

Evergreen Community Annual Report 2022





Our Mission

The Evergreen Project develops an open source ILS (integrated library system) used world wide. The software, also called Evergreen, is used by libraries to provide their public catalog interface as well as to manage a full stack of back end operations.

The Evergreen community strives to create an easy to use, powerful and comprehensive library automation platform usable by standalone libraries but with expansive options for customization by consortia.

We seek to empower librarians as users and contributors through feedback, development, documentation and community engagement.

Over the past two years, our communities and libraries have continued working to rebuild library programs and services disrupted by the pandemic as we slowly shift back towards in-person meetings and events.

As a community we welcomed two Evergreen major releases 3.9 and 3.10. We hosted our third virtual conference on the theme of Shaping the Future and our third online Hack-A-Way. The Evergreen Project Board, Evergreen Developers, Outreach Committee, and Interest Groups on Acquisitions, Cataloging, Documentation, and reports actively met monthly as well as formed a new group for New Developers.

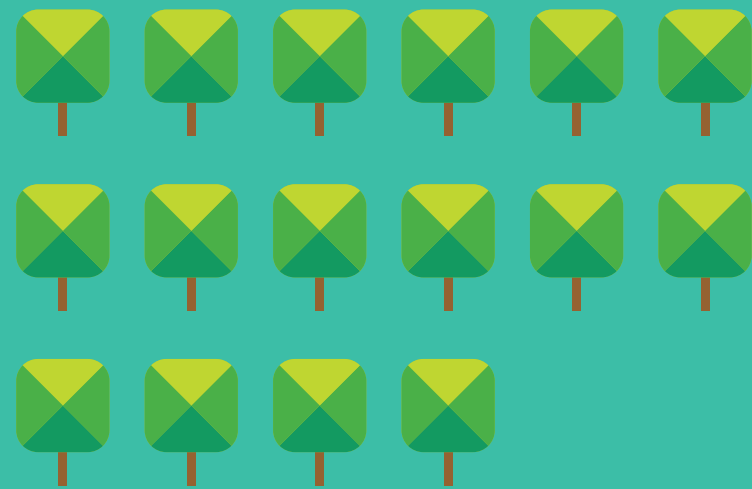
As a board we finalized the transfer of all project trademarks and formed a Trademark Enforcement Committee. We made available a community Zoom account, and sent out a strategic planning survey. We started the work to prioritize and plan for the future of the project.

We want to acknowledge all the time and efforts from our many community partners and contributors. The strength of the project relies on the active engagement and participation of all members. Thank you to everyone who tested bugs, wrangled bugs, wrote code, attended an interest group meeting, served on a committee, mentored newer members, answered emailed questions, volunteered, added documentation, updated the website, or otherwise contributed to the care and feeding of our open source project.



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

New Seeds Planted in 2022



Barton County Library (MO, US)

Brimfield Public Library System (MA, US)

Central Skagit (WA, US)

Duplin County Library (NC, US)

Field Memorial Library (MA, US)

Gibsonville Public Library (NC, US)

Leroy Pollard Memorial Library (MA, US)

Lowell Public Library System (IN, US)

Natanhala Regional Library (NC, US)

Paige Memorial Library (MA, US)

Porter County Public Library System (IN, US)

Ralls County Library (MO, US)

Reynolds County Library (MO, US)

St. Thomas Public Library (ON, CA)

Tyringham Free Public Library (MA, US)

Western Pocono and Barrett Paradise Friendly Library (PA, US)

Acquisitions Interest Group (Acq IG)

Wiki: <https://wiki.evergreen-ils.org/doku.php?id=acq:interest-group>

Meeting Schedule: 2nd Wednesday of each month

2022 Highlights: Ongoing design updates and functionality improvements to the Acquisitions module including the release of development Sprint 4 for Angular Purchase Orders and Line Items; AIG Interest Survey;

Cataloging Interest Group (Cat IG)

