewrite of the Evergreen OPAC. His development of the BOOPAC (Bootstrap OPAC) grew out of a desire to make the OPAC more accessible for both mobile and assistive devices. The BOOPAC has now become the de facto public Evergreen catalog.

Irene has been a quiet but steadfast force in the Evergreen Community. In 2017, she led the migration of North Carolina's Government and Heritage Library to Evergreen ILS. During her time with the State Library of North Carolina, Irene has been particularly involved in advocating for continued development of both serials and acquisitions management tools in Evergreen as necessary components for end users.

3.7 & 3.8 Releases

In 2021, the Evergreen community released 3.7 and 3.8. Major improvements included:

- Angular interface ports: The march to Angular continued with several important interfaces getting Angularized in 2021, including:

  - Acquisitions Administration

  - Holdings & Items Editor

  - Holds Pull List

  - Triggered Events Log

- Circulation Features:

  - Hold Groups, which allows staff to add users to a hold group and place holds for the entire group

  - Consolidation and streamlining of the previously-separate Patron Notes, Alerts, and Messages interfaces

- Patron Facing Features:

  - Support for SAML-based single sign on

  - Catalog-based search suggestions
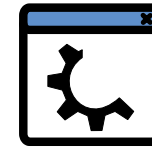
  - My Account cover images display

Githulhu was created by Shulamit Link during the 2021 Evergreen Conference.

Full release notes for 3.7 & 3.8 can be found here:

https://evergreen-ils.org/documentation/release/RELEASE_NOTES_3_7.html

https://evergreen-ils.org/documentation/release/RELEASE_NOTES_3_8_0.html

3.7 - April 14th, 2021
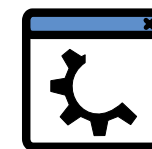
5 Major New Features

46 Bugfixes

40 individuals representing 12 organizations contributed to this release by contributing code, translations, documentations, patches, or tests. Eight organizations commissioned developments for this release.

Release Team: Adam Bowling (Emerald), Galen Charlton (EOLI), Bill Erickson (KCLS), Terran McCanna (PINES), Michele Morgan (NOBLE).

3.8 - November 5th, 2021

13 Major New Features

34 Bugfixes

47 individuals representing 18 organizations contributed to this release by contributing code, translations, documentations, patches, or tests. Five organizations commissioned developments for this release.

Release Team: Jason Boyer (EOLI), Galen Charlton (EOLI), Jason Etheridge (EOLI), Michele Morgan (NOBLE)

Events

Forest Growth

Interest Groups

Spotlight: BDL

Commiting to Evergreen

Located in south central Michigan on the Indiana border, the Branch District Library (BDL) was formed in 1991 from the Branch County and Coldwater libraries. BDL has been an Evergreen library since 2008, the first public library in the state to use the ILS. With 6 locations and a county-wide service area of approximately 45,000, BDL's branches range from the 17,000-square-foot 1886-vintage Coldwater Branch where the Michigan Library Association was conceived, to small rural branches like our Algansee Branch, which even has a hitching post regularly used by our Amish patrons. Community support for the library is strong, with grassroots efforts resulting in the construction of our newest library in Union City in 2011 and the passage of increased library funding in 2014.

