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Center for Khmer Studies Goes Live on Koha ILS

Duluth, Ga., August 3, 2021: Equinox Open Library Initiative is pleased to announce the successful implementation of Koha ILS at the Center for Khmer Studies (CKS), with funding provided by the Equinox Open Source Grant. The grant provides implementation, training, hosting, and support services for Koha ILS, an open source integrated library system used by libraries worldwide.

First launched in 2019, the Equinox Open Source Grant was inspired by the vibrant open source community and the belief that every community deserves to benefit from a searchable, accessible, and thriving library. Previous recipients include [Biblioteca Nacional de Puerto Rico \(BNPR\)](#) and [Spark Central of Spokane, Washington](#).

“The Center for Khmer Studies promotes research, teaching and public service,” said Natharoun Ngo, Director of the Center for Khmer Studies. “Koha helps us deliver our services to scholars across the globe as well as our local Cambodian community. Our library staff is already helping our visitors discover more of our collection with the online catalog.”

The Center for Khmer Studies supports a vibrant collection 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. They are supported by their satellite office in New York.

“It has been thrilling to help transition the Center for Khmer Studies to Koha under Equinox's Open Source Grant,” said Rogan Hamby, Data and Project Analyst at Equinox. “Their unique collection is now on a robust platform with a toolset that will let their exceptional staff expand the library's services for years to come and position them to provide their services both to regional and international researchers.”

More details about Equinox's grant initiatives can be found here: <https://www.equinoxoli.org/collaborate/#grant>. Follow Equinox Open Library Initiative on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Vimeo](#) for the latest updates.

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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 ILS

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://www.equinoxoli.org/products/koha/>.

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