Wiki: <https://wiki.evergreen-ils.org/doku.php?id=cataloging:cwg>

Meeting Schedule: 2nd Tuesday of each month

2022 Highlights: Cataloger Interest Survey; Angular Staff Catalog review and testing; hosted Hack-A-Way session on Item Status Screen improvement wishlist; special guests routinely invited to highlight new and evolving functionality; launched new Authorities Working Group

Development Meetings

Wiki: <https://wiki.evergreen-ils.org/doku.php?id=dev:meetings>

Meeting Schedule: 2nd Tuesday of each month

Documentation Interest Group (DIG)

Wiki: <https://wiki.evergreen-ils.org/doku.php?id=evergreen-docs:dig>

Meeting Schedule: 1st Thursday of each month

New Developers Working Group

Wiki: <https://wiki.evergreen-ils.org/doku.php?id=newdevs:start>

Meeting Schedule: 3rd Wednesday of each month

Outreach

Wiki: <https://wiki.evergreen-ils.org/doku.php?id=outreach>

Meeting Schedule: 1st Wednesday of each month

Reports Interest Group (Cat IG)

Wiki: <https://wiki.evergreen-ils.org/doku.php?id=evergreen-reports:rig>

Meeting Schedule: Last Wednesday of each month



ELAINE & AMY

For this year's annual report, we decided to feature two women who loom large in the history of Evergreen. Elaine Hardy of Georgia Public Library Service (top, right page) and Amy Terlaga (bottom, page left) of Bibliomation are both retiring this year and both have left an indelible imprint on the Evergreen community. Thank you, Elaine and Amy, for making Evergreen what it is today! We will miss you both & wish you well on your retirement.

Elaine Hardy (PINES and Collaborative Projects Manager, Georgia Public Library Service) has been involved with Evergreen since the very beginning - when the Georgia Public Library Service (GPLS) was unable to find an ILS to meet their needs GPLS took the extraordinary step of commissioning their own enterprise-class ILS.

Elaine admits that she was surprised by how much attention Evergreen gathered. "We weren't really expecting it to take off like it did initially," she recalls. "When we went live, we had to shut down outside pings temporarily because they almost brought us down!"

Elaine is always focused on the needs of the end user, particularly catalogers. "I enjoy doing bug squashing week, testing things and approving them," she says, and she's particularly proud of helping turn the Cataloging Interest Group into "a community force."

Elaine is considering some travel in her retirement, including a Rhine River cruise. "I've always wanted to see the castles on the Rhine."

"It's been a joy and a pleasure for me to work with an awful lot of people in this



community. It's been very supportive and a very good experience and I have enjoyed my time thoroughly."

Amy Terlaga's (Director of Member Services, Bibliomation, Inc.) involvement with Evergreen goes back to the earliest days of the project's formal governance. In 2011, Amy was one of the inaugural Evergreen Oversight Board members. At the time Evergreen was incorporated under the aegis of the Software Freedom Conservancy (SFC), and Amy served as liaison between Evergreen and SFC for many years.

When Evergreen was just starting out, there was definitely a need for the guidance of a group like SFC but eventually the Board determined it was ready for its own path. Amy was one of the key community individuals shepherding Evergreen into its current incarnation as an independent non-profit.

"My ability to be diplomatic came in good stead; there really was a need for diplomacy during that time," Amy says. "Through the [Evergreen] community's maturation, we were able to get to that point where we could branch out on our own."

Amy sees the current organization as being in a good place - while the original board was more in the realm of figuring things out as they went, Amy says, "I feel as if there's a maturity there now with the Board. It's had a chance to mature and evolve."

