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## **Equinox Open Library Initiative Awards Center for Khmer Studies the Equinox Open Source Grant**

**Duluth, Ga., April 27, 2021:** Equinox Open Library Initiative is pleased to announce that the Center for Khmer Studies, with offices located in New York as well as Phnom Penh and Siem Reap, Cambodia, is one of two grant recipients of the Equinox Open Source Grant. The Equinox Open Source Grant program provides migration, implementation, hosting, and support of the Koha Integrated Library System to eligible libraries, archives, museums, and other educational, cultural, and information organizations. The grant was inspired by the vibrant open source community and the belief that every community deserves to benefit from an accessible and thriving library.

"We are extremely honored to receive Koha migration and hosting services from Equinox," said Sivleng Chhor, Head Librarian at the Center for Khmer Studies. "We are looking forward to expanding access to our library and catalog while supporting our community and mission."

The Center for Khmer Studies promotes research, teaching and public service pertaining to the social sciences, arts and humanities in Cambodia and the Mekong region. Their library opened in 2001 and now encompasses around 19,000 titles. The Center for Khmer Studies not only supports academic researchers but is open to the general public.

"We are excited and very much looking forward to working with the Center for Khmer Studies," said Rogan Hamby, Data and Project Analyst at Equinox. "The Center is home to a strong and unique collection, combined with an amazing staff. It's a special opportunity to partner with them through the Equinox Open Source Grant and provide the tools to bring an already amazing institution to a new level."

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

Equinox Open Library Initiative provides innovative open source software for libraries of all types and delivers extraordinary service at exceptional value. As the successor to Equinox Software, Inc., Equinox Open Library Initiative builds upon more than a decade of trusted service and technical expertise, providing consulting services, software development, hosting, training, and support for Evergreen ILS, Koha ILS, and other open source library software. To learn more, please visit <https://www.equinoxOLI.org>. For Equinox Library Services Canada, please visit <https://www.equinoxOLI.ca>.

### **About The Center for Khmer Studies (CKS)**

The Center for Khmer Studies is a non-governmental and non-profit organization. CKS facilitates research and international exchange through programs that increase understanding of Cambodia and its region both within Cambodia and at American universities. CKS maintains the largest public academic library in Cambodia outside of Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia. To learn more about what we do, please visit <https://khmerstudies.org/>.

### **About Koha**

Created in 1999 by Katipo Communications for the Horowhenua Library Trust in New Zealand, Koha is the first open source Integrated Library System to be used worldwide. The software is a full-featured ILS with a dual-database design (search engine and RDBMS) built to be compliant with library standards. Koha's OPAC, staff, and self-checkout interfaces are all web applications. Distributed under the General Public License (GPL), libraries are free to use and install Koha themselves or to purchase support and development services. For more information on Koha, please visit <https://koha-community.org>.

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