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## **Equinox migrates Welland Public Library to the Libraries in Niagara Cooperative**

**Duluth, Ga., December 17, 2020:** Equinox is pleased to welcome the Welland Public Library to Evergreen with their successful migration to the Libraries in Niagara Cooperative (LiNC) in Canada.

“The Welland Public Library is thrilled to expand access to library materials for our cardholders and share our collections and resources with member libraries in the LiNC cooperative. Our patrons have responded very well to the new system and are excited to begin borrowing materials available at partner libraries in 2021,” says Julianne Brunet, CEO of the Welland Public Library. “Joining LiNC has strengthened our relationship with neighbouring libraries, and we look forward to working together to improve library services for Niagara residents.”

The Welland Public Library’s move will support 26,134 patrons and encompass a total of 113,709 bibliographic records. Services provided by Equinox included project management, training, and Evergreen software configuration. Data extraction and bibliographic deduplication were completed as part of their migration, including item, patron, and transaction records. LiNC was established in 2010 between four public libraries and a college library and has since grown to 10 organizations. In 2017, the cooperative began resource sharing.

“When Welland Public Library began a migration to LiNC, their libraries had been closed for several months due to COVID-19. The Welland staff, led by Library Director Julianne Brunet, worked diligently and persistently during the summer and fall to ensure a successful data migration. In January, Welland Public Library will begin participating in a resource sharing arrangement to offer their patrons access to items from other LiNC libraries,” says Jennifer Weston, project manager at Equinox. “It has been an absolute joy and privilege to work with Welland Public Library as they join LiNC to offer expanded services to their communities during these unprecedented times.”

### **About Equinox Open Library Initiative**

Equinox Open Library Initiative is a nonprofit company engaging in literary, charitable and educational endeavors serving cultural and knowledge institutions. As the successor to Equinox Software, Inc., Equinox carries forward more than a decade of service and experience with Evergreen ILS, Koha ILS and other open-source library software. At Equinox, we help you empower your library with open-source technologies. To learn more, please visit <https://www.equinoxinitiative.org/>.

### **About Evergreen**

Evergreen is an award-winning ILS developed to provide an open source product able to meet the diverse needs of consortia and high transaction public libraries. However, it has proven to be equally successful in smaller installations, including special and academic libraries. Today, over 1,500 libraries around the world are using Evergreen, including NC Cardinal, SCLENDS and B.C. Sitka. For more information about Evergreen, including a list of all known Evergreen installations, see <http://evergreen-ils.org>.

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