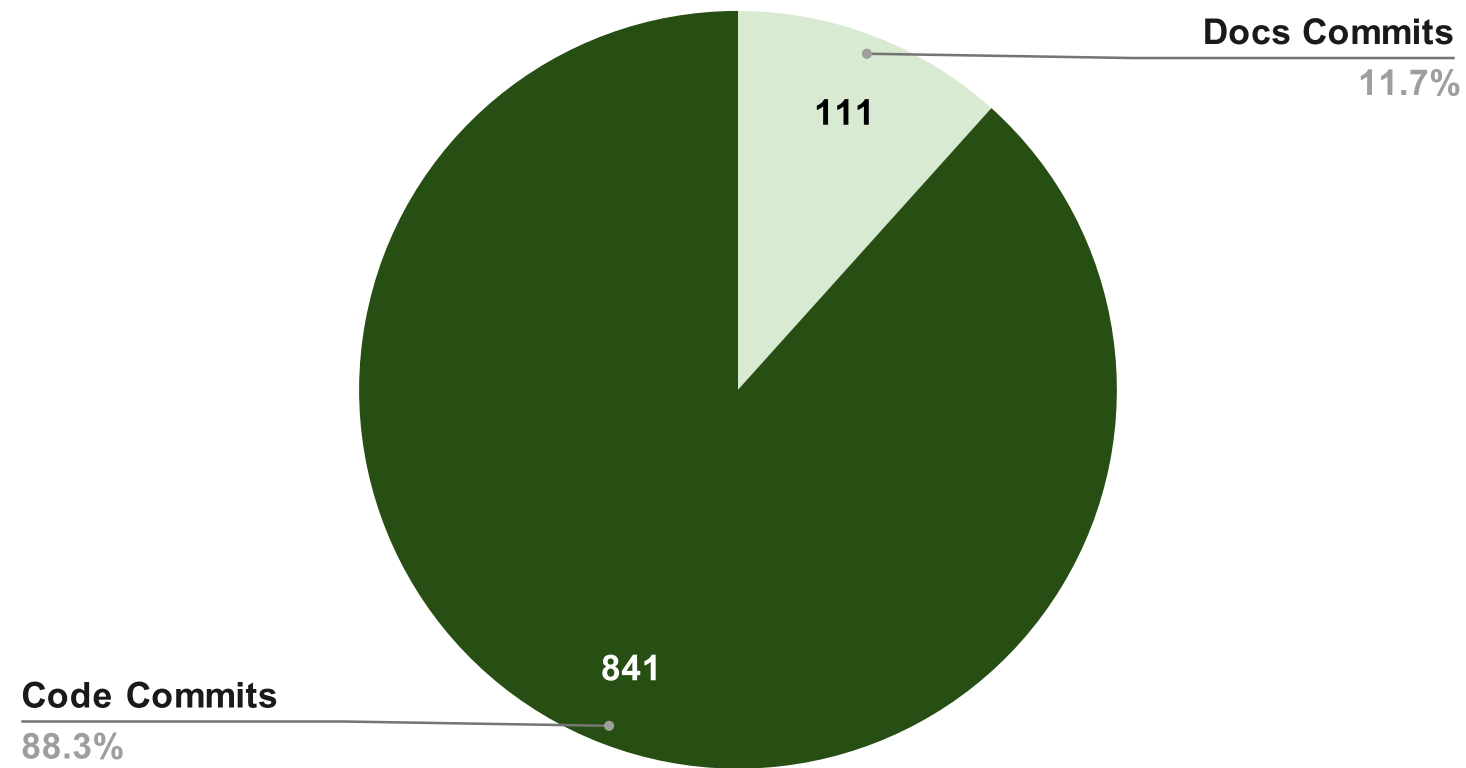
Amy's retirement plans involve travel, both locally in New England as well as hopefully more distant locations such as Portugal. "I'm going to miss everyone; I've met some great people over the years and I've enjoyed getting to know them. It feels like a family more than anything else. This last conference will be so bittersweet."