As a smaller library system without an in-house ILS staff, BDL has always contracted for Evergreen services, most recently with the Equinox Open Library Initiative's Sequoia service. This means BDL basically uses stock Evergreen, but that doesn't mean our patrons are missing out on anything. Evergreen's core features have provided our patrons with a powerful, accessible catalog from the very first day, and it just keeps getting better. Uptime on the Sequoia platform is amazing, and the EOLI support staff have been a valuable part of our team on a number of big projects: for example, not only going fine-free in 2017, but completely wiping the slate clean on all fines and fees in 2021 as part of BDL's pandemic response to our community.
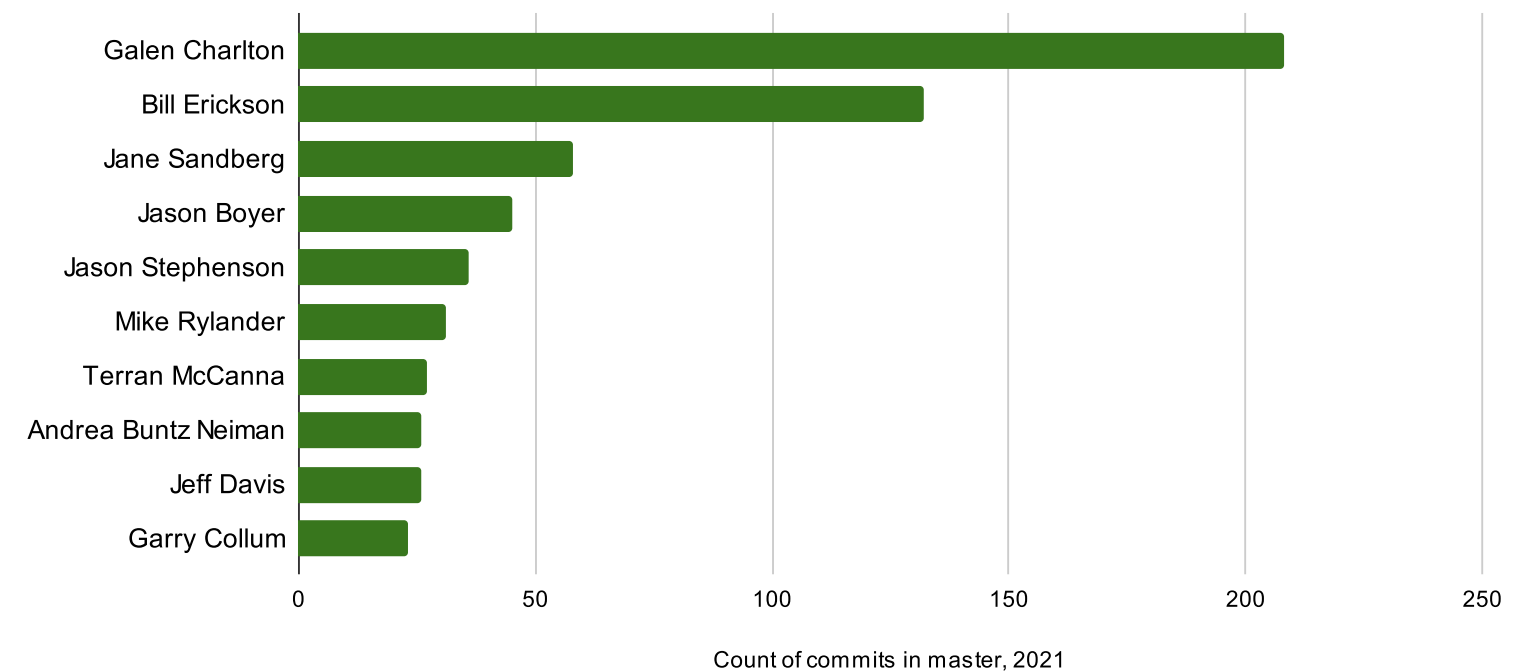
www.BranchDistrictLibrary.org

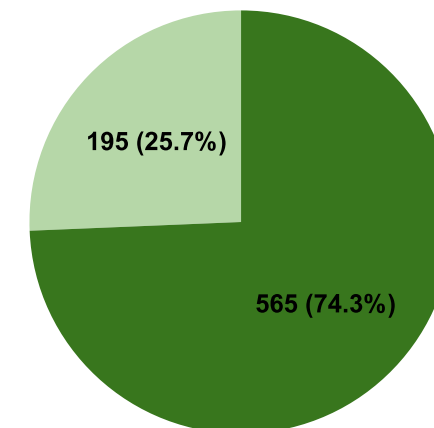35 individual authors & 760 commits in 2021

16 authors with 10+ commits

4 new authors in 2021: MaryAnn Alexander, Rosie Le Faive, Gina Monti, Jessica Woolford

2021 Top Ten Authors

Author	Commits
Galen Charlton	
Bill Erickson	
Jane Sandberg	
Jason Boyer	
Jason Stephenson	
Mike Rylander	
Terran McCanna	
Andrea Buntz Neiman	
Jeff Davis	
Garry Collum	

Count of commits in master, 2021

● Code Commits   ● Docs Commits

195 (25.7%)

565 (74.3%)

10 Or More Commits in 2021

Andrea Buntz Neiman, Bill Erickson, Chris Sharp, Dan Briem, Galen Charlton, Garry Collum, Jane Sandberg, Jason Boyer, Jason Etheridge, Jason Stephenson, Jeff Davis, Josh Stompro, Mike Risher, Mike Rylander, Rogan Hamby, Terran McCanna

Credits

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From every commit to every email discussion, launchpad feedback, social media engagement, and helping hand to your peers every interaction enriches the community. So, thank you.

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