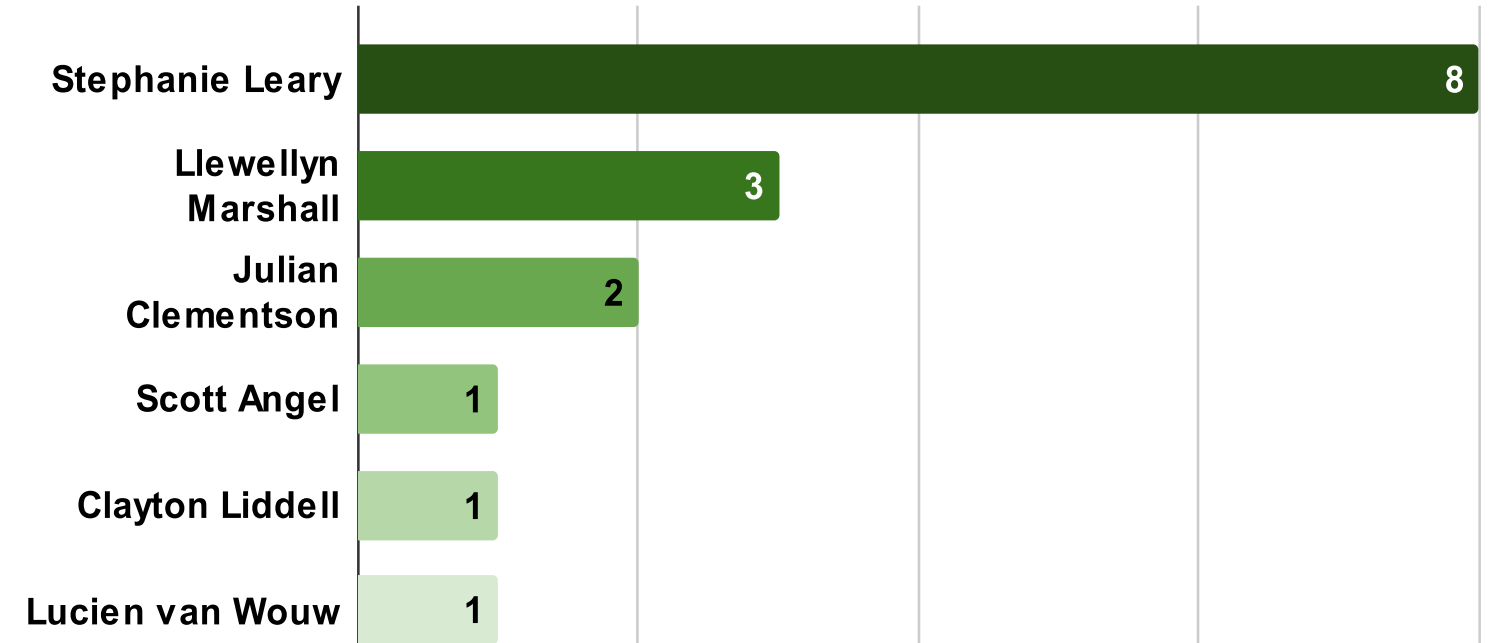
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Code & Docs

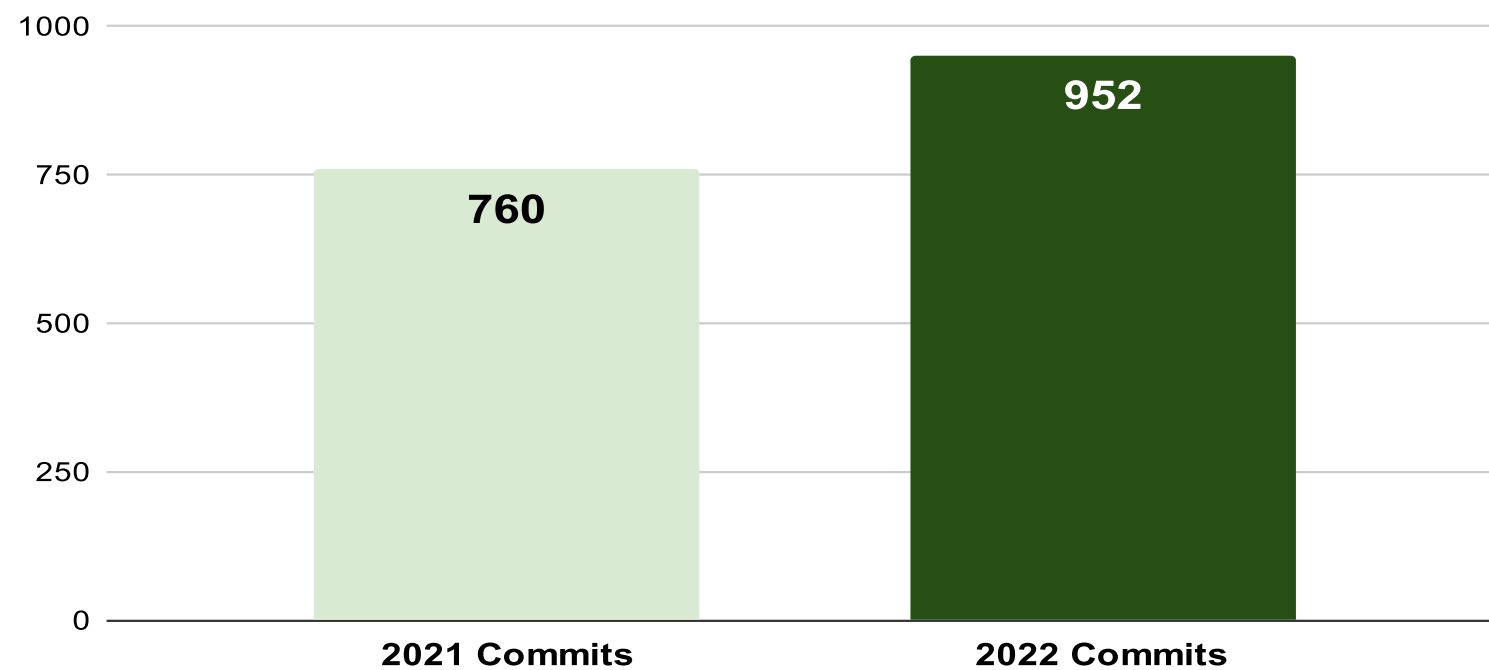
2022 Code vs Docs Commits



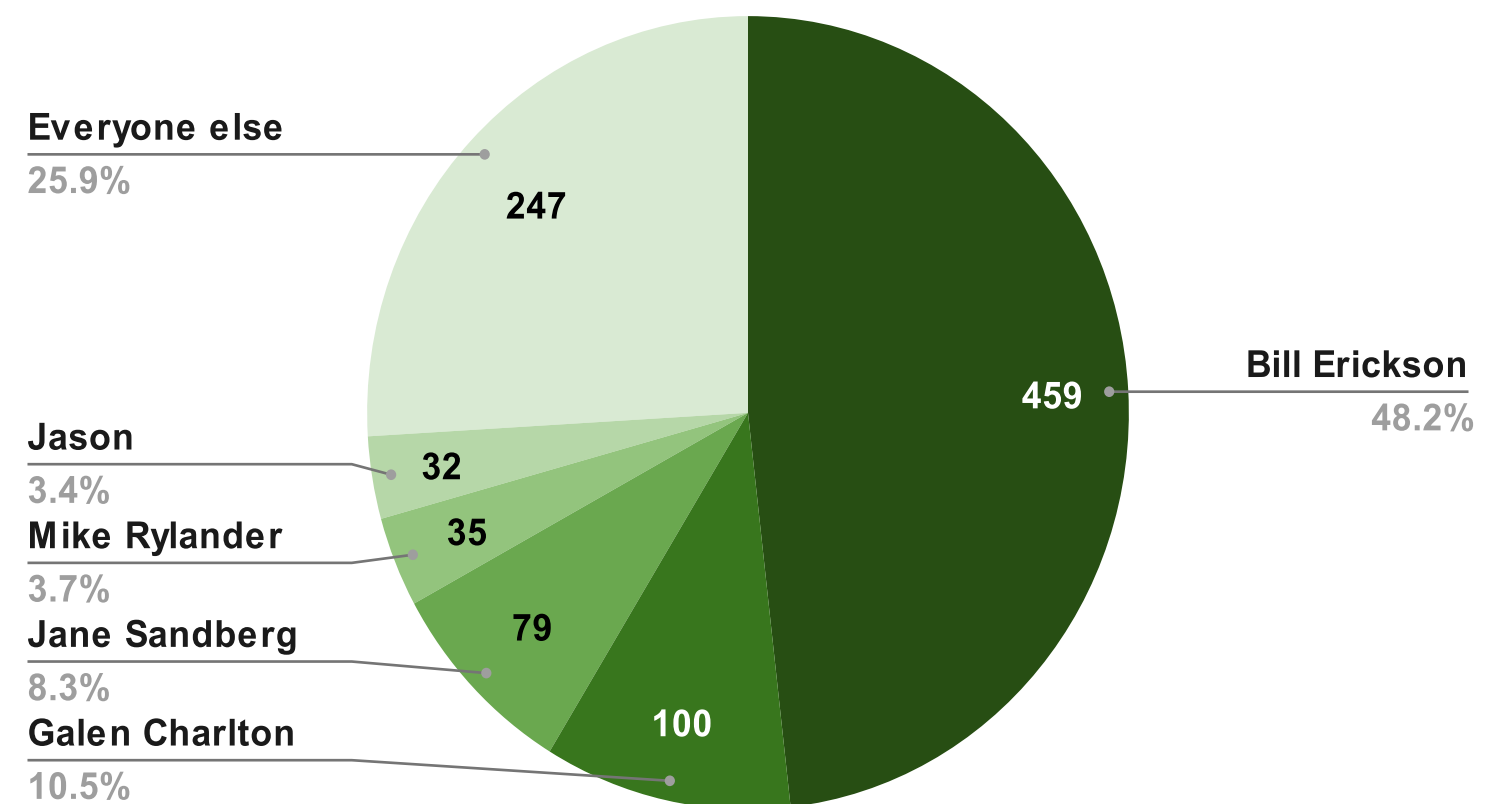
2022 New Authors



25% More Total Commits 2022 vs 2021



2022 Top Authors



3.9 & 3.10 Releases

In 2022, the Evergreen community released 3.9 and 3.10. Major improvements included:

A new ad-hoc reporting tool known as Simple Reports, which allows staff to construct basic reports using a wizard-like interface

Support for advanced shipping notices in acquisitions using the DESADV EDI message

Additional interface Angularizations, including Acquisitions purchase orders & line items; notifications & action triggers; and an experimental set of new circulation interfaces.

Support for OpenAthens single sign on

An interface to customize the staff portal page that's displayed when a staff user logs in

The following organizations sponsored development released in 2022:

CW MARS

Equinox Open Library Initiative

Evergreen Community Development Initiative

Evergreen Indiana

Linn-Benton Community College

King County Library System

Missouri Evergreen

NOBLE

Pioneer Library System (OWWL)

Evergreen 3.9

April 27, 2022

Release Team: Jason Etheridge (Equinox Open Library Initiative), Shula Link (Greater Clarks Hill Regional Library), Michele Morgan (NOBLE), Mike Rylander (Equinox Open Library Initiative)

3.9 included 8 major features and 31 bugfixes.

31 individuals representing 19 organizations contributed to this release by contributing code, translations, documentations, patches, or tests. Seven organizations commissioned developments for this release.

Full release notes for 3.9 are here:

https://evergreen-ils.org/documentation/release/RELEASE_NOTES_3_9.html

Evergreen 3.10

November 14, 2022

Release Team: Galen Charlton (Equinox Open Library Initiative), Terran McCanna (PINES), Michele Morgan (NOBLE), Jane Sandberg (independent)

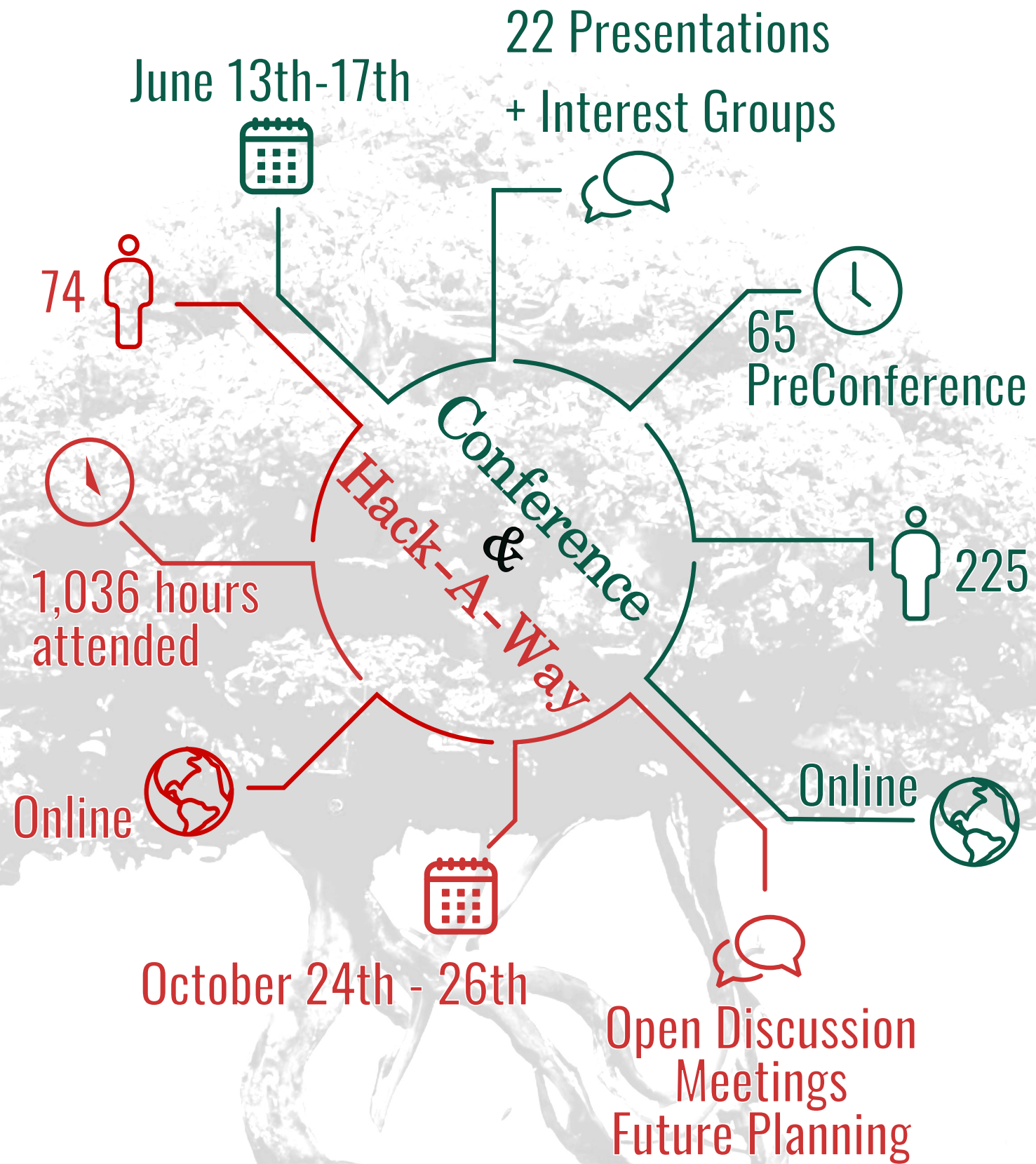
3.10 included 10 major features as well as 50 bugfixes.

42 individuals representing 17 organizations contributed to this release by contributing code, translations, documentations, patches, or tests. Four organizations commissioned developments for this release.

Full release notes for 3.10 are here:

https://evergreen-ils.org/documentation/release/RELEASE_NOTES_3_10.html

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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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